

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Tobin John Bradley, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guatemala.

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

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 299, 320, and 413; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the en bloc nominations of Tadd M. Johnson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2028 (Reappointment); Rion J. Ramirez, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring May 26, 2025; and Bradford Pentony Wilson, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2026?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 371, David E. White, Jr., to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps;

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 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 David E. White, Jr., of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

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

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

NOMINATIONS REMAINING IN STATUS QUO

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that all the nominations received by the Senate during the 118th Congress, first session, remain in status quo, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate with the following exceptions: Calendar Nos. 32, 54, 60, 63, 68, 70, 72, 77, 78, 80, 109, 115, 140, 145, 151, 155, 156, 158, 168, 169, 170, 172, 173, 208, 217, 247, 268, 269, 270, 275, 301, 302, 303, 312, 313, 314, 315, 321, 322, 323, 353, 355, 368, 369, 399, 408, 409, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 439, 440, 446, and PN Nos. 11, 12, 34, 50, 57, 63, 100, 107, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 132, 133, 182, 189, 190, 194, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 358, 384, 549, 577, 637, 869, 919, 928, 929, 1016, 1018, 1019, 1026, 1043, 1047, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1104, 1105, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1151, 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, and 1159.

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

CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBUS CREW FOR WINNING THE 2023 MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CUP

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 517, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 517) congratulating the Columbus Crew for winning the 2023 Major League Soccer Cup.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered

made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 517) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S.J. RES. 50

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII and 5 United States Code 802, at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader, no later than January 31, 2024, if S.J. Res. 50 is discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, it be in order for Senator TILIS or his designee to move to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 50; further, that if the motion is agreed to, there be 10 hours of debate, equally divided, between the proponents and opponents of the joint resolution; further, that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the joint resolution be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; finally, that all other provisions under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, remain in effect except the 60 session day clock.

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the junior Senator from Virginia and the senior Senator from Hawaii be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from December 20, 2023, through January 8, 2024.

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

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to Commissions, committees, Boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

Mr. SCHATZ. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

MORNING BUSINESS

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 384. A bill to establish the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-142).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 924. A bill to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission (Rept. No. 118-143).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1015. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona (Rept. No. 118-144).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without amendment:

S. 1059. A bill to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-145).

S. 2020. A bill to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-146).

By Mr. MANCHIN, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2042. A bill to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-147).

S. 2136. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in certain State parks, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-148).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 3558. A bill to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VANCE):

S. Res. 517. A resolution congratulating the Columbus Crew for winning the 2023 Major League Soccer Cup; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2085

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2085, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 2224

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2224, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny interest and depreciation deductions for taxpayers owning 50 or more single family properties.

S. 2340

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2340, a bill to establish the Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program within the Farm Service Agency Office of Outreach and Education.

S. 2757

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CORNYN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2757, a bill to limit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from modifying the rate of payment or reimbursement for transportation of veterans or other individuals via special modes of transportation under the laws administered by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

S. 2839

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) were added as cosponsors of S. 2839, a bill to clarify the maximum hiring target for new air traffic controllers, and for other purposes.

S. 3466

At the request of Mr. MORAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3466, a bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress reports regarding security and safety at facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 515

At the request of Mr. COONS, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 515, a resolution condemning attacks by Iranian military proxies on the armed forces of the United States in Iraq and Syria and emphasizing the urgency of responding to and deterring such attacks.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 517—CONGRATULATING THE COLUMBUS CREW FOR WINNING THE 2023 MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CUP

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. VANCE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 517

Whereas, on December 9, 2023, the Columbus Crew defeated the Los Angeles Football Club by a score of 2 to 1 in Columbus, Ohio, in the 2023 Major League Soccer (referred to in this preamble as the “MLS”) Cup;

Whereas the Columbus Crew have captured their third MLS Cup in franchise history and have brought the Philip F. Anschutz Trophy back to Columbus;

Whereas every member of the 2023 Columbus Crew team played an integral role in bringing the MLS Cup to Columbus;

Whereas the Columbus Crew's fans set the franchise's single-season attendance record in 2023 and helped provide a crucial home-field advantage in the playoffs and Cup Final; and

Whereas the 2023 Columbus Crew have brought pride and elation to Columbus and the entire State of Ohio by winning the 2023 MLS Cup: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Columbus Crew for winning the 2023 Major League Soccer Cup;

(2) recognizes the contributions and achievements of all the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the 2023 season;

(3) applauds the fans of the Columbus Crew; and

(4) respectfully directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the president and general manager of the Columbus Crew, Central Ohio native Tim Bezbatchenko;

(B) proud Ohian and captain of the Columbus Crew, Darlington Nagbe; and

(C) the board of directors of the Nordecke supporters collective, one of the great fan bases in Major League Soccer who helped “Save The Crew”.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2023, THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2024

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted, on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, December 22, at 8 a.m.; Tuesday, December 26, at 9 a.m.; Friday, December 29, at 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday, January 2, at 11:45 a.m.; and that the second session of the 118th Congress convene on Wednesday, January 3, at 12 noon for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted, and that following the pro forma session, the Senate adjourn and convene for pro forma session only, with no business being conducted, on Friday, January 5, at 10 a.m.; further, that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, January 5, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m., Monday, January 8; that on Monday, following the prayer and