

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF KENT A. JORDAN TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 924.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. FRIST. I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The 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 nomination of Kent A. Jordan, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Bill Frist, Robert Bennett, Arlen Specter, Tom Coburn, Kit Bond, George Allen, Lindsey Graham, Trent Lott, Mel Martinez, Gordon Smith, Sam Brownback, Rick Santorum, Richard Burr, Hillary Clinton, Johnny Isakson, Jim DeMint.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this circuit court nomination was reported unanimously out of the Judiciary Committee. I do not believe there is any controversy with this nomination. I hope we could vitiate this cloture motion and proceed to an up-or-down vote during tomorrow's session. In the meantime, I have filed cloture to ensure a vote this week on this circuit court nominee.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. FRIST. I now ask that we resume legislative session.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 7. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the

time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume executive session for the consideration of the nomination of Andrew von Eschenbach; I further ask consent that there be 60 minutes equally divided for debate prior to the cloture vote, with the time equally divided as follows: Chairman ENZI or his designee, 30 minutes; Senator GRASSLEY, 30 minutes; Senator VITTER, 10 minutes.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the Senate overwhelmingly confirmed Robert Gates as Secretary of Defense today. I thank Chairman WARNER, once again, and Senator LEVIN for their tremendous work in expediting this nomination through the committee.

Tomorrow, the Senate will have a cloture vote on the nomination of the FDA Commissioner. I previously pointed out how important it is that we have a confirmed Commissioner there and thus I did file cloture to ensure that we did have before the end of this year. Senators can expect that vote somewhere around 10:30 to 10:45 tomorrow morning. If cloture is invoked, which I expect it to be, it is my hope that we will be able to get an agreement on scheduling a vote on confirmation at a reasonable hour.

We have several outstanding legislative and executive items to complete before we close out this Congress, so Senators should be prepared to be here until we get our work done.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator DEWINE.

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

The Senator from Ohio is recognized.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

SERGEANT JEREMY E. MURRAY

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the Marine SGT Jeremy E. Murray, from Atwater, OH. On November 16, 2005, Sergeant Murray was killed when a roadside bomb hit his military vehicle in Iraq. He is survived by his wife Megan and his young son, Ian. Twenty-eight-year-old Sergeant Murray was also the devoted son of Harold and Pam Murray, and the brother of Lisa Murray.

Jeremy lived a life that was a model of commitment and bravery. At the time of his death, Jeremy was serving his third tour of duty in Iraq. But before leaving, this is what he told his father Harold:

If I don't come home, Dad, you know I died proudly. I died for what I wanted to do. This is my lifetime dream.

Serving his Nation in the military was, indeed, the childhood dream of SGT Jeremy Murray—something that had been ingrained in him at a young age through a love of the outdoors. Born on February 5, 1978, Jeremy was only 2 years old when his father started taking him into the woods. From there, he never once looked back.

Jeremy's strong appreciation for and love of the outdoors translated into a childhood obsession with all things Daniel Boone—who Jeremy believed was the greatest hunter of all time. Indeed, Jeremy wanted to be Daniel Boone.

His parents made him a Daniel Boone hunting outfit, complete with a raccoon skin cap and a rabbit pelt vest. A family friend contributed by making Jeremy a metal Bowie knife. And, his dad even made a replica flintlock for him.

Jeremy loved his Daniel Boone outfit. But, when he outgrew it, he found another uniform waiting for him—military fatigues. And according to his father, Jeremy “never was out of those. Never.”

Jeremy's mother remembers that her son grew up talking constantly about joining the military. He joined the Army after graduating from Waterloo High School in 1996. After his enlistment ended, Jeremy came home and worked for awhile. But, only a few months later, he joined the Marines. It was simply the career Jeremy was meant to have. According to his father, Jeremy “wasn't happy with anything but the military.”

Jeremy's mother agrees. “He really joined [the military] at birth,” she said. Pam also remembers how ready her son was for the military. She tells the following story:

[Jeremy] was so prepared for military service that when he entered boot camp, he broke down a rifle faster than his drill sergeant. The drill sergeant didn't like that!

Jeremy made the military his career, and he gave it his all. He was serving his third tour of duty in Iraq when he died. SGT John McLemore was a friend of Jeremy's who served with him in Iraq. This is what John had to say about Jeremy's service overseas:

He was an uncompromising legend. We live in a world today where people compromise for their own comfort and give in just to accommodate other people. My friend Jeremy didn't do that. When we were in Iraq, he was by far the most competent leader for our section. He didn't hesitate to take the lead, and he definitely went out there and put himself directly in the line of fire on every patrol. . . . He knew what he had to do, and he got out there and did it. That's what makes him a legend. He'll be remembered forever.

Indeed, Jeremy served his country with heroic bravery. His leadership has earned him more awards than I could name here, but they include the Purple Heart, a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with a Gold Star for heroic achievement.

But Jeremy was much more than a dedicated marine. He was also a devoted husband, father, son, and brother, who loved his family deeply. His 10-