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PN2416 ARMY nominations (16) beginning KRISTIN E. AGRESTA, and ending SCOTT WILLENS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2417 ARMY nominations (26) beginning MICHAEL V. BEAN, and ending D011029, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2418 ARMY nomination of Samuel N. Blacker, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2419 ARMY nominations (3) beginning RYAN M. DERRICK, and ending ROBERT W. LOYD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2420 ARMY nomination of Joseph L. Handke, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2421 ARMY nomination of Mallory A. Valverde, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2422 ARMY nomination of Mason W. Heimer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2423 ARMY nomination of Roger M. Lewis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2424 ARMY nomination of Brandy L. Gardner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2425 ARMY nominations (10) beginning MATTHEW M. BACON, and ending WILLIAM H. WAGNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2426 ARMY nomination of Keisha R. Douglass, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

PN2427 ARMY nomination of Julie A. Balten, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN2429 MARINE CORPS nomination of Juliet H. Calvin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

#### IN THE NAVY

PN2366 NAVY nomination of Katherine L. Meadows, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2018.

PN2367 NAVY nominations (44) beginning CHRISTOPHER S. ANDERSON, and ending JOSHUA M. VUKELICH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 31, 2018.

PN2428 NAVY nomination of Alice S. Y. Shen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of August 16, 2018.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to 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.

### REMEMBERING JESSE SCHOTT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to a young man who recently lost his courageous battle with cancer. Jesse Schott, a 17-year-old student at North Bullitt High School near Shepherdsville, KY, became a local hero and will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Although first diagnosed with brain cancer at the age of 3, Jesse spent his life chasing his dreams. In fact, it was often during the darkest moments of his fight that Jesse accomplished his most impressive feats. As a first sergeant in his Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, JROTC, Jesse commanded the color guard under the bright lights at the football stadium. Last December, after learning his cancer had spread, Jesse surprised many when he competed in a drill meet. When he was too ill to complete his Eagle Scout project to build a receptacle for old or damaged flags to be properly retired, his fellow scouts helped finish the task.

Whatever the hardship that confronted him, Jesse didn't complain. Reassured by his faith and his loving family, he persevered and kept fighting. Jesse encouraged those around him with bravery beyond his years. A fellow member of the JROTC said, "He was going through the battle of his life and he never gave up so why should I give up on anything?"

His life may have been cut short, but Jesse clearly left a lasting impact on those he met. His community honored his life and his example. The Zoneton Fire Department named him an honorary firefighter. Jesse was named the honorary mayor of Hillview. The Kentucky National Guard made him an honorary member earlier this year. Jesse's life will continue to inspire those who knew him and those who will hear his story for many years to come.

I urge my Senate colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to Jesse's family. I hope that their happy memories of Jesse will ease their grief during this difficult time.

### NOMINATION OF ELAD ROISMAN

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, today I wish to oppose the nomination of Elad Roisman to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, SEC.

Members of the SEC are charged with the critical tasks of protecting investors and their hard-earned savings and ensuring that capital markets are fair and transparent.

In the aftermath of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, these responsibilities are more important now than ever before.

That is why the Senate must confirm SEC Commissioners who have learned the lessons of the financial crisis and will prioritize investor protections and maintaining a fair marketplace for all.

Unfortunately, I am not confident that Mr. Roisman fits the bill.

As the majority chief counsel for the Senate Banking Committee, Mr. Roisman was instrumental in developing legislation that rolled back essential rules put in place after the financial crisis to protect consumers and help prevent another crisis from occurring.

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, passing that legislation into law has increased the probability that a large bank will fail or that another financial crisis will occur.

During the last financial crisis, more than 2 million Californians were unemployed, and nearly 200,000 Californians filed for bankruptcy.

We simply cannot return to that time, and Mr. Roisman's work on the Dodd-Frank rollback bill should raise concerns about his commitment to protecting consumers and promoting fair markets.

In addition, the manner in which Mr. Roisman's nomination has proceeded breaks with a longstanding Senate tradition to confirm SEC nominees in bipartisan pairs.

The President has yet to nominate a replacement for a Democratic Commissioner whose term expired in June 2017 and is slated to step down later this year.

I believe the Senate should follow its tradition of waiting until the President nominates a Democratic Commissioner before advancing Mr. Roisman, a conservative pick, in the Senate.

Proceeding in a bipartisan fashion is critical for ensuring that no President can stack independent agencies like the SEC with a large partisan majority.

For these reasons, I must regretfully vote no on Mr. Roisman's confirmation.

### TRIBUTE TO JOHN MCCAIN

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I wish to honor the life and legacy of my friend and colleague, Senator John McCain. Over these past months, his presence has been dearly missed, and I must admit it is still hard to imagine that John isn't coming back.

I want to associate myself with the remarks of my colleagues who have so eloquently discussed John's lasting legacy as a great statesman and as a true American hero. I join with them and so many Americans across the country in mourning his passing.

As many people know, John had a special relationship with New Hampshire, a relationship forged during his Presidential campaigns. We often considered John one of our own, a true Granite Stater. He just seemed to click with the Granite State; in fact, he

would call New Hampshire his “second favorite state.”

Throughout his many visits to New Hampshire, Granite Staters appreciated his candor and sincerity. The Straight Talk Express wasn't just a slogan—the John McCain you saw was the John McCain you got.

Most memorable, during a campaign stop in Wolfeboro in 2008, a mother stood up and asked John to wear a bracelet with her son's name it. Her son, Matthew Stanley, was only 22 years old when he died serving in Iraq. She wanted to make sure that her son's sacrifice wasn't forgotten, that he didn't die in vain. John said he would be honored to wear the bracelet. From then on, it was on his wrist everywhere he went. In his final days, John continued to wear the bracelet of Matthew Stanley on his wrist. Until the very end, John was true to his word and true to his convictions.

As my chairman on the Armed Services Committee, it was always a great honor to work with John on the annual defense authorization bill. The issues we addressed were so important to him. His devotion to service and the Armed Forces not only ran deep in his character, but in his family legacy. Delivering a good and timely defense bill was John's No. 1 priority.

One issue I had the great honor of working with John on every year was providing additional visas to Afghan interpreters and support staff who help our troops and diplomats on the ground. For their service, these men and women are often targeted by the Taliban and other terrorist groups. John recognized that we have a profound obligation to provide a safe haven to these Afghan allies who risk everything. John led this fight because it is just the right thing to do. He understood that the solemn commitment to leave no man behind extends to all who fight, and just like John, America would be true to its word.

I also had the pleasure of traveling internationally with John to represent the United States and observe U.S. missions. As many of my colleagues can attest, rarely was a minute wasted on a McCain delegation. One of his great passions was human rights and supporting those on the side of freedom and democracy around the world. Whether that be students seeking academic freedom in Belarus or newly elected leaders in Tunisia, he always made time to encourage and support their efforts.

John cared greatly for the U.S. Senate and was deeply worried about the current state of our politics. I believe that the floor speech that Senator McCain delivered soon after learning of his cancer diagnosis will echo for decades to come. We can fight like hell for what we believe in, but we must always recognize that we are fundamentally Americans who have more in common than we have differences. Compromise in a legislative body is essential, not a dirty word. Political expediency must

take a backseat to what is best for the country. We should all take this message to heart every day as we seek to address the many challenges our country faces.

My thoughts and prayers continue to be with the McCain family. I wish for them strength and perseverance during this very difficult time.

There will never be another John McCain, and the Senate will not be the same without him.

#### CONFIRMATION OF LYNN A. JOHNSON

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, today I wish to express my opposition to the confirmation of Lynn Johnson to become Assistant Secretary for Family Support at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Time and again, this administration has shown a complete lack of good judgement on immigration policy. Most recently, the Trump administration implemented their family separation policy, which caused the cruel separation of thousands of children from their parents, a number of whom have still not been reunited.

The sheer inhumanity of a policy that involves forcibly separating children from their families has traumatized these children. Experts have said that this trauma will compound the trauma many of these children have already experienced fleeing their violent home countries, exacerbate learning difficulties, increase depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, and may make some children more prone to substance use disorders.

These traumatized children have then gone into the care of facilities overseen by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, which Ms. Johnson will oversee. There have been a number of concerning reports about facilities caring for these separated children, including medical neglect, physical and sexual abuse, overzealous restrictions on phone contact with their parents, and inappropriate use of psychotropic drugs without parental consent.

While I understand that Ms. Johnson was not in charge of the agency when this policy was implemented, I could not in good conscience vote to confirm a nominee who will be charged with carrying out this administration's misguided policies.

Thank you.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2147. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire additional Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists to provide treatment court services to justice-involved veterans, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

H. Res. 1047. Resolution relative to the death of the Honorable John Sidney McCain, III, a Senator from the State of Arizona.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6341. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Aspartic acid, N-(1,2-dicarboxyethyl)-, tetrasodium salt; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9981-27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6342. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Zinc oxide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance” (FRL No. 9978-36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6343. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Lignosulfonic Acid, Calcium, comp. with 1,6 hexanediamine polymer with Guanidine Hydrochloride (1:1); Tolerance Exemption” (FRL No. 9979-94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6344. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Seed Cotton Changes to Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC), Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs” (RIN0560-AI40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 27, 2018; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6345. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report for fiscal year 2017; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6346. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was originally declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6347. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-6348. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances” (FRL No. 9982-77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2018; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.