

There is one other thing I want to stress when we talk about supporting communities right now. The President said: It is up to the Governors to step up. It is up to local communities to step up to keep people safe. No national response is necessary.

It is the Governors, the mayors, the county commissioners. They have done that. They have done that. They took all of their resources to make sure they could do everything humanly possible to make sure they could help people be safe: Get the PPE, create a way for people to get testing, do all of the other things to help people. Now, for the Senate and for the President of the United States to say that we have no responsibility to step up and have their back and support them is incredibly irresponsible.

What I find so interesting—who are we talking about locally? We want the restaurants to open. Yet you have to have a food inspector before you can open the restaurant. In Michigan, that is funded through the county—through county government.

We are concerned about first responders—police and fire and 9-1-1 call centers and all of the people who respond to keep us safe. Do you know who the largest group is that will be losing their jobs without help for local communities and States? It is the first responders and law enforcement.

In fact, I had a very prominent police leader in Michigan tell me that the only people he saw trying to defund the police were Donald Trump and MITCH MCCONNELL because they didn't and aren't—the Senate Republicans aren't willing to step up to support funding for first responders, as well as the public health department, as well as the teachers, as well as everyone else involved.

These are not normal times. These are not normal times in terms of the health risks for families. These are not normal times in terms of our economy and what is happening—not even to count the fact that racial disparities are on full display now in front of us in every part of our economy and services.

This is not a normal time. This should not be a normal Thursday afternoon in the U.S. Senate. Every single one of my Democratic colleagues feels a sense of urgency and panic about what is happening. People need help. There are incredible hardships, and they deserve that help.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed help over 2½ months ago. Senator MCCONNELL at the time said that he felt no sense of urgency. In fact, he suggested that States and cities go bankrupt. That is one way to do it: Lay off all the police officers, firefighters, food inspectors, teachers.

People in our country—and I know people in Michigan—feel an incredible sense of urgency to both manage and get beyond this healthcare pandemic, which is not going to be easy. It is going to take all of us working to-

gether. But they are anxious to do that, and they are anxious to open up the economy safely and to open up our schools safely and to know that there is some sense of normalcy that we can count on again.

That is going to take all of us working together on a bipartisan basis to get it done. It is going to take a sense of urgency, a sense of responsibility for the role that we play at this moment in time in the history of our country and people's lives. It is going to take a lot of hard work. It is going to take political will more than anything else because the other things we can do. We have to decide we want to do them.

I hope very, very soon that Senator MCCONNELL, our Senate Republican colleagues, the President and the White House decide that they want to work with us to really get things done for people all across our country.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of executive Calendar Nos. 820 through 832 and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard; that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Marine Corps under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Jason G. Woodworth

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. James H. Dickinson

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Glen D. VanHerck

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Sam C. Barrett

IN THE SPACE FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the permanent grade indicated in the United States Space Force under title 10, U.S.C., section 716:

To be major general

Maj. Gen. Nina M. Armagno

The following named officer for appointment in the permanent grade indicated in the United States Space Force under title 10, U.S.C., section 716:

To be major general

Maj. Gen. William J. Liquori, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the permanent grade indicated in the United States Space Force under title 10, U.S.C., section 716:

To be major general

Maj. Gen. Bradley C. Saltzman

The following named officer for appointment in the permanent grade indicated in the United States Space Force under title 10, U.S.C., section 716:

To be major general

Maj. Gen. Stephen N. Whiting

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Nina M. Armagno

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William J. Liquori, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Bradley C. Saltzman

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Space Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Stephen N. Whiting

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1790 AIR FORCE nominations (74) beginning VINCENT W. ABRUZZESE, and ending MONICA SARAI ZAPATER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2020.

PN1832 AIR FORCE nomination of Peter B. French, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 11, 2020.

PN2140 AIR FORCE nomination of Laura A. King, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 28, 2020.

PN2141 AIR FORCE nomination of Ismael H. Soto Rivas, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 28, 2020.

IN THE ARMY

PN1560 ARMY nomination of Benjamin J. Powell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 13, 2020.

PN1953 ARMY nomination of Alfredo Carinorivera, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 2, 2020.

PN2142 ARMY nomination of Alexander V. Harlamor, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 28, 2020.

PN2143 ARMY nomination of Keith A. McGee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 28, 2020.

PN2144 ARMY nomination of LeRoy Carr, III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 28, 2020.

PN2145 ARMY nomination of Cherryann M. Joseph, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 28, 2020.

PN2146 ARMY nomination of William H. Putnam, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 28, 2020.

PN2147 ARMY nomination of Dana M. Murphy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 28, 2020.

IN THE COAST GUARD

*PN1900 COAST GUARD nomination of Peter H. Imbriale, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 11, 2020.

*PN2020 COAST GUARD nominations (2) beginning NICHOLAS C. CUSTER, and ending NICOLE L. BLANCHARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 17, 2020.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 833 and 834.

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

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The legislative clerk read the nominations of Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2025 (Reappointment); and Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2024.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Pierce and Crenshaw nominations en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 810.

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

The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Christopher C. Miller, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Miller nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 549, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 802, 803, 804, 806, 807, and all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

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

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc, and that President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of Sung Y. Kim, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Indonesia; Natalie E. Brown, of Nebraska, 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 Uganda; Sandra E. Clark, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Burkina Faso; Joseph Manso, of New York, a Career Member

of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons; Henry T. Wooster, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; Jason Myung-ik Chung, of Virginia, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador; Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations; William Ellison Grayson, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia; William W. Popp, of Missouri, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guatemala; J. Steven Dowd, of Florida, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; Ramsey Coats Day, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; Richard M. Mills, Jr., of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations; Jenny A. McGee, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development; and the Nominations Placed on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service: PN2067 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations, (101) beginning with Shefali Agrawal, and ending with Michael B. Schooling, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of June 29, 2020; PN2068 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (214) beginning with Anna Mae G. Akers, and ending with Ismat Mohammad G. Omar Yassin, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of June 29, 2020; PN2069 FOREIGN SERVICE (43) nominations, beginning with Jonathan Paul Ackley, and ending with Amanda B. Whatley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of June 29, 2020; PN2070 FOREIGN SERVICE (11) nominations, beginning with Jeffrey Thomas Albanese,