

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, December 17, 2021.

At 10:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Atul Atmaram Gawande to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Absent an agreement, if cloture is invoked on any of the first 20 nominations Senator Schumer has filed cloture on, there would be up to 2 hours of debate prior to a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination.

On Wednesday, December 15, Leader Schumer filed cloture on the following nominations:

1. Executive Calendar #528 Atul Atmaram Gawande to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.
2. Executive Calendar #577 Linda Lopez to be US District Judge for the Southern District of California.
3. Executive Calendar #579 Jinsook Ohta to be US District Judge for the Southern District of California.
4. Executive Calendar #580 David Herrera Urias to be US District Judge for the District of New Mexico.
5. Executive Calendar #574 Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong to be US District Judge for the Central District of California.
6. Executive Calendar #487 Jane M. Beckering to be US District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.
7. Executive Calendar #488 Shalina D. Kumar to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.
8. Executive Calendar #575 Jennifer L. Thurston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.
9. Executive Calendar #578 Katherine Marie Menendez, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.
10. Executive Calendar #573 Mary Katherine Dimke to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.
11. Executive Calendar #519 Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon to be Ambassador of the US to the Kingdom of Spain.
12. Executive Calendar #526 Rahm Emanuel to be Ambassador of the US to Japan.
13. Executive Calendar #446 Jack A. Markell to be Representative of the US to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.
14. Executive Calendar #442 Bathsheba Nell Crocker to be Representative of the US to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva.
15. Executive Calendar #454 Mark Gitenstein to be Representative of the US to the EU.
16. Executive Calendar #447 Denise Campbell Bauer to be Ambassador of the US to the French Republic.
17. Executive Calendar #440 Claire D. Cronin to be Ambassador of the US to Ireland.

18. Executive Calendar #323 Marcela Escobari to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.
19. Executive Calendar #317 Marc Evans Knapper, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the US to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
20. Executive Calendar #320 Rufus Gifford to be Chief of Protocol.
21. Executive Calendar #572, Gabriel P. Sanchez to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit (up to 30 hours of post-cloture debate).

Leader Schumer filed cloture on the nomination of Executive Calendar #635, Holly A. Thomas to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Agreed to 49-31: Motion to Invoke Cloture on Atul Atmaram Gawande to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Confirmed 48-31: The nomination of Atul Atmaram Gawande to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Agreed to, 47-30: Motion to invoke cloture on Linda Lopez to be US District Judge for the Southern District of California.

The Senate **confirmed** Linda Lopez to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California by a vote of **48-25**.

Agreed to 47-25: Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #579 Jinsook Ohta to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

47-24, the Senate **confirmed** Executive Calendar #579 Jinsook Ohta to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Agreed to, 45-25: Motion to invoke cloture on David Herrera Urias to be US District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

By a vote of **45-26,** the Senate **confirmed** David Herrera Urias to be US District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Agreed to, 47-24: Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #574 Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong to be US District Judge for the Central District of California.

By a vote of 46-24, the Senate confirmed Executive Calendar #574 Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong to be US District Judge for the Central District of California.

Agreed to, 46-24: Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #487 Jane M. Beckering to be US District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Confirmed, 45-25: Executive Calendar #487 Jane M. Beckering to be US District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

Agreed to, 45-25: Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #488 Shalina D. Kumar to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Confirmed, 44-25: Executive Calendar #488 Shalina D. Kumar to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Agreed to, 46-24: Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #575 Jennifer L. Thurston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Confirmed, 46-24: Executive Calendar #575 Jennifer L. Thurston to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Agreed to, 49-21: Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #578 Katherine Marie Menendez to be US District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Confirmed, 49-21: Executive Calendar #578 Katherine Marie Menendez to be US District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Agreed to, 47-23: Cloture on Executive Calendar #573 Mary Katherine Dimke to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Confirmation of [Executive Calendar #526](#) Rahm Emanuel, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Japan; **confirmed: 48-21.**

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #572 Gabriel Sanchez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; **invoked: 44-24**

Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #635 Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; **invoked: 42-25.**

Legislative Business

Passed the following bills:

[S.1760](#) - Daniel Kahikina Akaka VA Clinic

[S.2514](#) - "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen "Candy Bomber" Veterans Center"

Cal #142, [S.2551](#) – AI Training Act, w/Peters amdt

[S.3437](#), to extend certain COVID–19 bankruptcy relief provisions through March 27, 2022.

[H.R. 1664](#), National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation

[H.R. 1192](#), PRRADA

Agreed to [S.Con.Res.24](#), Enrollment correction of [S.1605](#)

Adopted the following resolutions:

[S.Res.447](#) – National Grain and Feed Association 125th Anniversary

[S.Res.483](#) - Pensacola Naval Air Station

The Senate reached an agreement that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, no later than January 14, 2022, the Senate proceed to the consideration of [S.3436](#) re: sanctions/Nord Stream 2 introduced by Senator Cruz; that there be 2 hours of debate equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees on the bill; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the bill be considered read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the Cruz bill , with 60-affirmative votes required for passage, with no amendments in order and without intervening action or debate.

Executive Business

By voice votes, confirmed the following nominations:

1. Executive Calendar #519 Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra.
2. Executive Calendar #446 Jack A. Markell, of Delaware, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador.
3. Executive Calendar #442 Bathsheba Nell Crocker, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador.
4. Executive Calendar #454 Mark Gitenstein, of Washington, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.
5. Executive Calendar #447 Denise Campbell Bauer, of California, to be Ambassador to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Monaco.
6. Executive Calendar #440 Claire D. Cronin, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to Ireland.
7. Executive Calendar #323 Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

8. Executive Calendar #317 Marc Evans Knapper, of California, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
9. Executive Calendar #320 Rufus Gifford, of Massachusetts, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.
10. [Executive Calendar #233](#), Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, 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 Federal Republic of Somalia
11. [Executive Calendar #234](#), Elizabeth Moore Aubin, of Virginia, 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 People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.
12. [Executive Calendar #235](#), Maria E. Brewer, of Virginia, 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 Kingdom of Lesotho.
13. [Executive Calendar #236](#), Christopher John Lamora, of Rhode Island, 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 Cameroon
14. [Executive Calendar #237](#), Tulinabo S. Mushingi, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.
15. [Executive Calendar #238](#), Eugene S. Young, of New York, 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 the Congo.
16. [Executive Calendar #239](#), Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs)
17. [Executive Calendar #318](#), Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador.
18. [Executive Calendar #319](#), Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

19. [Executive Calendar #403](#), Alexia Marie Gabrielle Latortue, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
20. [Executive Calendar #431](#), Steven C. Bondy, of New Jersey, 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 Kingdom of Bahrain.
21. [Executive Calendar #432](#), Michael Raynor, of Maryland, 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 Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.
22. [Executive Calendar #433](#), Adam Scheinman, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador.
23. [Executive Calendar #434](#), Sharon L. Cromer, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of The Gambia.
24. [Executive Calendar #435](#), Troy Damian Fitrell, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea
25. [Executive Calendar #436](#), Marc Ostfield, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Paraguay.
26. [Executive Calendar #439](#), Cynthia Ann Telles, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Costa Rica.
27. [Executive Calendar #448](#), Kent Doyle Logsdon, of Pennsylvania, 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 Moldova.
28. [Executive Calendar #449](#), Caryn R. McClelland, of California, 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 Brunei Darussalam.
29. [Executive Calendar #450](#), Michael J. Murphy, of New York, 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 Bosnia and Herzegovina.
30. [Executive Calendar #455](#), Laura S. H. Holgate, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

31. [Executive Calendar #516](#), Peter D. Haas, of Virginia, 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 People's Republic of Bangladesh
32. [Executive Calendar #517](#), Julie Chung, of California, 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 Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
33. [Executive Calendar #518](#), Patricia Mahoney, of Virginia, 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 Central African Republic.
34. [Executive Calendar #520](#), Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, 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 Mozambique.
35. [Executive Calendar #522](#), Elizabeth Anne Noseworthy Fitzsimmons, of Delaware, 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 Togolese Republic.
36. [Executive Calendar #523](#), Brian Wesley Shukan, of Virginia, 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 Benin.
37. [Executive Calendar #524](#), David R. Gilmour, 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 Equatorial Guinea.
38. [Executive Calendar #617](#), Jamie L. Harpootlian, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.
39. [Executive Calendar #618](#), Mark Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Poland.
40. [Executive Calendar #620](#), Marc R. Stanley, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Argentine Republic.
41. [Executive Calendar #621](#), Scott Miller, of Colorado, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.
42. [Executive Calendar #623](#), Michael M. Adler, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Belgium.

43. [Executive Calendar #624](#), Erik D. Ramanathan, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Sweden.
44. [Executive Calendar #625](#) John R. Bass, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management)
45. [PN 605](#) Elizabeth Rosenberg, of Vermont, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury
46. [Executive Calendar #489](#), Armando O. Bonilla, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years
47. [Executive Calendar #490](#), Carolyn N. Lerner, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years
48. [Executive Calendar #416](#), Catherine A. McLaughlin, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2024
49. [Executive Calendar #418](#), Lynnette Young Overby, of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for the remainder of the term expiring January 26, 2022
50. [Executive Calendar #419](#), Ismael N. Ahmed, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024
51. [Executive Calendar #422](#), Huascar Medina, of Kansas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2026
52. [Executive Calendar #426](#), Fagan Harris, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2023
53. [Executive Calendar #531](#), Matthew S. Axelrod, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce
54. [Executive Calendar #570](#), Maria Rosario Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years
55. [Executive Calendar #591](#), Dennis DeConcini, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2026
56. [Executive Calendar #592](#), Joseph M. Green, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring March 3, 2022

At a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Republican Leader, the Senate will vote on confirmation of [Executive Calendar #635](#) Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

All the nominations received by the Senate during the 117th Congress, first session, will remain in status quo, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with the following exceptions:

Cal #'s 262, 265, 300, 313, 314, 348, 349, 355, 405, 407, 408, 415, 456, 460, 464, 468, 469, 483, 484, 485, 504, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 527, 529, 530, 532, 542, 549, 550, 551, 552, 559, 561, 564, 566, 568, 586, 588, 593, 594, 609, 610, 611, 615, 628, 631, 633, 634, 635, 417, 424, 427, and

[PN #'s 433](#), 489, 747, 767, 1023, 1155, 1435, 1464, 1285, 1286, 1222 , 1223 , 1295 , 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 442, 541, 554, 722, 761, 770, 954, 1014, 1048, 1049, 1148, 1156, 1165, 1170 , 1206 , 1207 , 1210, 1211 , 1228, 1251, 1254, 1288, 1289, 1323, 1353 , 1354 , 1355, 1356 , 1357 , 1358, 1359, 1360, 1361, 1364, 1370, 1372, 1423, 1424, 1439, 1369, 231, 427, 436, 618, 773, 778, 788, 796, 919, 999, 1491, 1149

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00am on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of [Executive Calendar #528](#) Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

The Senate will recess from 1:00pm until 2:00pm to allow for a Democratic caucus meeting.

Schumer is expected to move to discharge the nomination of Holly A. Thomas, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit from the Judiciary Committee. Once the motion is made, there would be up to 4 hours of debate equally divided prior to a vote on the motion to discharge. This vote is expected this afternoon.

Additional roll call votes are possible during Thursday's session.

Leader Schumer made a Motion to Discharge from the Judiciary Committee the nomination of Holly A. Thomas to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

There will be four hours of debate followed by a vote on the Motion to Discharge the nomination.

Senate votes today for Thursday, December 16:

Approximately 2:30pm - Motion to discharge from Judiciary Committee PN1169 Holly A. Thomas to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

4:30 pm – 3 votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #525 R. Nicholas Burns to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China.
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #626 Ramin Toloui to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #619 Rashad Hussain to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

By a vote of **50-46**, the motion is **agreed to**: Motion to discharge from Judiciary PN1169 Holly A. Thomas to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. The nomination shall be placed on the Calendar.

By a vote of **75-18**, the nomination is **confirmed**: Executive Calendar #525 R. Nicholas Burns to be Ambassador of the US to the People's Republic of China.

By a vote of **76-13**, the nomination is **confirmed**: Executive Calendar #626 Ramin Toloui to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

By a vote of **85-5**, the nomination is **confirmed**: Rashad Hussain to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

Confirmed by voice vote: Executive Calendar #622 Thomas Barrett to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Confirmed by voice vote: Executive Calendar #629 Shannon Corless to be Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of the Treasury.

Confirmed by voice vote: Executive Calendar #630 Kurt D. DelBene to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology).

Confirmed by voice vote: Executive Calendar #595 Lisa W. Wang to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Confirmed by voice vote: Executive Calendar #596 Maria Louise Lago to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

Military Promotions confirmed by voice vote: Executive Calendar #607-608, and all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Army, Foreign Service, and Space Force.

The Senate stands adjourned until 9:30am on Friday, December 17, 2021. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Calendar #528 Atul Atmaram Gawande, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for the International Development.

At 10:00am, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Gawande nomination. Senators should expect roll call votes at a time to be determined.

The Senate adjourned at 8:36pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

Two votes at approximately 11:30 AM:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment to S.1605 (Vehicle for National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022).
2. Confirmation of the nomination of Executive Calendar #533 Jennifer Sung, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliott to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

Motion **agreed** to, **89-10**: Motion to concur in the House amendment to S.1605 (Vehicle for National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022).

By a vote of **50-49** the nomination is **Confirmed**: Executive Calendar #533 Jennifer Sung to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

By a vote of **62-37** the Senate **confirmed** the nomination: Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliott to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

The Senate will recess from 1:00 PM until 2:00 PM.

Leader Schumer is expected to make a Motion to Discharge the nomination of Holly Thomas to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit during tomorrow's session.

Tonight, Leader Schumer filed cloture on the following nomination:

1. Executive Calendar #528 Atul Atmaram Gawande to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.
2. Executive Calendar #577 Linda Lopez to be US District Judge for the Southern District of California.
3. Executive Calendar #579 Jinsook Ohta to be US District Judge for the Southern District of California.
4. Executive Calendar #580 David Herrera Urias to be US District Judge for the District of New Mexico.
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19. Executive Calendar #323 Marcela Escobari to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.
20. Executive Calendar #317 Marc Evans Knapper, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the US to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
21. Executive Calendar #320 Rufus Gifford to be Chief of Protocol.
22. Executive Calendar #572, Gabriel P. Sanchez to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 8:13 PM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00am on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of [Executive Calendar #576](#), Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

At approximately 11:00am, the Senate will vote on cloture on the Elliott nomination. If cloture is invoked, the confirmation vote will occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader following consultation with the Republican Leader.

Following the Elliot cloture vote, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to [S.1605](#), vehicle for NDAA.

The Senate is expected to vote on a motion to proceed to a joint resolution to raise the debt ceiling afterward.

If the motion to proceed is agreed to, there would be up to 10 hours of debate equally divided prior to a vote on passage of the joint resolution. The vote on passage is expected to occur during Tuesday's session.

At a time to be determined the Senate will vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #533 Jennifer Sung, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Invoked, 59-40: Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliott to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

Invoked, 86-13: Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S.1605, National Defense Authorization Act for FY2022.

By a vote of **50-49** the motion is **agreed** to: Motion to proceed to Cal. #184, S.J.Res.33, Debt Limit Increase.

The Senate stands in recess until 2:15pm.

Vote Forecast: At approximately 4:00pm today, the Senate is expected to proceed to a roll call vote on passage of Cal. #184, S.J.Res.33, Debt Limit Increase.

Passed, 50-49: Cal. #184, S.J.Res.33, Debt Limit Increase.

There are no further roll call votes schedule for today's session. Next Votes Wednesday.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

Two votes at approximately 11:30 AM:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment to S.1605 (Vehicle for National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022).
2. Confirmation of the nomination of Executive Calendar #533 Jennifer Sung, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliott to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

The Senate stands adjourned until 3:00pm on Monday, December 13, 2021. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of [Executive Calendar #576](#) Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

At 5:30pm, the Senate will vote on confirmation of [Executive Calendar #486](#) Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The following will ripen on Tuesday, December 14th:

1. Executive Calendar #576, Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.
2. Motion to concur in the House amendment to [1605](#), vehicle for NDAA

[By a vote of 50-45, the Senate confirmed Executive Calendar #486](#) Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 14.

Three votes at 11:00 AM:

1. Cloture on Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.
2. Cloture on the Motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 1605 (Vehicle for National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022).
3. Motion to Proceed to the Senate Joint Resolution to Increase the Debt Limit.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

The Senate stands adjourned until 11:30am on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House message to accompany [S.610](#), vehicle for debt ceiling track/Pay-Go/Medicare fix.

At 12:30pm, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to [S.610](#). If cloture is invoked, it will be as if having been invoked at 1:00am.

As a result of cloture filed during Wednesday's session on the motion to concur in the House amendment to [S.1605](#) – vehicle for NDAA – there is a 1:00pm filing deadline for 1st degree amendments. The filing deadline for 2nd degree amendments will be 1 hour prior to the cloture vote, if cloture is invoked.

Additional roll call votes are possible during Thursday's session.

Cloture has been filed on the following:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment to [610](#), vehicle for debt ceiling track/Pay-Go/Medicare fix.
2. Executive Calendar #486 Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
3. Executive Calendar #533 Jennifer Sung, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
4. Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.
5. Motion to concur in the House amendment to [1605](#), vehicle for NDAA

By a vote **64-36**, the Senate **invoked** cloture on the motion to concur in the House amdt to S.610 (Vehicle for debt ceiling track/Pay-Go/Medicare fix).

By unanimous consent, it be as if cloture was invoked at 1:00 am on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Unless an agreement is reached, 30 hours of post-cloture debate time will expire at 7:00 am on Friday, December 10, 2021.

6:15pm today, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment to S.610.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #486, Lucy Haeran Koh to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #533, Jennifer Sung to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

59-34, the Senate **agreed** to the motion to concur in the House amdt to S.610 (Vehicle for debt ceiling track/Pay-Go/Medicare fix).

Invoked by a vote of **51-38**: Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #486 Lucy Haeran Koh to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Invoked, 48-39: Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #533 Jennifer Sung to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Executive Calendar #361 Sylvia E. Johnson to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years confirmed by voice vote.

Executive Calendar #359 Stephen A. Owens to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate stands adjourned until 3:00pm on Monday, December 13, 2021.

Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliot, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

At 5:30pm, the Senate will vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #486 Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 7:48 pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.

One roll call vote at approximately 11:30 AM:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on [Executive Calendar #585](#), Rachael S. Rollins, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Two votes at approximately 2:15 PM:

1. Confirmation of the Rollins nomination (if cloture is invoked).
2. Motion to invoke cloture on [Executive Calendar #482](#), Michael D. Smith, of Virginia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

One vote at approximately 5:15 PM:

1. Confirmation of the Smith nomination (if cloture is invoked).

Following the confirmation vote on the Smith nomination, the Senate is expected to proceed to a roll call vote on adoption of S.J.Res.29, Braun Vaccine Mandate CRA.

Yesterday, Leader Schumer filed cloture on:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment to S.610 (vehicle for debt ceiling track/Pay-Go/Medicare fix).
2. Executive Calendar #486 Lucy Haeran Koh to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
3. Executive Calendar #533 Jennifer Sung to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
4. Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliott to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

The motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Rachael S. Rollins to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years was **agreed to** by a roll call vote of **51-50** with the Vice President voting in the Affirmative.

The nomination of Rachael S. Rollins to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years was **confirmed** by a roll call vote of **51-50** with the Vice President voting in the Affirmative.

Agreed to, 60-39: Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #482, Michael D. Smith, of Virginia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

[Senate](#) Vote Update - Two votes at 6:45 PM tonight:

1. Confirmation of the Smith nomination (postponed from 5:15 PM).
2. Adoption of S.J.Res.29, Braun Vaccine Mandate CRA.

Confirmed by a vote of **58-41:** Executive Calendar #482 Michael D. Smith to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Adopted, 52-48: S.J.Res.29, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard".

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

At approximately 12:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S. 610 (Vehicle for debt ceiling track/Pay-Go/Medicare fix).

By unanimous consent, if cloture is invoked, it be as if invoked at 1:00 AM on Thursday, December 9, and that all business and leader remarks count post-cloture.

The Senate adjourned at 9:15 PM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00am on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, and does so under the provisions of [S.Res.470](#) as a further mark of respect to the Honorable Robert “Bob” J. Dole, former United States Senator for the State of Kansas. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of [Executive Calendar #567](#), Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, post-cloture.

11:30am the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Rosenworcel nomination and cloture on [Executive Calendar #480](#), Dierdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board.

Following the cloture vote, the Senate will recess until 2:15pm to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

If cloture is invoked on the Hamilton nomination the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Hamilton nomination, and cloture on Executive Calendar #513, Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of US Customs and Border Protection at 2:15pm.

If cloture is invoked on the Magnus nomination the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30pm.

Schumer filed cloture on the following nominations:

1. [Executive Calendar #585](#), Rachael S. Rollins, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.
2. [Executive Calendar #482](#), Michael D. Smith, of Virginia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Confirmed 68-31: [Executive Calendar #567](#), Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, post-cloture.

Motion agreed to, 51-48: Motion to invoke cloture on [Executive Calendar #480](#), Dierdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board.

The Senate recessed until 2:15 PM.

By a vote of **52-48**, the nomination is **confirmed**: Executive Calendar #480 Deirdre Hamilton to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2022.

By a vote of **52-47** cloture was **invoked** on Executive Calendar #513 Chris Magnus to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

The Senate confirmed by voice vote Executive Calendar #555 Erik Adrian Hooks to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

The Senate confirmed by voice vote Executive Calendar 534, 535, 536, 581 and 582.

- Executive Calendar #534: Clara E. Connors, of Hawaii, to be United States Attorney for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years, vice Kenji M. Price, resigned.
- Executive Calendar #535: Zachary A. Cunha, of Rhode Island, to be United States Attorney for the District of Rhode Island for the term of four years, vice Aaron L. Weisman, resigned.
- Executive Calendar #536: Nikolas P. Kerest, of Vermont, to be United States Attorney for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice Christina E. Nolan, resigned.
- Executive Calendar #581: Gregory K. Harris, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois for the term of four years, vice John C. Milhiser, resigned.
- Executive Calendar #582: Philip R. Sellinger, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years, vice Paul Joseph Fishman, resigned.

At 6:45pm today, the Senate is expected to proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to discharge from Foreign Relations Committee S.J.Res.31, Arms Sales Resolution of Disapproval (Saudi Arabia).

By a vote of **50-47**, the nomination is **confirmed**: Executive Calendar #513 Chris Magnus to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

By a vote of **30-67**, the motion is **not agreed to**: Motion to discharge from Foreign Relations Committee S.J.Res.31, Arms Sales Resolution of Disapproval (Saudi Arabia).

Schumer filed cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to S.610.

Schumer filed cloture on Executive Calendar #486 Lucy Haeran Koh to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Schumer filed cloture on Executive Calendar #576 Samantha D. Elliott to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire.

Executive Calendar #583 Brandon B. Brown to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years; confirmed by voice vote.

Executive Calendar #584 Ronald C. Gathe, Jr. to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana for the term of four years: confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate stand adjourned until 10:00am Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

11:30am the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #585, Rachael S. Rollins, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

At 2:15pm, if cloture is invoked on the Rollins nomination the Senate will on its confirmation.

Additionally, the Senate will then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #482, Michael D. Smith of Virginia, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

If cloture is invoked, the confirmation vote will occur at 5:15pm.

The Senate adjourned at 10:18pm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

The Senate stands adjourned until 3:00pm on Monday, December 6, 2021. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of [Executive Calendar #567](#), Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

At 5:30pm, the Senate will vote on cloture on the Rosenworcel nomination.

Cloture was filed on:

1. Executive Calendar #567, Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.
2. Executive Calendar #480, Dierdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board.
3. Executive Calendar #513, Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of US Customs and Border Protection.

Motion agreed to, 64-27: Motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel to be a Member of the FCC for a term of five years from July 1, 2020.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

At 11:30am, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #567, Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #480, Dierdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #480, Dierdre Hamilton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board (if cloture is invoked).
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #513, Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of US Customs and Border Protection.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #513, Chris Magnus, of Arizona, to be Commissioner of US Customs and Border Protection (if cloture is invoked).

The Senate adjourned at 6:38 PM, and does so as a further mark of respect for the late Robert "Bob" Dole, Senate for the state of Kansas.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 2nd.

Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4350, NDAA.

At approximately 12 Noon, a vote is expected on confirmation of Brian Eddie Nelson to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

Confirmed 50-49: Executive Calendar #463, Brian Eddie Nelson to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

Leader Schumer made a motion to discharge from the Judiciary Committee PN930, Rachael S. Rollins to be US Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years. The vote is expected to occur later this afternoon.

Agreed to 50-47: Motion to discharge from the Judiciary Committee PN930, Rachael S. Rollins to be US Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

Not agreed to, 48-50: Marshall-Lee amendment #4868 (To prohibit the use of Federal funds for implementing or enforcing COVID-19 vaccine mandates) to HR 6119 (a bill making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022).

By a vote of **69-28**, the Senate **PASSED** H.R. 6119 (a bill making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022).

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 6, 2021.

At 5:30 PM the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on 1.Executive Calendar #567 Jessica Rosenworcel to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2020. (Reappointment)

Tonight, Leader Schumer filed cloture on the following nominations:

1. Executive Calendar #567 Jessica Rosenworcel to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2020. (Reappointment)
2. Executive Calendar #480 Deirdre Hamilton to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2022
3. Executive Calendar #513 Chris Magnus to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

The Senate adjourned at 9:29 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of [H.R.4350](#), the National Defense Authorization Act.

There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 2nd.

Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4350, NDAA.

At approximately 12 Noon, a vote is expected on confirmation of Brian Eddie Nelson to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

The Senate adjourned at 9:46 PM.