

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote or change their vote?

The result was announced—yeas 47, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 159 Leg.]

#### YEAS—47

Barrasso	Graham	Paul
Blackburn	Grassley	Portman
Boozman	Hagerty	Romney
Braun	Hawley	Rounds
Burr	Hoeben	Rubio
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Cassidy	Inhofe	Scott (FL)
Collins	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Cramer	Lee	Tillis
Crapo	Lummis	Toomey
Cruz	Marshall	Tuberville
Daines	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	Moran	Young
Fischer	Murkowski	

#### NAYS—49

Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Blumenthal	Kaine	Sanders
Booker	Kelly	Schatz
Brown	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cardin	Leahy	Sinema
Carpenter	Lujan	Smith
Casey	Manchin	Stabenow
Coons	Markey	Tester
Cortez Masto	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Feinstein	Murray	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Hassan	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	
Hickenlooper	Reed	

#### NOT VOTING—4

Bennet	Risch
Blunt	Shelby

The motion was rejected.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the following conferees, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the names of: Senators CANTWELL, MENENDEZ, WYDEN, PETERS, MURRAY, BROWN, WARNER, KELLY, WARNOCK, HICKENLOOPER, TESTER, HEINRICH, BALDWIN, WICKER, CRAPPO, RISCH, BURR, PORTMAN, GRASSLEY, SHELBY, TOOMEY, BARRASSO, CAPITO, CORNYN, YOUNG, and MORAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The junior Senator from Delaware.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 589, James D. Rodriguez, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that any statements related

to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The clerk will report the nomination. The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of James D. Rodriguez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Rodriguez nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 4132

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4132) to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services.

Mr. COONS. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

#### MORNING BUSINESS

#### REMEMBERING THOMAS OAKLEY

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, Tom Oakley was a man with a mission. His mission was to put Quincy and Western Illinois on the map. The only sure way to do that was to personally redraw the maps. So he did.

In the late 1950s, there was not a four-lane highway anywhere within 100 miles of Quincy, IL. Critics called the region: "Forgottonia." Thomas Oakley had more than a good memory. He had a vision, and Western Illinois was not about to be forgotten.

Any political candidate who paid a visit to Tom's Herald-Whig editorial board knew what to expect. No complimentary coffee or cool glass of water until Tom asked the question. With a dead serious look and his deep bass voice, he skipped the pleasantries.

"What's your position on completing the four-lane Central Illinois Expressway all the way to Quincy?"

"I am for it," I quickly answered as a congressional candidate in 1982.

Tom smiled and asked how I liked my coffee. It was the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

For decades, Quincy and the Tri-States had no greater advocate than Tom. His indefatigable voice for the region rightfully earned him the honor of having a 60-mile stretch of the Chicago to Kansas Expressway highway named after him. From Quincy to Macomb, it is the Thomas A. Oakley Highway now. He also helped grow his family's media company Quincy Media, Inc., into the 13th largest media company in the country. Last month, Tom passed away, and today, we honor the memory and legacy of my friend.

Tom was a member of the fourth generation of his family to work for Quincy Media, which operates the Quincy Herald-Whig, the Hannibal Courier-Post, and WGEM television and radio. Quincy Media has properties in several other markets as well. He was born to Thomas C. and Mary Oakley on June 24, 1932. As a young person, he began his career as a carrier boy for the Quincy Herald-Whig. In summers, he worked for Quincy Broadcasting and the Quincy Herald-Whig.

After graduating from Quincy High School in 1950, Tom earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Duke University and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1954. He served for 3 years, 2 of them flying a B-47 bomber with the Strategic Air Command. Tom was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant in 1957 and was a captain in the Inactive Reserves. In 1958, he returned to Quincy and the family business.

Tom became the president and CEO of Quincy Media in 1969, following the death of his father. Under his leadership, he led the company through decades of growth, adding television stations in several markets and one additional newspaper. Tom also championed efforts to improve the Quincy infrastructure. He used his personal leadership and expanding media outlets to promote improving the quality of life in the region.

For more than 60 years, Tom worked toward developing a highway for the Tri-States, which had been bypassed by the Eisenhower era infrastructure boom. He was on an untold amount of committees throughout his life. Tom helped found the Joint Industrial Development Commission, the first unified effort to build the economy of the Tri-State region. This was a predecessor of the Great River Economic Development Foundation, which remains a driving force to improve Quincy and Adams County.

Tom made things happen. Every Governor since Otto Kerner, who was elected in 1960, heard about the Western Illinois highway needs from Tom. He was instrumental in securing funds to complete the Central Illinois Expressway from Springfield to the Mississippi River at Hannibal, the Chicago to Kansas Expressway, and the Avenue of the Saints from St. Louis to Minneapolis. There is now a four-lane bridge over the Mississippi River at Hannibal, too. He threw his weight behind projects to

improve Amtrak, Baldwin Field, locks and dams, and a port district. Tom worked with elected officials at every level of government, regardless of party, so Illinois and the surrounding States' residents could have a better life.

For his work in media and improving the region, Tom received numerous awards. From the Quincy Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame to being the first recipient of the annual Boy Scout community service award, he was a deeply honored person. In 2020, he was inducted into the Gold Circle by the Mid-America Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, one of television's highest honors.

Tom also was generous financially. The Oakley family made the single largest philanthropic investment in the history of Quincy University, focusing on scholarships, academic facility improvements, and support programs. Earlier this year, Tom announced a \$1 million gift to Culver-Stockton College to establish the Tri-State Development Summit at the school.

Tom inspired a legacy that will continue and channel regional cooperation. He was fiercely loyal to both his family and his community, and I am fortunate to call him a friend. We will miss his leadership. His life was a life well-lived. Tom is survived by his son Ralph, his daughter Mary, his many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Tom, like his beloved Western Illinois, will not be forgotten.

(At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. BENNET. Madam President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 148. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 149. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 150. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 151. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 152. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 153. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 154. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 155. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 156. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 157. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 158. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 159. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay. •

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the Motion to Instruct Conferees from Mr. MENENDEZ that moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 73003 of the Senate amendment (relating to establishment of an Inspector General of the Office of the United States Trade Representative).

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Madam President, if there had been a recorded roll call vote on the Menendez motion to instruct conferees in relation to H.R. 4521, USICA, I would have voted no.

If there had been a recorded roll call vote on the Kelly motion to instruct conferees in relation to H.R. 4521, USICA, I would have voted no.

#### REMEMBERING GERRY FRANK

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I speak today to honor the memory of an esteemed and beloved Oregonian who spent his life bettering our State. On March 13, Oregon lost its most devoted citizen and advocate: Gerry Frank.

Gerry's life and service to Oregon has inspired so many to learn, laugh about, and love what makes Oregon so special: our State's jaw-dropping beauty, our unique independence, and our incredible capacity to land on our feet. And Gerry has always done it in his own special way. No one I know has managed to do as much good as Gerry Frank with a simple piece of chocolate cake.

Gerry was a true renaissance man. A graduate of both Lincoln High in Portland and Cambridge in the U.K., he made his mark as a successful haberdasher, restaurateur, politician, and World War II veteran. But we all knew his true loves: Oregon and a great piece of cake. Gerry used the best chocolate cake in the world to bring us together at the State fair, a contest he selflessly judged annually for 60 years. He kept a terrific restaurant and retailer called Gerry Frank's Konditorei which paired delicious Oregon food with that cake. And he went to bat for Oregon community organizations of every size and shape, saying, "How much cake do you need to give a good cause a boost?"

After the family business of Meier & Frank was sold in 1965, Gerry turned to politics, joining Senator Mark Hatfield's office. Gerry's politics were always pretty simple. He would ask, "Is that idea fair? Does it make sense? And is it a part of Oregon's long tradition of

welcoming fresh approaches to tackling big challenges?" For almost 20 years Gerry worked as Mark Hatfield's chief of staff, gaining the nickname "Oregon's Third Senator," for his dogged work ethic and devotion to Oregonians. Gerry is an incredible testament to what we call back home the Oregon Way: where we put aside partisan leanings to get things done for our State.

After leaving politics, Gerry followed his passion for meeting new people and seeing new places. A talented writer, he was the travel columnist at the Oregonian newspaper for many years and published multiple books, including one of my personal favorites: "Gerry Frank's Oregon."

Gerry, a man of many talents and passions, never forgot about his home in Salem. Despite travelling to over 150 countries, he always returned home in time for some of Oregon's beloved traditions, including the State fair and the Rose Festival. In 2019 the Gerry Frank Salem Rotary Amphitheater was built in his name, just another testament to the impact Gerry had on his community as a lifelong Rotarian and lover of live music. And soon, Providence Health in Portland will complete the Gerry Frank Center for Children's Care in his memory.

The State of Oregon will not forget Gerry Frank, and neither will I. While his passing brings us sadness, it also brings us gratitude for his tireless work to make Oregon a better place to call home. I honor the illustrious life of Gerry Frank and unforgettable legacy he left in our State for generations to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME 2021 INDUCTEES

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, it is my honor to officially congratulate the Country Music Hall of Fame 2021 inductees. This past weekend I was fortunate enough to attend their Medallion Ceremony and help welcome The Judds, Ray Charles, Eddie Bayers, and Pete Drake into country music's closest circle of friends.

Naomi and Wynonna Judd, 2021's Modern Era Artist inductees, were one of country music's most cherished duos. The story of how they became The Judds reads like something out of a movie script: a mama and her daughter change their names, move to Nashville, and land a record deal after a chance encounter with a hit producer. I, like thousands of their fans, was absolutely heartbroken when Naomi's life came to an end just 1 day before she was to receive her medallion, but her story lives on in the generations of female artists she inspired and through Wynonna's ongoing, stunning contributions to country music.

Few artists in living memory have taken more risks and earned more respect than Ray Charles, 2021's Veterans Era Artist inductee. Ray's timeless