

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COONS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I yield back all remaining time.

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

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Mae A. D'Agostino, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York?

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. KYL. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) would have voted "yea."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 88, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 46 Ex.]

YEAS—88

Akaka	Collins	Johnson (SD)
Alexander	Conrad	Johnson (WI)
Ayotte	Coons	Kerry
Barrasso	Corker	Klobuchar
Baucus	Cornyn	Kohl
Begich	Crapo	Kyl
Bennet	DeMint	Landrieu
Bingaman	Durbin	Lautenberg
Blumenthal	Ensign	Leahy
Boozman	Enzi	Lee
Boxer	Feinstein	Levin
Brown (MA)	Franken	Lieberman
Brown (OH)	Gillibrand	Lugar
Burr	Graham	Manchin
Cantwell	Grassley	McCain
Cardin	Hagan	McCaskill
Carper	Harkin	McConnell
Casey	Hutchison	Merkley
Chambliss	Inhofe	Mikulski
Coats	Isakson	Moran
Coburn	Johanns	Murkowski

Murray	Sanders	Toomey
Nelson (FL)	Schumer	Udall (CO)
Paul	Sessions	Udall (NM)
Portman	Shaheen	Warner
Pryor	Shelby	Webb
Reed	Snowe	Whitehouse
Reid	Stabenow	Wyden
Roberts	Tester	
Rubio	Thune	

NOT VOTING—12

Blunt	Inouye	Risch
Cochran	Kirk	Rockefeller
Hatch	Menendez	Vitter
Hoeben	Nelson (NE)	Wicker

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MANCHIN). 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.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

TRIBUTE TO LEE RHYANT

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I rise for a brief moment to pay tribute to a great career in aviation and aviation manufacturing in the State of Georgia and the United States. Tomorrow, Lee Rhyant, of Lockheed Martin in Marietta, GA, will retire at the age of 60, after giving the last 11 years of his life to that plant and overseeing the remarkable C-130J Super Hercules, the best selling transport aircraft in the history of aviation; of overseeing the completion of the first 187 F-22 Raptors, the stealth aircraft of the 21st century, the backbone of our Air Force; and then the development of the FA-35 Joint Strike Fighter, all being built in part or in whole in Marietta, GA.

Lee Rhyant has guided that process through difficult times and he stood up for the Air Force and he stood up for America and he stood up for those airlines, knowing they were the right thing for the American people to have to ensure our defense and our strength nationally.

I am sure, Mr. President, you have been to Iraq. I have been to Iraq, Af-

ghanistan. We have flown in the C-130s. I flew out of Baghdad 2 years ago on one C-130 that was built in 1969 in the Marietta, GA, plant. It is still flying today, a great airplane built by great men and women.

Lee Rhyant has been the leader of that great company at Lockheed Martin in Marietta for the last 11 years. He came there from Rolls Royce and has been a great leader in aviation throughout his 35 years in business—so great that 2 years ago, in 2009, he was selected the National Management Associate of the Year by the National Management Association, a tremendous credit that only 35 people have received in the past.

Lee is my friend; he is my neighbor; he is a great American. He has led a great company and a great community in Georgia. I rise tonight to pay tribute to his dedication, to his commitment, and, most of all, his compassion for the American people and for the defense of our country.

I wish him the best in his retirement, knowing that he has given to his country everything he could have given and earned every day of retirement he is about to receive.

I yield the floor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE 188TH FIGHTER WING

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I honor the men and women of the 188th Fighter Wing for their dedication, perseverance and commitment to excellence.

The 188th—based in Fort Smith, AR—recently received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, AFOUA, for their accomplishments over a 2-year period, beginning in October 2008 and concluding in September 2010.

During that time, the 188th logged over 2,700 combat hours while staged in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. During the award period, the 188th also deployed 141 members for Expeditionary Combat Support for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom as well as other contingency operations worldwide. The unit had an exceptional score on their Air Combat Command Unit Compliance Inspection in 2009, acing 534 of 537 inspected areas.

Perhaps the most amazing and inspiring part of this story was that just a few years ago, the 188th was slated to lose its flying mission. The 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, BRAC, recommended that the 188th be stripped of its flying mission and of their F-16 Falcons. The community rallied, and instead of losing its flying mission, the 188th earned a new one—the Flying Razorbacks emblem now emblazons A-10 Thunderbolt II Warthogs.

The unit quickly transitioned to the A-10s, beginning in 2007, before deploying approximately 300 Airmen and 6 of