

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

pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon the conclusion of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Kazen nomination; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture vote on the Kazen nomination be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, with all provisions of the previous order remaining in effect and with all remaining clotures ripening in the order filed.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 22, 2023, AT 8 A.M.

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:27 p.m., adjourned until Friday, December 22, 2023, at 8 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by
the Senate December 20, 2023:

MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL
FOUNDATION

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.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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.

MORRIS K. UDALL AND STEWART L. UDALL
FOUNDATION

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.

PEACE CORPS

DAVID E. WHITE, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

MARK TOSHIRO UYEDA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 5, 2028.

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION
CORPORATION

CLAUDIA SLACIK, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

WILLIAM BRODSKY, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

SPENCER BACHUS III, OF ALABAMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2027.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

TANYA F. OTSUKA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 2, 2029.

JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP
FOUNDATION

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.

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

JENNIFER L. FAIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.