

NOMINATION OF JAMES ALAN SOTO TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Cloture having been invoked, the clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

NOMINATION OF LESLIE RAGON CALDWELL TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOMINATION OF HELEN MEAGHER LA LIME TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the following nominations, which the clerk will report.

The assistant bill clerk read the nominations of Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General and Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, 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 Angola.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back on both nominations.

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

VOTE ON CALDWELL NOMINATION

Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Leslie Ragon Caldwell, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General?

The nomination was confirmed.

VOTE ON LA LIME NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, 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 Angola?

The nomination was confirmed.

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

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 1:45 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:36 p.m., recessed until 1:45 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. MCCASKILL).

NOMINATION OF ROSEMARY MARQUEZ TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to the vote on the Marquez nomination.

Neither side yielding the time, the time will be equally divided.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Hawaii.

Ms. HIRONO. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

Mrs. McCASKILL. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Rosemary Marquez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

Ms. HIRONO. 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 West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

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

The result was announced—yeas 81, nays 15, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 153 Ex.]

YEAS—81

Table listing Senators in support of the nomination: Alexander, Gillibrand, Mikulski, Ayotte, Graham, Murkowski, Baldwin, Grassley, Murphy, Begich, Hagan, Murray, Bennet, Harkin, Nelson, Blumenthal, Hatch, Paul, Blunt, Heinrich, Portman, Booker, Heitkamp, Pryor, Boxer, Heller, Reed, Brown, Hirono, Reid, Cantwell, Hoeven, Sanders, Cardin, Johans, Schatz, Carper, Johnson (SD), Sessions, Casey, Johnson (WI), Shaheen, Chambliss, Kaine, Stabenow, Coats, King, Tester, Cochran, Kirk, Thune, Collins, Klobuchar, Toomey, Coons, Landrieu, Udall (CO), Corker, Leahy, Udall (NM), Cornyn, Levin, Walsh, Donnelly, Markey, Warner, Durbin, McCain, Warren, Feinstein, McCaskill, Whitehouse, Fischer, McConnell, Wicker, Flake, Menendez, Wyden, Franken, Merkley.

NAYS—15

Table listing Senators in opposition to the nomination: Barrasso, Enzi, Roberts, Burr, Inhofe, Rubio, Coburn, Lee, Scott, Crapo, Moran, Shelby, Cruz, Risch, Vitter.

NOT VOTING—4

Table listing Senators who did not vote: Boozman, Manchin, Isakson, Rockefeller.

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF DOUGLAS L. RAYES TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Rayes nomination.

Who yields time? Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, we yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question occurs on the nomination.

Mr. PORTMAN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second. There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Douglas L. Rayes, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

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

The result was announced—yeas 77, nays 19, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 154 Ex.]

YEAS—77

Table listing Senators in support of the nomination: Alexander, Fischer, McCaskill, Ayotte, Flake, McConnell, Baldwin, Franken, Menendez, Begich, Gillibrand, Merkley, Bennet, Graham, Mikulski, Blumenthal, Grassley, Murkowski, Blunt, Hagan, Murray, Booker, Harkin, Pryor, Boxer, Hatch, Nelson, Brown, Heinrich, Paul, Cantwell, Heitkamp, Cardin, Heller, Reed, Carper, Hirono, Reid, Casey, Hoeven, Sanders, Chambliss, Johnson (SD), Schatz, Coats, Kaine, Schumer, Cochran, King, Sessions, Collins, Kirk, Shaheen, Coons, Klobuchar, Shaheen, Corker, Landrieu, Stabenow, Cornyn, Leahy, Tester, Donnelly, Levin, Toomey, Durbin, Markey, Udall (CO), Feinstein, McCain, Udall (NM).

Walsh Warren Wicker
Warner Whitehouse Wyden

NAYS—19

Barrasso Johanns Rubio
Burr Johnson (WI) Scott
Coburn Lee Shelby
Crapo Moran Thune
Cruz Portman Vitter
Enzi Risch
Inhofe Roberts

NOT VOTING—4

Boozman Manchin
Isakson Rockefeller

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF JAMES ALAN SOTO TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Soto nomination.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that all time be yielded back.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of James Alan Soto, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona?

Mr. BLUNT. Madam President, 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 bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

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

The result was announced—yeas 93, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 155 Ex.]

YEAS—93

Alexander	Cornyn	Inhofe
Baldwin	Crapo	Johanns
Barrasso	Cruz	Johnson (SD)
Begich	Donnelly	Johnson (WI)
Bennet	Durbin	Kaine
Blumenthal	Enzi	King
Blunt	Feinstein	Kirk
Booker	Fischer	Klobuchar
Boxer	Flake	Landrieu
Brown	Franken	Leahy
Burr	Gillibrand	Lee
Cantwell	Graham	Levin
Cardin	Grassley	Markey
Carper	Hagan	McCain
Casey	Harkin	McCaskill
Chambliss	Hatch	McConnell
Coats	Heinrich	Menendez
Cochran	Heitkamp	Merkley
Collins	Heller	Mikulski
Coons	Hirono	Murkowski
Corker	Hoeven	Murphy

Murray	Sanders	Toomey
Nelson	Schatz	Udall (CO)
Paul	Schumer	Udall (NM)
Portman	Scott	Vitter
Pryor	Sessions	Walsh
Reed	Shaheen	Warner
Reid	Shelby	Warren
Risch	Stabenow	Whitehouse
Roberts	Tester	Wicker
Rubio	Thune	Wyden

NAYS—1

Coburn

NOT VOTING—6

Ayotte	Isakson	Moran
Boozman	Manchin	Rockefeller

The nomination was confirmed.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will now be 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the vote to invoke cloture on the Costa nomination.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I yield back all time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, all time is yielded back.

The cloture motion having presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to report the motion.

The assistant 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 nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the 5th Circuit.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Robert Menendez, Christopher Murphy, Elizabeth Warren, Christopher A. Coons, Angus S. King, Jr., Richard Blumenthal, Jeff Merkley, Cory A. Booker, Amy Klobuchar, Dianne Feinstein, Richard J. Durbin, Tom Udall, Sheldon Whitehouse, Charles E. Schumer, Edward J. Markey.

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

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that the debate on the nomination of Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be the United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

Mr. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. AYOTTE), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON), and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

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

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 58, nays 36, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 156 Ex.]

YEAS—58

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Murray
Begich	Hagan	Nelson
Bennet	Harkin	Pryor
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Reed
Booker	Heitkamp	Reid
Boxer	Hirono	Sanders
Brown	Johnson (SD)	Schatz
Cantwell	Kaine	Schumer
Cardin	King	Shaheen
Carper	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Casey	Landrieu	Tester
Collins	Leahy	Udall (CO)
Coons	Levin	Udall (NM)
Cornyn	Markey	Walsh
Cruz	McCaskill	Warner
Donnelly	Menendez	Warren
Durbin	Merkley	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Mikulski	Wyden
Flake	Murkowski	
Franken	Murphy	

NAYS—36

Alexander	Graham	Paul
Barrasso	Grassley	Portman
Blunt	Hatch	Risch
Burr	Heller	Roberts
Chambliss	Hoeven	Rubio
Coats	Inhofe	Scott
Coburn	Johanns	Sessions
Cochran	Johnson (WI)	Shelby
Corker	Kirk	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Toomey
Enzi	McCain	Vitter
Fischer	McConnell	Wicker

NOT VOTING—6

Ayotte	Isakson	Moran
Boozman	Manchin	Rockefeller

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On the motion to invoke cloture on Gregg Jeffrey Costa, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, the yeas are 58, the nays are 36. The motion is agreed to.

The Republican leader.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 3474

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, is the next vote in order on the underlying tax extender bill?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The next vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on amendment No. 3060 to the tax extenders bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Thank you, Madam President.

The American people actually need to know what is happening in their Senate. This body exists to ensure that the citizens of this country have a say in what our government does. The Senate is supposed to be the citadel of our democracy, the place where we guarantee that no one in the country is cut out of the legislative process. The whole purpose of this body is to make sure that nobody is left out or left behind.

Yet today we have a Democratic majority that has turned this body literally on its head. Instead of preserving the Senate's prerogatives, they have systematically weakened or destroyed them all together. They have turned the Senate into a graveyard of good ideas and open democratic debate.

It is a gag order on the American people we represent. Instead of robust, freewheeling debates about the important issues of the day, we get bizarre monologues about the Democrats' latest villain.