

The bill 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Harry Reid, Joseph I. Lieberman, Mark Udall, Patrick J. Leahy, Daniel K. Akaka, Richard Durbin, Sherrod Brown, Patty Murray, Jeanne Shaheen, John F. Kerry, Robert Menendez, Jack Reed, Mark Begich, Tom Harkin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Ron Wyden, Kirsten E. Gillibrand.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pro forma session on Monday, August 10, not count as the intervening day and that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session.

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

JACQUES PURVIS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have had the good fortune of having people to work with me and with us, and one of my prizes over these years has been a young man by the name of Jacques Purvis who has worked on my personal staff. He is, of course, an integral part of the cloakroom. We see him here every day. He helps send to me every day on my e-mail account what is taking place each day. I read faithfully what is taking place because I am not here all the time on the Senate floor. He is bright, hardworking, and so nice. He is going to be leaving the Senate to go to the London School of Economics for an advanced degree. I have tried to talk him out of it, but not really, because he has various goals in mind. He is going to complete his studies in London, come back and go to law school. I hope after that time he will consider coming back and working in the Senate. We will all miss him. He is a wonderful young man, and I consider him a friend.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Monday, August 10, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted; that following the pro forma session, the Senate adjourn under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 172 until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8; that 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 there then be a period of morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1023, the Travel Promotion Act, with the time equally divided and controlled until 5:30 p.m. between the two leaders or their designees.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Under a previous order, at approximately 5:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Dorgan amendment to the travel promotion legislation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009, AT 1 P.M.

Mr. REID. That being the case, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I ask unanimous consent it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:16 p.m., adjourned until Monday, August 10, 2009, at 1 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BARRY B. WHITE, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NORWAY.

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

DEBORAH MATZ, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 10, 2015.

The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

JOAN M. EVANS, OF OREGON, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS).

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

JULIA AKINS CLARK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

ERNEST W. DUBESTER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JULY 29, 2012.

ALEXANDER G. GARZA, OF MISSOURI, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

KELVIN JAMES COCHRAN, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Friday, August 7, 2009:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEFFREY D. FELTMAN, OF OHIO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS).

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JO-ELLEN DARCY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

COLIN SCOTT COLE FULTON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PHILIP L. VERVEER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION POLICY IN THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC, ENERGY, AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND U.S. COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION POLICY.

MARIA OTERO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (DEMOCRACY AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS).

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CRAIG E. HOOKS, OF KANSAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CARLOS PASCUAL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MEXICO.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WILMA A. LEWIS, OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

ROBERT V. ABBEY, OF NEVADA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FRANCIS S. COLLINS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

JAMES A. LEACH, OF IOWA, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ROCCO LANDESMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

RAYMOND M. JEFFERSON, OF HAWAII, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERTHARIN COUSIN, OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

KERRI-ANN JONES, OF MAINE, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS.

DAVID KILLION, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

GLYN T. DAVIES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE VIENNA OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

GLYN T. DAVIES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

PEACE CORPS

AARON S. WILLIAMS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL ANTHONY BATTLE, SR., OF GEORGIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE AFRICAN UNION, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

MARTHA LARZELERE CAMPBELL, OF MICHIGAN, 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 THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

JOHN R. BASS, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR,