

could happen in other cities where lawlessness is pervasive. Thankfully, we have a President who stands up for law and order and for our law enforcers.

Where would we be without our brave police and sheriffs? I hope we never find that out.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD). The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 645.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John Peter Cronan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of John Peter Cronan, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Mitch McConnell, Richard C. Shelby, Lamar Alexander, Pat Roberts, Mike Crapo, Marsha Blackburn, David Perdue, Kevin Cramer, John Cornyn, Shelley Moore Capito, John Thune, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Cory Gardner, Roy Blunt, Martha McSally, John Barrasso, John Boozman.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

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

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.

TRIBUTE TO EUGENE F. COYLE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and pay tribute to Mr. Eugene F. Coyle, a patriot who served in the U.S. Army during the Korean war.

At the age of 23, Sergeant Eugene F. Coyle enlisted in the U.S. Army, just 3 months after the war started in Korea. As a rifleman and machinegunner assigned to the 24th Infantry Division, 21st Regiment, 2nd Battalion, F Company, Eugene was quickly put into the fight, experiencing a number of combat engagements with the enemy.

One such engagement occurred in April 1951 near the Hwachon Reservoir, South Korea, where Eugene exhibited composure under fire. As squad leader, Eugene led an advance against the enemy until his position was hit by mortar fire. Despite sustaining injuries from the shelling, he continued to provide covering fire for his unit.

During another combat engagement in early July 1951, in the vicinity of Sabanggo-ri, North Korea, an enemy mortar round threw Eugene from his fighting position. Eugene, though injured by shrapnel, would not leave the fight. He regained his footing and ran to aid a severely injured soldier, getting him to cover. Eugene was later sent to the hospital ship USS *Repose* for his own injuries.

Eugene, deserving of commendation for his courage under fire, as well as for his wounds resulting from close engagement with enemy forces, would unfortunately wait decades before the Nation properly recognized him for his service and sacrifice, even as he carried a piece of shrapnel embedded within his body for over 60 years.

On November 15, 2017, Eugene F. Coyle was awarded the Purple Heart in addition to the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean War Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge. Like many veterans of his generation have experienced, poor or lost records have made it difficult to meet stringent administrative requirements for certain military awards. This challenge does not diminish their courage, nor our gratitude, for their actions in defense of freedom.

The gallantry of Eugene F. Coyle reminds us what we owe heroes like him for the sacrifices, often unrecognized and unrequited, that they have made. I am honored to pay tribute to Eugene F. Coyle and thank him for his exemplary service to our county.

TRIBUTE TO TIMOTHY MCCARTHY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Timothy McCarthy has had an amazing career in law enforcement where he was at the right place when needed. Whether it was protecting Presidents or his hometown of Orland Park, Tim has been

where people needed him most. After 48 years, he will be retiring, and today, I lend my voice to the many who honor him.

Tim dared to try out for the University of Illinois' football team as a walk-on in 1967, even though he had not played the sport at Leo High School in Chicago. However, he was so impressive that he was given a full scholarship the next year, playing strong safety for the Fighting Illini. Injuries cut his football career short, but he found himself on another career path, the Secret Service.

With a father who served in the Chicago Police Department as a sergeant, law enforcement was a natural draw for him. He started out as an investigator in the Chicago field office for the Secret Service in 1972. Tim moved to the Presidential protection division for President Jimmy Carter.

On March 30, 1981, Tim was protecting President Ronald Reagan in Washington. A coin toss with a fellow agent put him into duty that fateful day. He remembers wearing a brandnew blue-gray suit when John Hinckley, Jr., stepped out from a crowd with a handgun and attempted to kill the President.

In 1.7 seconds, John Hinckley, Jr., fired six bullets. The first bullet hit Press Secretary James Brady. The second hit Washington, DC, police officer Tom Delahanty. The third was set to hit President Reagan, but Tim, with that extraordinary courage, stepped in front of the President and took the bullet in the chest. Another bullet ricocheted, hitting the President under the arm. Hinckley might have killed President Reagan, but that day, we were lucky to have Tim McCarthy doing his duty to protect the Gipper.

Tim spent 2 weeks in the hospital and was back on the job that June. He would never be able to do the 5 to 7-mile runs he used to do, but he continued in the Secret Service. Tim received the National Collegiate Athletic Association Award of Valor in 1982 for his heroic deed. He remained in touch with President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, for the rest of their lives. Tim also served in the Presidential protection division for President George H.W. Bush before returning to Chicago to run the Secret Service office there.

In 1994, Tim accepted the position of the Orland Park police chief in Illinois. Often, police chiefs serve 3 to 5 years, but Tim stayed on for 26 years. He led the development of new policing strategies, including bike patrol officers, cookouts with police, and community meetings with beat officers. Under his leadership, the police department launched village-wide initiatives, addressing mental illness through a crisis intervention team that focuses on responses to mental health-related incidents.

Tim was a hands-on leader, whether it was back up for a search warrant or reporting a crime scene at early hours of the morning or packing sandbags