

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

SMALL BUSINESS JOBS AND TAX RELIEF ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we are on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 341, S. 2237; is that true?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a cloture motion at the desk.

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

The bill 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, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 341, S. 2237, the Small Business Jobs and Tax Relief Act.

Harry Reid, Kent Conrad, Tom Harkin, Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Bingaman, Carl Levin, Al Franken, Daniel K. Inouye, Richard J. Durbin, Benjamin L. Cardin, Max Baucus, Charles E. Schumer, Jeff Merkley, Patty Murray, John D. Rockefeller IV, John F. Kerry.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived; that at 2:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 10, there be 10 minutes equally divided between the two leaders or their designees prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2237.

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 661; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate proceed to vote on that matter without intervening action or debate, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of Presidential Nomination 1680 and the Senate proceed to its consideration; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, there be no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Union of Burma.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce be discharged from further consideration of PN 1442, 1461, 1462, 1671, 1377, and 1734; that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that there be no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and 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:

COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Coast Guard under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral upper half

- Rear Admiral (lh) Daniel B. Abel
- Rear Admiral (lh) Frederick J. Kenney Jr
- Rear Admiral (lh) Marshall B. Lytle III
- Rear Admiral (lh) Fred M. Midgett
- Rear Admiral (lh) Karl L. Schultz
- Rear Admiral (lh) Cari B. Thomas
- Rear Admiral (lh) Christopher J. Tomney

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under the 10 U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral upper half

- Rear Adm. (lh) John S. Welch

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Coast Guard under title 14, U.S.C. section 211(A)(2):

To be lieutenant commander

- Jason A. Boyer
- Eric A. Cain
- William E. Donohue
- Roy Eidem
- Matthew A. Pickard

The following named officers as members of the Coast Guard permanent commissioned teaching staff for appointment in the grade

indicated in the United States Coast Guard under title 14, U.S.C., section 188:

To be commander

- Russell E. Bowman

To be lieutenant commander

- Joseph D. Brown

To be lieutenant

- Meghan K. Steirhaus

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Subject to qualifications provided by law, the following for permanent appointment to the grade indicated in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

To be ensign

- Lucas D. Johnson
- Kevin G. Doremus
- Michael N. Hirsch
- Joshua D. Witmer
- Jared R. Halonen
- Daniel P. Langis
- Andrew R. Clos
- John R. Kidd
- Aras J. Zygas
- Refael W. Klein
- David B. Keith
- Whitley J. Gilbert
- Kelsey E. Jeffers
- Kasey M. Sims
- Junie H. Cassone
- Ricardo Rodriguez Perez
- Aaron D. Colohan
- Veronica J. Brieno Rankin
- Chelsea D. Frate
- Theresa A. Madsen

Subject to qualifications provided by law, the following for permanent appointment to the grade indicated in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

- Kyle S. Salling
- Daniel D. Smith
- Anthony R. Klemm
- Richard J. Park
- David J. Rodziewicz
- Andrea L. Proie
- Joseph T. Phillips
- Kelli-Ann E. Bliss
- Larry V. Thomas, Jr.
- Leslie Z. Flowers
- Shannon K. Hefferan

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider Calendar Nos. 726, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 778, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, and 824; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that there be no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and 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 en bloc are as follows:

NOMINATIONS 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. Herbert J. Carlisle

NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES

Larry V. Hedges, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National