

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF DANA J. HYDE TO BE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

NOMINATION OF SUSAN McCUE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

NOMINATION OF MARK GREEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

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 assistant legislative clerk read the nominations of Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; Susan McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation; and Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form, prior to a vote on the Hyde nomination.

Mr. REED. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back on the nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOTE ON HYDE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Dana J. Hyde, of Maryland, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON MCCUE NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Susan McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON GREEN NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Mark Green, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation?

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF GREGG JEFFREY COSTA TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIFTH DISTRICT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the Costa nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be 2 minutes of debate, equally divided in the usual form.

The Senator from Rhode Island.

Mr. REED. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that all time for debate be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time is yielded back.

Mr. REED. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Gregory Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 158 Ex.]

YEAS—97

Table listing Senators who voted 'YEAS' for the Costa nomination, including Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Barrasso, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Blunt, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Burr, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Chambliss, Coburn, Cochran, Collins, Coons, Corker, Cornyn, Crapo, Cruz, Donnelly, Durbin, Enzi, Feinstein, Fischer, Flake, Franken, Gillibrand, Graham, Grassley, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Heller, Hirono, Hoeven, Inhofe, Isakson, Johanns, Johnson (SD), Johnson (WI), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Lee, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCain, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, Moran, Murkowski, and Murphy.

NOT VOTING—3

Table listing Senators who did not vote: Boozman, Coats, and McConnell.

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to re-

consider is considered made and laid upon the table. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

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

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 Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Harry Reid, Tim Johnson, Thomas R. Carper, Richard J. Durbin, Tom Udall, Angus S. King, Jr., Mark Begich, Elizabeth Warren, Martin Heinrich, Patty Murray, Tom Harkin, Robert Menendez, Patrick J. Leahy, Benjamin L. Cardin, Charles E. Schumer, Heidi Heitkamp, Mark R. Warner.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will be 2 minutes of debate equally divided.

Mrs. MURRAY. We yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time has been yielded back.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Stanley Fischer, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rules.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. COATS), and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. McCONNELL).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 62, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 159 Ex.]

YEAS—62

Table listing Senators who voted 'YEAS' for the Fischer nomination, including Alexander, Ayotte, Baldwin, Begich, Bennet, Blumenthal, Booker, Boxer, Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, Carper, Casey, Collins, Coons, Corker, Donnelly, Durbin, Feinstein, Franken, Gillibrand, Hagan, Harkin, Hatch, Heinrich, Heitkamp, Hirono, Johnson (SD), Kaine, King, Kirk, Klobuchar, Landrieu, Leahy, Levin, Manchin, Markey, McCaskill, Menendez, Merkley, Mikulski, and Murkowski.

NAYS—35

Barrasso	Graham	Portman
Blunt	Grassley	Risch
Burr	Heller	Roberts
Chambliss	Hoeben	Rubio
Coburn	Inhofe	Scott
Cochran	Isakson	Sessions
Cornyn	Johanns	Shelby
Crapo	Johnson (WI)	Thune
Cruz	Lee	Toomey
Enzi	McCain	Vitter
Fischer	Moran	Wicker
Flake	Paul	

NOT VOTING—3

Boozman	Coats	McCConnell
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote the yeas are 62, the nays are 35. The motion is agreed to.

Pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 15 of the 113th Congress, there will be up to 8 hours postcloture consideration of the nomination equally divided in the usual form.

The Senator from Florida.

D-DAY

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I wish to call to the attention of the Senate the fact that there is a three-dimensional film I had the pleasure of seeing at the Air and Space Museum theater about one of the largest and obviously most successful military invasions in the history of the planet, and that was 70 years ago on June 6, 1944, what is known as D-day. The film is narrated by Tom Brokaw. He is a natural because he is well known for having written the book "The Greatest Generation" about the people who fought in World War II.

The timeliness of this documentary film is fitting in that as we go from one generation to the next, the stories told by grandfathers and great-grandfathers to their children are not necessarily being told to the next and younger generation. This film captivates in 3-D the plans, the operation, the logistics, and the enormity of the task of taking back continental Europe from Hitler's armies and how we drove that by going onto the beaches at Normandy with our partners, the Canadians, the Brits, the French, and how it was done painfully, with a lot of loss of life, particularly on Omaha Beach—there was a lot less resistance on Utah Beach—and how the participants with us from those other nations met similar and withering fire, as they stormed on the beaches as well the night before the paratroopers dropped.

I remember when I was a young Congressman sitting at the knee of Congressman Sam Gibbons of Tampa, FL, and he would tell us about the little clickers called crickets as the paratroopers dropped in, many of them because of a mistaken landing where they landed and drowned in areas that had been flooded by the Germans.

But those who survived and then tried to regroup in the dark of night, you would determine when you ran into somebody in the dark if they were friend or foe by this little clicker. We call them crickets. You click it and it sounds like a cricket. If they clicked two times and the response was back,

they knew they were friends; otherwise, they had to protect their life.

Those are the stories that are not made up. They are real. These are the stories of the British pilots in gliders. How in the world, in the dark of night, could they bring those gliders in, landing them safely, getting out with those troops to go and secure the Pegasus Bridge which was a critical crossing point that had to be taken from the Germans?

Story after story, how next to Omaha Beach where the fires were, bloody, how to the south of it was this cliff rising straight out with these enormous German guns on top of it, and how the U.S. Army Rangers scaled those rock cliffs straight up and then took on and silenced the German guns.

These are the stories we do not want to lose from one generation to another. So this film in 3-D, narrated by Tom Brokaw, I want to commend to the Senate family. It will be shown around the country now that it has opened on the west coast and here. It is a wonderful educational lesson of American history, of how we turned back an invader that was trying to change the world. Therefore, we were able to keep America free, as well as our allies. I commend it to the Senate.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. NELSON. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

MORENO CONFIRMATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President, I come to the floor to congratulate Justice Carlos Moreno on his confirmation as U.S. Ambassador to Belize.

Justice Moreno has served on the Federal district court in Los Angeles and the California Supreme Court with distinction. I am confident he will continue to proudly serve his country as our Nation's representative to Belize.

I have strongly supported Justice Moreno's nomination because I know him very well. He has a powerful intellect. He has a good heart, and he has sound judgment.

The son of Mexican immigrants, Justice Moreno grew up in East Los Angeles. He was the first in his family to graduate from college, attending Yale on a scholarship and graduating in 1979. He earned his law degree from Stanford Law School in 1975.

He then worked at the city attorney's office, in private practice, and as a judge at two levels of our State's judicial system.

In 1997, I recommended him to President Clinton for appointment to the district court in Los Angeles.

I knew then that he was a "ten," and I was very proud to introduce him to my colleagues on the Judiciary Committee and to support his nomination on the floor of the Senate at that time.

In fact, I was not the only member to speak on Justice Moreno's behalf on the floor. Senator HATCH did so. Senator LEAHY did so. And he was confirmed 96-0.

The reason is, to quote a letter from then-Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block, that Justice Moreno "is an extremely hard working individual of impeccable character and integrity."

In 2001, Justice Moreno was appointed by Governor Gray Davis to serve on the Supreme Court of California.

I was sorry to see him leave the Federal district court, but I knew Governor Davis had chosen an outstanding individual to serve on our State's highest court.

Anyone who has followed California law since then knows that Justice Moreno served with great distinction, writing with a clarity and passion that served as an inspiration to our State.

In 2008, I invited him to serve on my bipartisan Judicial Advisory Committee in Los Angeles. I use these committees to advise me on whom to recommend to the President for seats on the U.S. district courts.

Over the last 6 years, I have come to rely on Justice Moreno's fine judgment and sound advice in making these important appointments.

Unfortunately, his nomination to be an ambassador meant that that Justice Moreno had to leave my Judicial Advisory Committee behind.

I will miss his advice on judicial appointments a great deal. But I believe very strongly that Justice Moreno's record shows he has the intellect, judgment, compassion, and temperament to serve our Nation very well as an ambassador.

I am very pleased my colleagues agreed to confirm Moreno's nomination. He is certain to make us very proud.

MARSHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. COLLINS. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the impressive performance of students from Marshwood High School in South Berwick, ME, at the 27th annual "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" National Finals. These students, who are members of Marshwood's Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics class, earned first place for the Northeast Region during this competition that tested their knowledge of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. I am so proud of them as I know how