

NOTIFYING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 5, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 5) notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 5) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 5

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be notified of the election of the Honorable Patty Murray as President of the Senate pro tempore.

FIXING THE HOUR OF DAILY MEETING OF THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 6, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 6) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 6) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 6

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian unless otherwise ordered.

RESOLUTION OVER, UNDER THE RULE—S. RES. 7

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have a resolution at the desk.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 7) fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Mr. SCHUMER. I object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the resolution will go over, under the rule.

The resolution (S. Res. 7) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 7

Resolved, That the daily meeting of the Senate be 12:01 p.m. unless otherwise ordered.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Pursuant to Public Law 95-521, the President pro tempore appoints Morgan J. Frankel as Senate Legal Counsel for a term of service to expire at the end of the 119th Congress.

TO MAKE EFFECTIVE APPOINTMENT OF SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 8, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 8) to make effective appointment of Senate Legal Counsel.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 8) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 8

Resolved, That the appointment of Morgan J. Frankel of the District of Columbia to be Senate Legal Counsel, made by the President pro tempore this day, is effective as of January 3, 2023, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One-Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Pursuant to Public Law 95-521, appoints Patricia Mack Bryan as Deputy Senate Legal Counsel for a term of service to expire at the end of the 119th Congress.

TO MAKE EFFECTIVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 9, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 9) to make effective appointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to

and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 9) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 9

Resolved, That the appointment of Patricia Mack Bryan of Virginia to be Deputy Senate Legal Counsel, made by the President pro tempore this day, is effective as of January 3, 2023, and the term of service of the appointee shall expire at the end of the One-Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENTS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I send to the desk en bloc 11 unanimous consent requests. I ask for their immediate consideration en bloc. I further ask that the requests be agreed to en bloc and that they appear separately in the RECORD.

Before the Chair rules, I would like to point out that these requests are routine and done at the beginning of each new Congress.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there an objection to agreeing to the unanimous consent requests en bloc?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 118th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session the Senate.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 118th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when rollcall votes are 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 118th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the majority and minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of the Journal.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the

118th Congress to file reports during the adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to Rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, with proposed amendments shall be printed.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 118th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate passed bills and joint resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 118th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate staff members as space allows.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 118th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the say when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive executive session that day.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of the 118th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives; and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that, for the duration of the 118th Congress, Senators may be allowed to send to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. If the Senator-elect from Oklahoma will now present himself at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The Senator advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the President pro tempore; and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

TRIBUTE TO DAMAR HAMLIN

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, this is a joyful and celebratory day, but I would like to begin on a serious note and offer my prayers and best wishes to Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin and his family.

What happened last night was one of the most horrifying things I have ever seen watching football, and I watch a lot of it. We are all rooting and praying for his recovery.

Damar, we are with you every step of the way in spirit. You make us proud. We can't wait to see you up and healthy again soon.

118TH CONGRESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Now, Madam President, let me begin by wishing you and all of my colleagues a happy new year. It is good to see everyone as we observe this special, joyful, and solemn day.

Today marks the beginning of the 118th Congress. It is the start of a new chapter in the grand history of this Chamber, a moment for renewal, reflection, and rededication.

For those going through this process for the first time, days like this can seem overwhelming, almost like the first day of school, but beneath the celebrations and receptions, a solemn truth permeates everything we do today: We are here because the American people have entrusted us to represent their needs in this great body.

Today is historic for many reasons. First, let me congratulate all of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle who have just been sworn in, especially my newest Democratic colleagues, PETER WELCH of Vermont and JOHN FETTERMAN of Pennsylvania.

I commend all of you for this immense honor, and I challenge each of you as a friend and a colleague not to let this opportunity go to waste. I will challenge myself for that as well because ours is truly an awesome responsibility. And I mean "awesome" in the Biblical sense—not in the way my teenage daughters used to say it but the kind of awe that would cause the angels to tremble before God. This responsibility is indeed awesome. In our hands lie the trust, the wishes, the hopes, and the burdens of the American people. It is the most brave charge but a rewarding one if done right.

I want to recognize another Member making history today. My friend from Washington State, Senator PATTY MURRAY, will become the newest President pro tempore, the first woman in the history of the Senate to hold this title. There is no one I trust more to be third in the line of Presidential succession than Senator MURRAY. She is brilliant, pragmatic, and someone who gets things done in this Chamber.

Congratulations also to my friend the Republican leader, MITCH MCCONNELL, on now becoming the longest serving party leader in the history of this Chamber.

We have a lot of work ahead of us. So I hope we can find some ways to come together—and not succumb to gridlock—for the good of this Chamber and for the good of our country.

Of course, I want to thank all of my Democratic colleagues for trusting me with 2 more years as leader. There is no group I would rather work with than this amazing caucus. You are not just my colleagues; you are my friends.

With only 50 votes, ranging from JOE MANCHIN to BERNIE SANDERS, we made history these last 2 years by passing the most ambitious legislative agenda in decades, since at least the Great Society and perhaps the New Deal.

All Members, whether returning to Congress or retiring, can feel proud about what we have accomplished in the last 2 years. And let's not forget—and I say this in good part to my Republican colleagues—that five of our six major bills last year were bipartisan.

And I am proud to be making some history of my own today. Today, I have the great honor of becoming the longest serving Senator from New York, the first New Yorker ever elected to the Senate five times. To every single New Yorker who trusted me with another term as Senator, thank you.

And my mentor and former colleague Pat Moynihan taught me that you have to dream big to properly serve the people of New York, and I have tried to do that every day in office: visiting each of the 62 counties every year, meeting as many people as possible, and listening to as many New Yorkers as I can. My beloved mentor Senator Moynihan served four terms. So to be elected to a fifth term is humbling, awe-inspiring, and it energizes me to keep going and keep delivering. So thank you, New York, for this honor, and you can be sure that every day I get up in the morning, I will give it my all to fight and deliver for you.

But, of course, I cannot do it alone. Today, I want to thank all of my staff, whose relentlessness and determination are only matched by their talent and deep love for this country. Though impossible to name all of them, I must single out one in particular, one of the very best: Steve Mann, my deputy State director. He came down today to watch me get sworn in as the longest serving Senator from New York, and, when I do, Steve Mann will have some history to celebrate on his own, as he claims the mantle of the longest serving Senate staffer I have ever had. He started with me right from the very beginning.

Steve is everything you would want in a staffer: hard-working, loyal, caring, and a Yankee fan. But, unfortunately, he is also a Cowboys fan. Not everyone is perfect, as I remind him about the Cowboys.

Kidding aside, Steve, a Rensselaer, NY, native, took a chance on me years ago when I first ran for office, and he never looked back. Though both of our job titles have evolved over the years, one has remained: friend.

To my newly arriving colleagues, I hope all of you, one day, can have a Steve Mann working with you, and if you are lucky enough, maybe yours, too, will become a dear friend.

Finally, I cannot forget the most important people in my life. Here with me