

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) are necessarily absent.

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 271 Ex.]

YEAS—50

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| Alexander | Fischer | Perdue |
| Barrasso | Flake | Portman |
| Blunt | Gardner | Risch |
| Boozman | Graham | Roberts |
| Burr | Grassley | Rounds |
| Capito | Hatch | Rubio |
| Cassidy | Heller | Sasse |
| Cochran | Inhofe | Scott |
| Collins | Isakson | Shelby |
| Corker | Johnson | Strange |
| Cornyn | Kennedy | Sullivan |
| Cotton | Lankford | Thune |
| Crapo | Lee | Tillis |
| Cruz | Manchin | Toomey |
| Daines | McConnell | Wicker |
| Enzi | Moran | Young |
| Ernst | Murkowski | |

NAYS—47

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| Baldwin | Harris | Paul |
| Bennet | Hassan | Peters |
| Blumenthal | Heinrich | Reed |
| Brown | Heitkamp | Sanders |
| Cantwell | Hirono | Schatz |
| Cardin | Kaine | Schumer |
| Carper | King | Shaheen |
| Casey | Klobuchar | Stabenow |
| Coons | Leahy | Tester |
| Cortez Masto | Markey | Udall |
| Donnelly | McCain | Van Hollen |
| Duckworth | McCaskill | Warner |
| Durbin | Merkley | Warren |
| Feinstein | Murphy | Whitehouse |
| Franken | Murray | Wyden |
| Gillibrand | Nelson | |

NOT VOTING—3

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| Booker | Hoeven | Menendez |
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 47.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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.

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I was unavailable for rollcall vote No.

270, on the nomination of Derek Kan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. Had I been present, I would have voted nay.

Mr. President, I was unavailable for rollcall vote No. 271, on the motion to invoke cloture on Steven Gill Bradbury, of Virginia, to be general counsel of the Department of Transportation. Had I been present, I would have voted nay.●

(At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the votes on confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 159 and the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 254.

On vote No. 270, had I been present, I would have voted nay on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 159.

On vote No. 271, had I been present, I would have voted nay on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 254.●

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL MANNING

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to a great Rhode Islander, LTC Michael Manning of the Rhode Island National Guard. My office, along with the rest of the Rhode Island congressional delegation, has worked closely with Lieutenant Colonel Manning for several years in his capacity as the Rhode Island National Guard legislative liaison. Throughout this time, he has been of great assistance to my office and has served in this position with great honor, dedication, and effectiveness.

This Saturday, November 18, the Rhode Island National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion change of command ceremony will take place at Camp Fogarty in East Greenwich, RI. The incoming commander will be Lieutenant Colonel Manning. This ceremony represents the formal transfer of authority and responsibility of the Recruiting and Retention Battalion. The event will include a passing of the unit colors from one officer to another, symbolizing continued leadership, trust, and allegiance to the soldiers in the unit.

Lieutenant Colonel Manning is a distinguished military graduate of Providence College's ROTC class of 1997. His first assignment was with 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, forward deployed to the Republic of Germany. In June 1999, he deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian II. While in Kosovo, Lieutenant Colonel Manning was reassigned to E Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry as a brigade reconnaissance troop leader for Task Force Falcon.

In February 2002, after joining the Rhode Island Army National Guard, he was appointed commander of the 173rd

Infantry Detachment Long Range Surveillance. The 173rd LRS was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III from July 2004 through November 2005. Lieutenant Colonel Manning deployed with Special Operations Detachment Global in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Caribbean and Central America in 2008 through 2009, assigned to Special Operations Command South. While there, he served as the deputy chief for the Regional Engagement Branch, responsible for the Caribbean and Central America.

In 2010, he graduated with distinction from the College of Naval Command and Staff at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI, with a master of arts in national security and strategic studies. In 2013, Lieutenant Colonel Manning mobilized and deployed once again with the Special Operations Detachment Global, where he served in the capacity of senior special operations to the Afghan Ministry of Defense.

Lieutenant Colonel Manning has also served as an assistant professor of military science at Providence College, State Partnership Program coordinator, legislative liaison, operations officer for Special Operations Detachment Global, and is currently the secretary of the general staff. He is a special operations support qualified officer, senior instructor of design at the Joint Special Operations University, and recipient of numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star with oakleaf cluster, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the coveted Ranger Tab.

I thank and congratulate Lieutenant Colonel Manning for his many sacrifices and achievements. In addition, I thank and congratulate his wife, Meg, his sons Michael and Jack, and his daughter Shannon for their many sacrifices and their support of the colonel. Rhode Island is fortunate to have such a committed, energetic, and selfless citizen and family. Godspeed, my friends.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2201. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain micro-offerings from the registration requirements of such Act, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2201. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain micro-offerings from the registration requirements of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.