

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 39) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 4 p.m., Friday, January 20; further, that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Senators should gather in the Chamber at 10 a.m. on Friday for the inauguration. Rollcall votes are possible on Friday afternoon on Cabinet nominations.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of the Democratic leader.

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

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

DEVOS NOMINATION HEARING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I have just been told that the hearing for Ms. DeVos, nominee for Secretary of Education, which began at 5 p.m., much to our chagrin, is now going to be—the chairman of the committee, Senator ALEXANDER, my dear friend, has stated that there will be only one round of questions, 5 minutes each.

I tell my friend the majority leader, who just left, and my colleagues that this is not the way for comity: a hearing on a nominee with only one round of questioning, 5 minutes each, for a controversial nominee who has \$5 billion of investments, who has not filed her papers yet. We feel very strongly that there ought to be another hearing, and this will affect how the rest of the nominees will go forward because we need time on them.

I have never heard of anything like this—a major nominee with major controversy, not having filed her papers, and then the hearing only beginning at 5 p.m. today because my friend Senator ALEXANDER wouldn't switch the hearing to a different day, even though there is no rush. Now Senator ALEXANDER has just decreed as the hearing convened that there will be only one round of questioning, 5 minutes each.

I understand why my Republican colleagues are rushing through these nominees—and this one in particular. They are afraid of what the public will hear. They are afraid of what these nominees represent. President-Elect Trump has said he is going to drain the swamp. What does he have? A rigged Cabinet of billionaires and not the blue-collar people he has appealed to. How do we know they will represent the interests of the country, of the President-elect himself—at least what he said in his campaign? How do we know they are free of conflicts of interest? There is no way to know.

Tonight's hearing is an indication that the swamp is not close to getting

cleaned up; in fact, it is getting worse. I have not heard of any hearing like this.

I would respectfully urge my colleague, the chairman of the HELP Committee, which covers education, to have another hearing because this hearing is not close to being adequate; it is a mockery of the process.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017, AT 4 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 4 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:05 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 20, 2017, at 4 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

GAYLE A. NACHTIGAL, OF OREGON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2018. (REAPPOINTMENT)

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

CHRISTOPHER JAMES BRUMMER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 19, 2021. VICE MARK P. WETJEN, TERM EXPIRED.

BRIAN D. QUINTENZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 13, 2020. VICE SCOTT O'MALLIA, RESIGNED.

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

JASON E. KEARNS, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2024. VICE DEAN A. PINKERT, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

TODD PHILIP HASKELL, OF FLORIDA, 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 THE CONGO.

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

CHARLES R. BREYER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2021. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DANNY C. REEVES, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2019. VICE RICARDO H. HINOJOSA, TERM EXPIRED.