

dedication that Wisconsin's farm families are known for.

Brett's father, Duane Ludwig, worked nearly 40 years at a factory making corrugated container boxes. His mother, Connie, worked as a receptionist, secretary, and medical records clerk. They raised him to have a strong work ethic and to appreciate the importance of education.

Judge Ludwig graduated from Colby High School in 1987. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, graduating with the highest honors. He then attended the University of Minnesota Law School on a merit-based scholarship. He excelled in his class work, "grading on" to the Minnesota Law Review. He ultimately graduated magna cum laude, was named to the Order of the Coif, and then clerked for the Honorable George G. Fagg on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Following his clerkship, Brett returned to Wisconsin to practice at Foley & Lardner in Milwaukee, the largest law firm in Wisconsin and one of the oldest law firms in the United States. In 2003, Foley & Lardner made him a partner, and he spent the next 14 years building a successful commercial litigation practice. In addition to trying more than a dozen complex, multi-million-dollar cases through judgment, he played a crucial role in firm management, chairing the Milwaukee office's recruiting and pro bono committees.

Brett's leadership and contribution to his field extended far beyond his firm. He was hired by the Marquette University Law School to serve as an adjunct professor teaching insurance law. He served a term on the State Bar Board of Governors and was active in the Eastern District of Milwaukee Bar Association. He was also active in marshaling the efforts of Milwaukee's largest law firms to commit time and lawyers to pro bono representations in the district court.

In 2017, Brett left private practice when he was selected to serve as a bankruptcy judge, where he presided over more than 12,500 bankruptcy cases, issued more than 20,000 orders, and adjudicated dozens of evidentiary hearings and trials—all while earning the respect of debtors, creditors, and their lawyers through his strong judicial temperament, empathy, and compassion.

Judge Ludwig has also shown a strong and clear commitment to the rule of law. His written decisions reflect that he is a judge who is committed to faithfully applying the Bankruptcy Code and rules as they are written. He has demonstrated that he is not and will not be an activist judge.

Judge Ludwig lives just outside Milwaukee with his wife, Melissa Bleidorn; their children, Madeleine and Ryan; and a black lab, Chloe.

I would like to thank Senator BALDWIN for her support of our bipartisan

nomination commission that has once again selected an excellent jurist.

I would like to thank the hard-working members of this commission for their time and dedication in finding and recommending Judge Brett Ludwig, who will serve our Nation and the people of Wisconsin in the Eastern District with distinction and honor.

Judge Ludwig has my full support, and I urge all my colleagues to vote yes on his confirmation.

I yield the floor.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. MCSALLY). Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The 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 Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Mitch McConnell, Joni Ernst, John Boozman, James E. Risch, Mike Rounds, Roger F. Wicker, Mike Crapo, Mitt Romney, John Barrasso, Shelley Moore Capito, Pat Roberts, Thom Tillis, Cindy Hyde-Smith, David Perdue, Lindsey Graham, Kevin Cramer, Tim Scott.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Brett H. Ludwig, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from California (Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS), and the Senator from Michigan (Mrs. STABENOW) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 83, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 158 Ex.]

#### YEAS—83

Alexander	Enzi	Paul
Baldwin	Ernst	Peters
Barrasso	Feinstein	Portman
Bennet	Fischer	Reed
Blackburn	Gardner	Risch
Blumenthal	Gillibrand	Roberts
Blunt	Grassley	Romney
Booker	Hassan	Rosen
Boozman	Hawley	Rounds
Braun	Heinrich	Rubio
Brown	Hyde-Smith	Sasse
Burr	Inhofe	Schumer
Cantwell	Johnson	Scott (FL)
Capito	Jones	Scott (SC)
Carper	Kaine	Shaheen
Casey	Kennedy	Shelby
Cassidy	King	Sinema
Collins	Lankford	Smith
Coons	Leahy	Smith
Cornyn	Lee	Sullivan
Cortez Masto	Loeffler	Tester
Cotton	Manchin	Thune
Cramer	McConnell	Toomey
Crapo	McSally	Udall
Cruz	Menendez	Warner
Daines	Merkley	Whitehouse
Duckworth	Moran	Wicker
Durbin	Murphy	Young

#### NAYS—6

Hirono	Schatz	Warren
Markey	Van Hollen	Wyden

#### NOT VOTING—11

Cardin	Klobuchar	Sanders
Graham	Murkowski	Stabenow
Harris	Murray	Tillis
Hoeben	Perdue	

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 83, the nays are 6.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII, the confirmation vote with respect to the Ludwig nomination occur at 11:15 a.m. tomorrow; further, if cloture is invoked on the Wiegand nomination, the Senate then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Jarbou nomination; further, if cloture is invoked on the Jarbou nomination, the postcloture time with respect to the Jarbou nomination expire at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader on Thursday, September 10; further, that at 2:15 p.m. tomorrow, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the Wiegand nomination, and following disposition of the Wiegand nomination, the Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the Cullen and Gujarati nominations in the order listed; finally, if any of the nominations are confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate