

May our lives be a direct reflection of who you are and our service would show your goodness.

We pray that you will continue to protect us and keep us safe.

In your son's name we pray, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Indee, Reagan and Chance Grassley. They are the children of Speaker Grassley.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a consolidated budget justification display that includes all programs and activities of the Department of Defense combating terrorism program (OSS-2021-0006); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation (direct final rule)" (RIN0790-AK47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assignment of American National Red Cross and United Services Organizations, Inc., Employees to Duty with the Military Services" (RIN0790-AK50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Money Penalties and Assessments Under the Military Health Care Fraud and Abuse Prevention Program" (RIN0720-AB74) received on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Defense Policy on Organizations That Seek to Represent or Organize Members of the Armed Forces in Negotiations or Collective Bargaining" (RIN0790-

AK23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Government wide Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements" (RIN0790-AJ45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions for Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations in Subchapters A through F" (RIN0790-AJ46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Award Format for Department of Defense Grants and Cooperative Agreements" (RIN0790-AJ47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department Grant and Agreement Regulations" (RIN0790-AJ50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Policy Requirements: General Award Terms and Conditions" (RIN0790-AJ48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM)" (RIN0790-AK85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-12. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of 73 rescissions of budget authority; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Foreign Relations; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Energy and Natural Resources; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Environment and Public Works; and Rules and Administration.

EC-13. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the National Emergencies Act, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order taking further steps to deal with the threat posed by the People's Republic of China's (PRC) increasing exploitation of United States capital which continues to allow the PRC to directly threaten the United States homeland and United States forces overseas; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-14. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pur-

suant to the National Emergencies Act, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2019, with respect to the southern border of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-15. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President together with the annual report of the Council of Economic Advisors; to the Joint Economic Committee.

EC-16. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Full-Up, System Level (FUSL) survivability testing, and a Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E) on the F-15EX aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-17. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2019 Armed Forces Demographic Profile Report"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-18. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Eric P. Wendt, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 6. A resolution to elect Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 7. A resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Chuck Grassley for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Grassley as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 8. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 9. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 10. A resolution electing Gary B. Myrick, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 11. A resolution electing Robert M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 6—TO ELECT PATRICK J. LEAHY, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF VERMONT, TO BE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 6

Resolved, That Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, be, and he is hereby, elected as President of the Senate pro tempore.

SENATE RESOLUTION 7—EXPRESSING THE THANKS OF THE SENATE TO THE HONORABLE CHUCK GRASSLEY FOR HIS SERVICE AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND TO DESIGNATE SENATOR GRASSLEY AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 7

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deepest gratitude to Senator Grassley for his dedication and commitment during his service to the Senate as the President Pro Tempore.

Further, as a token of appreciation of the Senate for his long and faithful service, Senator Chuck Grassley is hereby designated President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

SENATE RESOLUTION 8—NOTIFYING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 8

Resolved, That the President of the United States be notified of the election of the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy as President of the Senate pro tempore.

SENATE RESOLUTION 9—NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 9

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Patrick J. Leahy as President of the Senate pro tempore.

SENATE RESOLUTION 10—ELECTING GARY B. MYRICK, OF VIRGINIA, AS SECRETARY FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 10

Resolved, That Gary B. Myrick of Virginia be, and he is hereby, elected Secretary for the Majority of the Senate.

SENATE RESOLUTION 11—ELECTING ROBERT M. DUNCAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AS SECRETARY FOR THE MINORITY OF THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 11

Resolved, That Robert M. Duncan of the District of Columbia be, and he is hereby, elected Secretary for the Minority of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 noon, Thursday, January 21; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:08 p.m., adjourned until 12 noon tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

LLOYD JAMES AUSTIN, OF GEORGIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

XAVIER BECERRA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ANTONY JOHN BLINKEN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PETER PAUL MONTGOMERY BUTTIGIEG, OF INDIANA, TO BE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MIGUEL A. CARDONA, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

MARCIA LOUISE FUDGE, OF OHIO, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MERRICK BRIAN GARLAND, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

JENNIFER MULHERN GRANHOLM, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE SECRETARY OF ENERGY.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ISABELLA CASILLAS GUZMAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

AVRIL DANICA HAINES, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEBRA ANNE HAALAND, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

ERIC S. LANDER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ALEJANDRO NICHOLAS MAYORKAS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DENIS RICHARD MCDONOUGH, OF MARYLAND, TO BE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GINA MARIE RAIMONDO, OF RHODE ISLAND, TO BE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MICHAEL STANLEY REGAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE ANDREW WHEELER.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

CECILIA ELENA ROUSE, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, VICE TOMAS J. PHILIPSON.

KATHERINE C. TAI, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

NEERA TANDEN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LINDA THOMAS-GREENFIELD, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF THE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

LINDA THOMAS-GREENFIELD, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

THOMAS J. VILSACK, OF IOWA, TO BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

MARTIN JOSEPH WALSH, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE SECRETARY OF LABOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JANET LOUISE YELLEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

ADEWALE O. ADEYEMO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE JUSTIN GEORGE MUZINICH.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

KRISTEN M. CLARKE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE ERIC S. DREIBAND.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DONET DOMINIC GRAVES, JR., OF OHIO, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VICE KAREN DUNN KELLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

VANITA GUPTA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE RACHEL L. BRAND.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

KATHLEEN HOLLAND HICKS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE DAVID L. NORQUIST. COLIN HACKETT KAHL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY, VICE JOHN C. ROOD, RESIGNED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BRENDA MALLORY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, VICE MARY BRIDGET NEUMAYR.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

JANET GARVIN MCCABE, OF INDIANA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE ANDREW WHEELER, RESIGNED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JASON SCOTT MILLER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE MARGARET WEICHERT, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LISA O. MONACO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE JEFFREY A. ROSEN.