

turn to eight more qualified district court nominees.

Of course, the Nation turned its attention yesterday to the start of Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation hearings to serve as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Those who tuned in heard about a well-respected judge and well-respected professor with flawless judicial temperament and integrity, someone who makes those around him better. They heard these accounts from a former U.S. Secretary of State, a sitting U.S. Senator, and a prominent liberal litigator with extensive experience before the Supreme Court. From Judge Kavanaugh himself, they heard about his guiding principles—among them, "Interpret the Constitution as written, informed by history and tradition and precedent."

In sum, the American people saw the impressive, talented, measured jurist they have heard so much about. Unfortunately, the country also saw disappointing displays of attempted partisan obstruction. The rude, disrespectful, and boorish behavior we saw yesterday in the Judiciary Committee was the confirmation hearing equivalent of an "abolish ICE" protest—the confirmation hearing equivalent of an "abolish ICE" protest right here in the Senate Judiciary Committee room.

Well, I guess we shouldn't be too surprised. The antics confirmed two things that our Democratic colleagues have told us before: Their minds are already made up—they have already made up their minds about the Kavanaugh nomination—and they will try anything to stop it.

Democrats interrupted Chairman GRASSLEY literally scores of times. They treated the nominee rudely, even insulting the patriotism of this devoted public servant and highly esteemed judge. They offered one stale process complaint after another—completely ignoring the fact that more documentation has been produced for Judge Kavanaugh's nomination than for the last five Supreme Court nominations combined.

I guess our Democratic friends' coordinated plan was to throw a pot of spaghetti at the wall and see if anything stuck. Nothing stuck. Nothing stuck except the complete contrast between a gracious, thoughtful, patient nominee and the hyperventilating by Senate Democrats who are obviously not interested in giving Judge Kavanaugh the fair consideration he deserves.

Half a million pages of documents, 12 years of opinions, the testimony of peers and colleagues from across the political spectrum—any Member who is actually willing to give Judge Kavanaugh fair consideration has every tool they already need to do so.

I implore my friends across the aisle, let's put the partisan theatrics behind us—it is rather embarrassing to see that in the Senate—and continue these hearings with the dignity befitting the serious task before us.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, morning business is closed.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Elad L. Roisman, of Maine, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2023.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Roisman nomination?

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

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

The result was announced—yeas 85, nays 14, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 202 Ex.]

YEAS—85

Alexander	Graham	Paul
Barrasso	Grassley	Perdue
Bennet	Hassan	Peters
Blunt	Hatch	Portman
Boozman	Heinrich	Reed
Brown	Heitkamp	Risch
Burr	Heller	Roberts
Cantwell	Hirono	Rounds
Capito	Hoeven	Rubio
Cardin	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Carper	Inhofe	Schatz
Casey	Isakson	Scott
Cassidy	Johnson	Shaheen
Collins	Jones	Shelby
Coons	Kaine	Smith
Corker	Kennedy	Stabenow
Cornyn	King	Sullivan
Cortez Masto	Klobuchar	Tester
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Leahy	Tillis
Cruz	Lee	Toomey
Daines	Manchin	Udall
Donnelly	McCaskill	Van Hollen
Duckworth	McConnell	Warner
Enzi	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Murkowski	Wyden
Fischer	Murphy	Young
Flake	Murray	
Gardner	Nelson	

NAYS—14

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Sanders
Blumenthal	Harris	Schumer
Booker	Markey	Warren
Durbin	Menendez	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Merkley	

The nomination was confirmed.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The majority leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the certificate of appointment to fill the vacancy created by the passing of John S. McCain III, of Arizona. The certificate, the Chair is advised, is in the form suggested by the Senate.

If there be no objection, the reading of the certificate will be waived, and it will be printed in full in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the certificate was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

STATE OF ARIZONA

##### CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

To the President of the Senate of the United States:

This is to certify that pursuant to the power vested in me by the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the State of Arizona, I, Douglas A. Ducey, the governor of said State, do hereby appoint Jon Llewellyn Kyl a Senator from said State to represent said State in the Senate of the United States until the vacancy therein caused by the death of John Sidney McCain III, is filled by election as provided by law.

Witness: His excellency our governor Douglas A. Ducey, and our seal hereto affixed at Phoenix, Arizona this 4th day of September in the year of our Lord 2018.

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY,  
Governor.  
MICHELE REAGAN,  
Secretary of State.

[State Seal Affixed]

#### ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

The VICE PRESIDENT. If the Senator-designate will now present himself at the desk, the Chair will administer the oath of office.

The Senator-designate, JON LLEWELLYN KYL, escorted by Mr. FLAKE, advanced to the desk of the Vice President; the oath prescribed by law was administered to him by the Vice President; and he subscribed to the oath in the Official Oath Book.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Congratulations, Senator.

(Applause. Senators rising.)

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

#### REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I have a request for the Judiciary Committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. I ask unanimous consent that it be agreed to.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, reserving the right to object, the Republican majority on the Judiciary Committee is pressing forward with a confirmation hearing on a Supreme Court nominee whose record has been largely shielded from the Senate and the American public. Over 90 percent of Judge Kavanaugh's record has not been received by the Senate and may never be. What has been delivered to the committee was prescreened by a Republican lawyer, with no guidelines as to what we were receiving and what we were not. It is just whatever entered his whim. Of that small subset of prescreened documents—less than 10 percent of Judge Kavanaugh's full record—Chairman GRASSLEY is prohibiting large segments from being shared with the public, without explanation.

Republicans are trying to jam through, with as little scrutiny as possible, a lifetime appointment to the Nation's highest Court, with the power to affect the lives of Americans for a generation. That is why it is so important for the Senate and the public to review the nominee's record—because healthcare, a woman's freedom to make medical decisions, civil rights, voting rights, and marriage equality all hang in the balance. The Republican majority is deliberately obstructing the Senate's constitutional duty to fairly and thoroughly conduct our advice and consent powers.

As a result, we will not consent to business as usual on the Senate floor today. This means the Senate will adjourn for the day after my two colleagues finish speaking.

I object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The majority leader.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam 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 ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

### BICENTENNIAL OF THE CITY OF EDMONTON

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I would like to take a moment today to congratulate the city of Edmonton, KY, for reaching an historic milestone: its bicentennial anniversary. Throughout its 200 years, this southcentral Kentucky community has developed a rich heritage, and its weekend of celebrations this September is well deserved.

Edmonton was founded in 1818 and named after Edmund Rogers, who

owned the land and laid out the town. The community became the seat of Metcalfe County at its formation in 1860. Today it is home to more than 1,500 Kentuckians, and Edmonton displays many of the best rural values and traditions of our Commonwealth.

Following the opening ceremonies of the bicentennial celebrations at city hall, there will be a parade throughout Edmonton, featuring floats carrying schoolchildren. There will be a wide range of events, celebrating the city's history and its promise for the future. From beard contests to antique car shows and from bicentennial skits to historical tours, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The celebration will also feature a local talent showcase and a performance by a hometown band, "The Kentucky Headhunters." After the show, attendees can watch a fireworks show to provide a fitting end of the bicentennial celebration.

I would like to join Mayor Howard Garrett and everyone in Edmonton in celebrating this occasion, and I would like to ask my Senate colleagues to help me commemorate this bicentennial anniversary.

### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5869. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a maritime border threat analysis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6265. An act to ensure that only travelers who are members of a trusted traveler program use Transportation Security Administration security screening lanes designated for trusted travelers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6374. An act to require the Department of Homeland Security to streamline Federal contractor fitness determinations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6400. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a threat and operational analysis of ports of entry, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6430. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to implement certain requirements for information relating to supply chain risk, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6438. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security an Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6439. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish in the Department of Homeland Security the Biometric Identification Transnational Migration Alert Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6443. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a continuous diagnostics and mitigation program at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6447. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish the position

of Chief Data Officer of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6459. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require a strategy to diversify the technology stakeholder marketplace regarding the acquisition by the Transportation Security Administration of security screening technologies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6461. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish in the Transportation Security Administration a National Deployment Office, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4318) to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6157) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House: Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Ms. GRANGER, Messrs. COLE, CALVERT, WOMACK, ADERHOLT, ROGERS of Kentucky, Mrs. ROBY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mses. DELAURO, ROYBALLARD, and MCCOLLUM.

### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5869. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a maritime border threat analysis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6265. An act to ensure that only travelers who are members of a trusted traveler program use Transportation Security Administration security screening lanes designated for trusted travelers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6374. An act to require the Department of Homeland Security to streamline Federal contractor fitness determinations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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