

faith. He does it when no one is looking, by the way. I remember being in the cloakroom watching a basketball game, which is consistent with me, and the Senator was over in the corner with headphones on. I said: What are you listening to or what are you doing?

He said very sheepishly: I am doing my Bible study.

Senator SCOTT has been a great comfort to our State because he is truly a man of God.

To the rest of you, I want to tell people in South Carolina that in the Senate we have a lot of differences and we display them a lot. I wish you could have heard what was said to me and Senator SCOTT. Everybody in this body has come up to us in one way or another and said the most kind things. In the Senate we have our problems, but we are still a family. Thank you all, from all over this country, for the kindness you have shown during these difficult times.

Very quickly, I don't know how you can sit with somebody for an hour in a church and pray with them and get up and shoot them. That is Mideast hate. I didn't think it was something we had here, but apparently we do.

I just can't imagine what it takes of an individual to be welcomed in a church—here is what happened. He went to Charleston with a plan. The people in the church had no idea who he was or what he had in mind. He came into the church, and he was sitting in the pews by himself and they invited him up for the Bible study and spent an hour with him.

And he said: They were so nice, I almost backed out.

That says a lot about them. It says a lot about him. But Senator SCOTT mentioned something that I cannot get over. Within 48 hours of having your family member murdered, to appear in a public setting, looking at the guy in the eye and to say: You ruined my life but I love you and I forgive you—that is a level of love and understanding that can only come from some higher authority. I don't have that within me.

When it comes to representing South Carolina, Senator SCOTT and I will do our best. But on our best day, we are nowhere close to these people. There is no politician in America who can represent their State better than the people of Mother Emanuel AME Church when they went to a public place, looked the killer in the eye and said: I forgive you; I am praying for you.

I wish we could muster that kind of love for each other, just for a little bit. What would America be like?

Thank you all for your kindness.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the votes following the first vote in the series be 10 minutes in length.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1295, an act to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

Mitch McConnell, Johnny Isakson, David Perdue, Chuck Grassley, Thom Tillis, Marco Rubio, Daniel Coats, John Cornyn, Michael B. Enzi, Kelly Ayotte, Orrin G. Hatch, Roger F. Wicker, Deb Fischer, Rob Portman, Cory Gardner, Richard Burr, Roy Blunt.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1295, with an amendment, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 76, nays 22, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 220 Leg.]

#### YEAS—76

|            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|
| Alexander  | Flake      | Murphy     |
| Ayotte     | Franken    | Murray     |
| Baldwin    | Gillibrand | Nelson     |
| Bennet     | Graham     | Peters     |
| Blumenthal | Grassley   | Portman    |
| Blunt      | Hatch      | Reed       |
| Booker     | Heinrich   | Reid       |
| Boozman    | Heitkamp   | Rounds     |
| Boxer      | Heller     | Sanders    |
| Brown      | Hirono     | Schatz     |
| Burr       | Isakson    | Schumer    |
| Cantwell   | Johnson    | Shaheen    |
| Capito     | Kaine      | Stabenow   |
| Cardin     | King       | Sullivan   |
| Carper     | Kirk       | Tester     |
| Casey      | Klobuchar  | Thune      |
| Coats      | Leahy      | Tillis     |
| Cochran    | Manchin    | Toomey     |
| Collins    | Markey     | Udall      |
| Coons      | McCain     | Warner     |
| Corker     | McCaskill  | Warren     |
| Cornyn     | McConnell  | Whitehouse |
| Donnelly   | Menendez   | Wicker     |
| Durbin     | Merkley    | Wyden      |
| Ernst      | Mikulski   |            |
| Feinstein  | Murkowski  |            |

#### NAYS—22

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| Barrasso | Gardner  | Roberts  |
| Cassidy  | Hoeben   | Sasse    |
| Cotton   | Inhofe   | Scott    |
| Crapo    | Lankford | Sessions |
| Cruz     | Moran    | Shelby   |
| Daines   | Paul     | Vitter   |
| Enzi     | Perdue   |          |
| Fischer  | Risch    |          |

#### NOT VOTING—2

Lee

Rubio

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SULLIVAN). On this vote, the yeas are 76, the nays are 22.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture motion with respect to the compound motion to go to conference with respect to H.R. 644 be withdrawn and that following the disposition of H.R. 1295, the Senate vote on the compound motion to go to conference with respect to H.R. 644.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, let me just tell everybody what that means. For the information of all Senators, this means that we will be able to process all of the other votes on trade by voice vote, and so there will be no further rollcall votes this week. Having said that, the Senate will be in session tomorrow. There are multiple committee meetings that are going to occur, but no votes will be expected tomorrow.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following the vote on the compound motion, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 129, 130, 149, 150, 151, 152, and 154; that the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nominations; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRADE PREFERENCES EXTENSION ACT OF 2015

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

House message to accompany H.R. 1295, an act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve the process for making determinations with respect to whether organizations are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(4) of such Code.

Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the

Senate to the bill, with McConnell/Hatch amendment No. 2065 (to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill), in the nature of a substitute.

McConnell amendment No. 2066 (to amend amendment No. 2065), to change the enactment date.

McConnell motion to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, McConnell amendment No. 2067, to change the enactment date.

McConnell amendment No. 2068 (to (the instructions) amendment No. 2067), of a perfecting nature.

McConnell amendment No. 2069 (to amendment No. 2068), of a perfecting nature.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all postcloture time is expired.

Under the previous order, all motions and amendments with the exception of the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1295, with an amendment, are withdrawn.

#### VOTE ON MOTION TO CONCUR

Under the previous order, the question occurs on the motion to concur, with the amendment.

Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

#### TRADE FACILITATION AND TRADE ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2015

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

House message to accompany H.R. 644, an act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

Pending:

McConnell motion to insist upon the Senate amendment, request a conference with the House of Representatives, and authorize the Presiding Officer to appoint conferees.

#### VOTE ON COMPOUND MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question occurs on the compound motion to go to conference on H.R. 644.

Is there further debate?

Hearing none, the question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### NOMINATION OF CHARLES C. ADAMS, JR., TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

#### NOMINATION OF MARY CATHERINE PHEE TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

#### NOMINATION OF NANCY BIKOFF PETTIT TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

#### NOMINATION OF GREGORY T. DELAWIE TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO

#### NOMINATION OF IAN C. KELLY TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO GEORGIA

#### NOMINATION OF JULIETA VALLS NOYES TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

#### NOMINATION OF ANNE ELIZABETH WALL TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

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

The legislative clerk read the nominations of Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland; Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, 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 South Sudan; Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia; Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, 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 Kosovo; Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, 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 Georgia; Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, 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 Croatia; and Anne Elizabeth Wall, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

#### VOTE ON ADAMS NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Charles C. Adams, Jr., of Maryland, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland?

The nomination was confirmed.

#### VOTE ON PHEE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, 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 South Sudan?

The nomination was confirmed.

#### VOTE ON PETTIT NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Nancy Bikoff Pettit, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia?

The nomination was confirmed.

#### VOTE ON DELAWIE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Gregory T. Delawie, of Virginia, 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 Kosovo?

The nomination was confirmed.

#### VOTE ON KELLY NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Ian C. Kelly, of Illinois, 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 Georgia?

The nomination was confirmed.

#### VOTE ON NOYES NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Julieta Valls Noyes, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service,