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The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of James D. Peterson, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin?

Mr. GRAHAM. I ask for the yeas and nays.

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

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PYOR) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN).

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

The result was announced—yeas 70, nays 24, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 138 Ex.]

YEAS—70

Alexander
Ayrota
Balduf
Bennet
Blumenthal
Blunt
Boozman
Begich
Bennett
Bennett
Brown
Burr
Cochran
Crapo
Cochran
Collins
Coats
Flake
Franken

SARASO
Barraso
Chambliss
Coats
Collins
Corker
Durbin
Feinstein
Flake
Franken

BARRASO
Cochran
Crapo
Cruz
Enzi
Fischer
Heller
Hoven

NOT VOTING—6

Begich
Boozman

Boozman

Rosenstengel has the experience, integrity and judgment to be an outstanding member of the Federal bench. She has been nominated to fill the judgeship in the East St. Louis courthouse that was left vacant by the retirement of Judge Patrick Murphy last December. This vacancy has been designated as a judicial emergency, and I am glad that the Senate is moving forward to fill it.

Ms. Rosenstengel knows the East St. Louis Federal courthouse well. She clerked for Clerk of Court John Murphy for the Southern District, a position she has held for the last 5 years. In this capacity, she serves as the chief administrative officer for the court and handles the day-to-day management of its functions. She has received widespread praise for her skillful handling of the court's operations and policies.

Previously, Ms. Rosenstengel worked in private practice at the law firm Sandberg, Phoenix and von Gontard, and served for 11 years as a judicial law clerk to Judge Murphy, the judge she has been nominated to replace. As Judge Murphy's career law clerk, Ms. Rosenstengel assisted him in hundreds of civil and criminal proceedings. It is hard to imagine better training for a judgeship than the work Ms. Rosenstengel performed for over a decade at Judge Murphy's side.

Ms. Rosenstengel was born in Alton and currently lives in Belleville. She received her B.A. from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and her J.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Law.

Ms. Rosenstengel's nomination is historic. No woman has ever before served as an Article III Federal judge in the Southern District of Illinois. Upon confirmation, Nancy Rosenstengel will be the first. And she will do an outstanding job serving the people of the Southern District. She was recommended to me by a bipartisan screening committee that I established to review judicial candidates for the Southern District. I was proud to recommend her name to the President, and I appreciate the support of my colleague Senator Kink for her nomination.

Ms. Rosenstengel had her hearing before the Judiciary Committee in January. In February, she was reported out of committee by a unanimous voice vote. In short, she is an outstanding nominee and I urge my colleagues to support her confirmation.

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent to yield back that time.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, on the next nomination, I ask unanimous consent to yield back that time, and this will be the last vote.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, the remaining votes, if any, will be by voice. On Monday we will have at least three votes starting at 5:30 p.m.

CLOUTURE 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 report.

The bill clerk reads as follows:

CLOUTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do move to bring to a close a debate on the nomination of Robin S. Rosenbaum, of Florida, to be