

just part of her kindness. And I am wearing DIANNE FEINSTEIN's famous red lipstick.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be able to display this poster on the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection.

REMEMBERING DIANNE FEINSTEIN

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, like so many this morning, I rise to mourn the loss of a true champion in the U.S. Senate.

DIANNE was one of the kindest, most thoughtful people that I had the pleasure to know. When I first got to the Senate—and I have heard some of my colleagues this morning talk about as new Senators—she was so gracious. As a new Senator, she would invite me to dinner with colleagues, and she was such a lady and so professional and so elegant. Every time you went to dinner with DIANNE, you can be guaranteed that she would have a little set of flowers for you at your place at the restaurant. And then she would have a little parting gift for you, whether it was a little coin purse or something to show just truly who she was. And I heard this morning from my colleagues, similarly, the stories of DIANNE's kindness and her respect for others.

She was a fighter her whole life, leading on so many important issues. In the coming days and weeks and months and years, as people around the world really honor DIANNE's memory, many will speak to her leadership—and rightfully so—on women's rights and foreign affairs.

But I want to take the time to highlight a place where DIANNE did so much. And most people don't know, unless you are a part of Team Tahoe, DIANNE loved Lake Tahoe. Lake Tahoe is a beautiful, pristine Alpine lake that both Nevada and California share. In 1997, DIANNE and then-Senator Harry Reid got together and passed legislation to protect this pristine lake.

And since that time, once a year, DIANNE has been instrumental in bringing people around the lake together to address the needs for Lake Tahoe. That was all DIANNE.

So when I first got to the Senate in 1997, one of the first things we talked about, she pulled me aside and said: We are going to have the Tahoe Summit this year. I hope you are there, and I hope you will be there always to support Tahoe.

And I said: DIANNE, I grew up around this lake. The first time I was there was when I was 18 years old. My mother grew up around this lake. We love Lake Tahoe in Nevada, and you can guarantee that I will always be there for it.

And if you sat and talked to DIANNE, the first thing you will hear her talk

about in Lake Tahoe are her memories—her memories of riding her bike as a young girl around the lake. Her memories of times when she was there with her family, having the opportunity to enjoy incredible Lake Tahoe.

So I couldn't pass this day without recognizing, of course, all the incredible things DIANNE has done; but what most people don't know, unless you are a part of Nevada and California, is the hard work that she has done around this lake for the people who live there, for the people who cherish this lake, for the tourists that come here every single day. And it is not just the work that she has done here in the Senate. This was 2017. This was the first opportunity that I had as a young Senator to join DIANNE. And as you can see, DIANNE was hosting it that summer, the Lake Tahoe Summit.

But DIANNE had this ability not only to have this summit once a year to talk about how we protect this lake, but she brought together incredible stakeholders and experts around the lake—people who live there, people who worked in our State—to address not just the quality of the lake and the pristine nature to protect it, but everything else around it from the transportation side to the wildfires that were happening to the environment. And she had a luncheon, a regular luncheon after the Tahoe Summit to talk about how we continue that work together.

And because of DIANNE's prestige, she had the ability to bring incredible speakers to the Tahoe Summit once a year. First, President Clinton; then one time, President Obama; and just recently, we had our former Speaker, Speaker Emerita NANCY PELOSI speaking. We had one of our incredible Senators, chairwoman of Energy and Natural Resources at the time, LISA MURKOWSKI. It was about how we work across party lines to really focus on protecting, for everyone who wants to enjoy this, Lake Tahoe.

She was a true champion, and she will be missed. On behalf of Team Tahoe, which is what she coined it—Dianne never took credit for anything she did around this lake. Even though people wanted to recognize her and show that support, she never took the credit. She said: This is about a team. This is Team Tahoe. This is what we do together. This is how we work together.

This is the legacy of her work in the U.S. Senate, carried forward right here in Lake Tahoe.

So, to DIANNE, to her family—her incredible family—and to everyone on Team Tahoe, we will miss DIANNE FEINSTEIN. She will always be a part of the work we do. Her legacy will live on not just around Tahoe but in so many other areas as we have talked about today.

I am going to miss her. I am going to miss the opportunity to sit with her at lunch and talk about what we still need to do to fight to protect this incredible, pristine lake.

Thank you, DIANNE, for your service. With that, I yield the floor.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3935, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Schumer (for Murray) amendment No. 1292, in the nature of a substitute.

Schumer amendment No. 1293 (to amendment No. 1292), to add an effective date.

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions, Schumer amendment No. 1294, to add an effective date.

Schumer amendment No. 1295 (to the instructions) amendment No. 1294), to modify the effective date.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Tennessee.

REMEMBERING DIANNE FEINSTEIN

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, I join my colleagues on the floor this morning to pay tribute to Senator FEINSTEIN and to remember her warmth, her generosity, her kindness, and the way she really loved to elevate women. It didn't matter what your party was; it didn't matter where you came from; when you achieved, she loved to recognize that.

As I came to the Senate from the House and in being the first female from Tennessee to serve in the U.S. Senate, she talked about the likeness of that experience for her as breaking barriers and being the first female mayor of San Francisco and being the first woman from California to hold a seat in the U.S. Senate. So I always appreciated that she pushed forward with elevating women and encouraging women.

Of course, as we all know, she loved to gather the women of the Senate together for dinner or for a photo to make certain that we recorded our gains here in the Senate and that we had a place to share our stories of what we were experiencing, because we all know there were times that she had incurred different unkind words from people who thought that she should not be in that position. So we appreciated that of her.

I really enjoyed the opportunity to work with her on the Senate Judiciary

Committee. She and I spent quite a bit of time working on issues that pertained to our Nation's creative community. This was a community that she truly celebrated. She loved the fact that people could create a song out of a thought or a few words that they heard.

We worked together to protect those rights, the entertainers, and to make certain that, as we worked on the HITS Act, as we worked on intellectual property issues, that our innovators and our creators were going to have that constitutional right protected to benefit from those creations.

We all know—and I know many of my colleagues have mentioned today—of her fondness for the Senate and for the institution. We will remember that as we wish her family well and wish them protection during this time of loss and sadness.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I come to the floor this morning to reflect on and remember a dear friend and colleague, someone who served this Nation in this body for 30 years, someone who has already been remembered by many others as a trailblazer, someone who left a lasting one on this Senate, on her State of California, on our Nation.

When I first came to this Senate, now 13 years ago, Senator FEINSTEIN was someone whose career I had long followed and long admired. She was elected to this body when I was a law student, in the Year of the Woman, when, following a contentious hearing, there was a concerted effort made to recruit some of the strongest, most capable potential candidates to join this body, and Senator FEINSTEIN was certainly among those incredible leaders.

I had the honor, the blessing, of being in small rooms in negotiations with her within my first few years, and I saw behind the scenes what anyone who followed her publicly got to know about Senator FEINSTEIN. She was tough. She was fierce. She was determined. She was prepared. She had always done the reading. She studied the details of every bill, every piece of legislation, everything we voted on.

When I had the chance to join the Appropriations Committee, and I approached her once here on the floor to ask her consent to amend the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee bill she was floor managing, she turned, stopped, and said: Are you asking my permission to file an amendment to my bill?

And somewhat haltingly, being still a very junior Senator, I said: Yes, ma'am, that is exactly what I am doing.

She smiled and laughed and said: Oh, aren't you nice.

I said: Doesn't every Senator ask your permission before they attempt to amend your bill?

She goes: No, they no longer do. But they should.

She was always dressed to the nines. She was always gracious and dignified. She exuded a quiet power that in critical moments in the history of this institution and our Nation, our country and world got to see: the chair of the Intelligence Committee, determined to make public a tectonic struggle between this body and its role and the history of interrogation techniques that she and many of us concluded were inappropriate and broke the boundaries, determined to defend the prerogatives of the Senate, even in a very difficult and charged environment.

Given her early experience in San Francisco and the tragedy that brought her from council president to mayor, she was a focused, persistent, and effective advocate for gun safety.

My friend and predecessor in this seat—now our President—President Joe Biden, served alongside Senator FEINSTEIN for many, many years. Together, they worked hard to advance the Violence Against Women Act, the assault weapons ban, and dozens of other pieces of important legislation to help make our country more equitable, more inclusive, safer, and more just.

I was reflecting this morning, when I got the hard news about DIANNE's passing last night, on the very first time I met her. I was a young man. I was just a year out of law school. I was living and working in New York City for the I Have A Dream Foundation, and I happened to have a car. A friend, who I think was working for Mayor Dinkins, called and asked if I would drive out to Teterboro Airport and pick up Senator FEINSTEIN of California. I couldn't believe my luck, as a young man in his early twenties, to get a chance to speak for even a moment or two to a U.S. Senator.

I drove out there and was sure to be on time and waited diligently. I had been told by some of the campaign staff to not expect that she would even speak to me.

She insisted on sitting in the front seat next to me, and we chatted for almost an hour and a half as we made our way back into downtown Manhattan in heavy traffic. I had the chance to listen to then-new Senator FEINSTEIN talk about her experience as mayor, make observations about how the city of New York was being run and what the issues were, and then to ask her a few questions about public service, about what motivated her, about why she worked so hard. As a very young man, that experience, that conversation stayed with me for years.

When I first came to this body and had a chance to sit near her on this floor and to serve down the dais from her on Judiciary, I approached her and repeated that story.

She said: Young man, what I want you to remember is that every time you have a chance—whether with a page or an intern, with a campaign volunteer—you also have the opportunity and the obligation to remind them whom we serve and why we serve.

Senator FEINSTEIN was a giant here. She showed what public service means. She was determined. She was capable. She was dedicated.

Her last vote was yesterday. I cannot imagine the loss that her family and staff are feeling, the enormous gap this will leave for the State of California and for this institution today and into the future as we mark, as we mourn the passing of this incredible trailblazer and as we prayerfully reflect on her incredible legacy.

Thank you, DIANNE, for your decades of loyal and loving service to this, our great Nation.

With that, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to complete my remarks prior to the scheduled vote.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in mourning the passing of a great and good colleague, someone we knew not only as a fellow worker here and a colleague but also as a friend.

Every one of us had a personal connection to DIANNE FEINSTEIN. She had no enemies. She had adversaries, she differed, but she could differ and disagree without being disagreeable, as the saying goes. She established personal connections with all of us over her many years of service.

I have listened to my colleagues on the floor this morning, and coming through to me is not only a sense of pain in her passing but also joy in knowing her.

What strikes me is that she leaves a legacy—yes, a legacy—in legislation, in good works in California that impacted people's lives there, but her real legacy is people. Her legacy is the people who regard her as a role model, the people who were inspired to follow her into public service, the people who stood up and spoke out—and often it was truth to power as she did—because she was there. She blazed the trail. She showed how to do it.

I first became aware of DIANNE FEINSTEIN in the early 1990s as a newly elected State attorney general, advocating for an assault weapons ban in the State of Connecticut—the early 1990s, and she was doing it at the Federal level. Connecticut and the Congress did it together.

Then I defended our Connecticut law in the Connecticut courts with many of the same arguments that we used to challenge Federal law.

She stood alone in those days as an advocate and a champion of gun violence prevention, and she modeled the curve that has led to the modern movement of gun violence prevention. And it is a movement now because she knew it would require the American people to be as outraged as she was and saddened by the death that she personally witnessed in San Francisco. And she would often recall it in very personal terms.

For her, all of these causes were personal. Her service and her helping people were personal. And she understood that service and results, accomplishments, required that we be bipartisan, that we work across the aisle, that we work with people who disagreed with us and try to find common ground. That is what she did relentlessly and tirelessly.

So her service, her grace, her generosity, her sensitivity, her caring will continue in the people that are her legacy, in the people who will and should, always, preserve her memory as a motivation for continued service.

I am proud to have been her friend as well as her colleague, and I will always treasure the great and good model and mentorship that she provided for so many of us, as we go through these next days of grief and pain but also joy in knowing her.

I yield the floor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Todd Gee, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

VOTE ON GEE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Gee nomination?

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator

from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

The result was announced—yeas 82, nays 8, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 244 Ex.]

YEAS—82

Baldwin	Hassan	Reed
Barrasso	Heinrich	Ricketts
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Risch
Blackburn	Hirono	Romney
Blumenthal	Hoeven	Rosen
Booker	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Boozman	Kaine	Rubio
Brown	Kelly	Schatz
Budd	Kennedy	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Sinema
Carper	Lankford	Sullivan
Casey	Lee	Tester
Collins	Lujan	Thune
Coons	Lummis	Tillis
Cornyn	Manchin	Tuberville
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Cotton	McConnell	Vance
Crapo	Menendez	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Moran	Warren
Ernst	Mullin	Welch
Fetterman	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Fischer	Murphy	Wicker
Gillibrand	Murray	Wyden
Graham	Ossoff	Young
Grassley	Padilla	
Hagerty	Peters	

NAYS—8

Braun	Hawley	Schmitt
Britt	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Cruz	Paul	

NOT VOTING—9

Capito	Daines	Scott (SC)
Cassidy	Marshall	Smith
Cramer	Sanders	Stabenow

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the McGrath nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Tara K. McGrath, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

VOTE ON MCGRATH NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the McGrath nomination?

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms.

SMITH), and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) would have voted "nay."

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 37, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 245 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Baldwin	Hassan	Reed
Bennet	Heinrich	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Sinema
Carper	Lujan	Tester
Casey	Manchin	Tillis
Collins	Markey	Van Hollen
Coons	Menendez	Warner
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warnock
Duckworth	Murkowski	Warren
Durbin	Murphy	Welch
Fetterman	Murray	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Wyden
Graham	Padilla	
Grassley	Peters	

NAYS—37

Barrasso	Hawley	Risch
Blackburn	Hoeven	Romney
Boozman	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Braun	Johnson	Schmitt
Britt	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Budd	Lankford	Sullivan
Cornyn	Lee	Thune
Cotton	Lummis	Tuberville
Crapo	McConnell	Vance
Cruz	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Mullin	Young
Fischer	Paul	
Hagerty	Ricketts	

NOT VOTING—10

Capito	Kaine	Smith
Cassidy	Marshall	Stabenow
Cramer	Sanders	
Daines	Scott (SC)	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session. The Senator from Alaska.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 2835

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I am on the floor again with my colleague from Texas, Senator CRUZ, trying once again to pass our Pay Our Military Act.

I am not going to spend a lot of time explaining what we are trying to do here since 48 hours ago we tried to do the same thing. We are, in our conference, right now trying to get to a compromise, working through things to make sure we don't have a government shutdown. It may or may not happen. It is looking more likely, though.