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| Shelby   | Thune  | Whitehouse |
| Sinema   | Tillis | Wicker     |
| Sullivan | Toomey | Young      |
| Tester   | Warner |            |

## NAYS—25

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| Baldwin      | Heinrich  | Shaheen    |
| Blumenthal   | Hirono    | Smith      |
| Booker       | Klobuchar | Stabenow   |
| Cantwell     | Markey    | Udall      |
| Cardin       | Menendez  | Van Hollen |
| Casey        | Merkley   | Warren     |
| Cortez Masto | Rosen     | Wyden      |
| Duckworth    | Sanders   |            |
| Gillibrand   | Schumer   |            |

## NOT VOTING—16

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| Alexander | Feinstein | Perdue  |
| Blunt     | Fischer   | Portman |
| Burr      | Harris    | Risch   |
| Cruz      | Loeffler  | Rounds  |
| Enzi      | Manchin   |         |
| Ernst     | Paul      |         |

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The Senator from Colorado.

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the Dietz nomination, 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. GARDNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and be in 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.

## VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I was absent for the rollcall vote No. 279, on the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 757, the nomination of Beth Harwell of Tennessee to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

## TRIBUTE TO SERGEI KHRUSCHEV

Mr. REED. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to the life and contributions of a prominent Rhode Islander, Sergei Khrushchev.

You may recognize his last name. His father, Nikita Khrushchev, came to power after the death of Joseph Stalin and led the Soviet Union during some of the darkest days of the Cold War. Sergei Khrushchev's life is necessarily intertwined with that of his father. Yet Sergei was his own man and achieved much in his own right.

Sergei Khrushchev was born in Moscow in July 1935. Naturally gifted and

with a keen mind, he received a doctorate from Moscow Technical University. He would become an accomplished rocket and computer scientist, working on guidance systems for missiles and in the Soviet space program. In 1964, his father was removed from power and relegated to obscurity. During this time, Sergei helped his father write his memoirs.

At the end of the Cold War, Sergei came to America with his wife Valentina and joined Brown University as a visiting scholar. He became a senior fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and taught there until his retirement in 2012. Sergei used his considerable talents to benefit students, colleagues, and fellow Rhode Islanders. He gave generously of his time, taught at other institutions, and gave lectures across the country.

Sergei sought to increase knowledge and understanding, particularly between Americans and Russians. In 1991, he was quoted in *The Providence Journal* stating, "I think it is important for everyone to understand that many of the mistakes made during the Cold War that led to dangerous conflicts were based on misconceptions and misunderstandings . . ."

Fully embracing their new life in America, Sergei and Valentina received their green cards in 1993 and became citizens in 1999. Sergei was proud to become a citizen. Sergei and Valentina were proud members of their Cranston community. Sergei owned a large Buick for years as it reminded him of the cars he saw when he first visited America as a young man with his father.

After his death, one of his colleagues described Sergei as ". . . very passionate about the subjects he taught" who "managed to infect the students with his genuine enthusiasm and curiosity." The colleague also said that even years after leaving Sergei's class, students ". . . recall [his] amazing combination of open-mindedness, thorough knowledge of the subjects . . . and unassuming manner of discussion and debate."

It is clear that Sergei lived an impactful life, a life that broke down walls and built bridges. I offer my heartfelt condolences to Sergei's wife Valentina, their family, and Sergei's many friends, neighbors, colleagues, and students.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

## TRIBUTE TO LARRY "SKIP" AHLGREN

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Larry "Skip" Ahlgren of Petroleum County for his dedication to his community and volunteer efforts.

Skip currently serves as president of the Montana Association of State Grazing Districts and previously served

as county commissioner. These titles are only the beginning of his service to Petroleum County. Skip and his wife Diane spend hundreds of hours volunteering in various community groups and focus putting their time into Montana's youth.

Winnett Agriculture Community Enhancement and Sustainability, ACES, is a group cofounded by Skip that brings Petroleum County producers together to address the problems facing the environment and their community. The group also works with Montana's youth to create opportunities that will bring them back to the community where they were raised. As farmers and ranchers play a key role in one of the most rural counties in Montana, Skip saw an opportunity to serve them and created this incredible organization.

Skip is described by friends and colleagues as an all-around good guy, a man who embodies Montana values, and a true friend. It is my honor to recognize Larry "Skip" Ahlgren for his service and dedication to Petroleum County.●

## TRIBUTE TO DAVID W. ARMSTRONG, JR.

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the legacy of David W. Armstrong, Jr., of Helena, MT on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Dave is a distinguished World War II veteran who played a pivotal role in the U.S. Army's plan to liberate Norway from Nazi occupation as well as numerous search and rescue missions across northern Europe.

Dave first came to Helena in February 1943 to begin training sled and pack dogs at nearby Camp Rimini. Camp Rimini was one of only two sites that produced dogs for the Army's K-9 Corps during the war. Later, Dave found himself stationed in Newfoundland, where he and his dogs participated in the recovery of downed personnel and sensitive equipment from aircraft wreckage sites in Greenland and Baffin Island.

After the war, Dave returned to Montana with his wife Alice and founded the annual Race to the Sky, which preserves the legacy of the soldiers and the dogs who served at Camp Rimini. Dave also preserved the legacy of this special program in his 2008 memoir "Camp Rimini and Beyond." Were it not for his efforts, the memory of this unique program and its special place in our State's history may have been lost to time.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I want to thank Dave for his service to our State and to our Nation.●

## TRIBUTE TO NICK BUTOROVICH

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor of recognizing Butte Police Officer Nick Butorovich for his heroism in the face of danger.

On Tuesday, September 15th, 2020, during a routine late night shift, he