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Great job!

On Nov 2, 2017, at 10:34 PM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov<mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov>> wrote:

It's even better seeing it in writing.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: "Suarez, Erica (McConnell)"  
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Subject: Senate Update

Good evening,

The Senate will convene at 3:00 pm, Monday, November 6th. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #107, Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

At 5:30 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Engel nomination.

Please note, on Tuesday, November 7th at 12:00 pm, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #247, John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

Please also note, the Leader filed cloture on the following nominations in the following order:

- Cal. #107 - Steven Andrew Engel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.
- Cal. #384 - Peter B. Robb, of Vermont, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board for a term of four years.
- Cal. #407 - William L. Wehrum, of Delaware, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Cal. #159 - Derek Kan, of California, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy.

Today in the Senate (Thursday, 11/2):  
Roll Call Votes:

- Confirmation of Executive Calendar #432, Allison H. Eid, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. Confirmed. (56-41)
- Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #433, Stephanos Bibas, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Invoked. (54-43)
- Confirmation of Executive Calendar #433, Stephanos Bibas, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Confirmed. (53-43)

Executive Session:

Cal. #409 - Peter Henry Barlerin, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Cameroon.

Cal. #410 - Kathleen M. Fitzpatrick, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

Cal. #411 - Michael James Dodman, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Cal. #414 - Michele Jeanne Sison, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Haiti.

Cal. #415 - Jamie McCourt, of California, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the French Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador of the United States of America to the Principality of Monaco.

Cal. #416 - Richard Duke Buchan III, of Florida, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador of the United States of America to Andorra.

Cal. #417 - Larry Edward Andre, Jr., of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Djibouti.

Cal. #418 - Thomas L. Carter, of South Carolina, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Cal. #419 - Nina Maria Fite, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Angola.

Cal. #420 - Daniel L. Foote, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Zambia.

Cal. #422 - Kenneth Ian Juster, of New York, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of India.

Cal. #423 - W. Robert Kohorst, of California, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia.

Cal. #424 - Edward T. McMullen, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador of the United States of America to the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Cal. #425 - David Dale Reimer, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Seychelles.

Cal. #426 - Eric P. Whitaker, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Niger.

Cal. #427 - Carla Sands, of California, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Denmark.

Cal. #429 - Michael T. Evanoff, of Arkansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Cal. #431 - Manisha Singh, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs).

Cal. #378 - Kyle Fortson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2019.

Cal. #380 - Gerald W. Fauth, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2020.

Cal. #385 - Linda A. Puchala, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2018. (Reappointment)

Cal. #295 - Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

Cal. #296 - Mark Wesley Menezes, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Cal. #323 - Richard Glick, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2022.

Cal. #324 - Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2018.

Cal. #325 - Kevin J. McIntyre, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2023. (Reappointment)

Cal. #361 - Steven E. Winberg, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy)

Looking Ahead:  
Nominations and Tax Reform

Please see 2 helpful links from House Ways & Means on the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act:

Bill Text:

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Thanks, Erica

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McConnell Statement on the

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) released the following statement regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that was released by the House Ways and Means Committee today:

"Today, the House of Representatives took a big step forward in our effort to help provide the American people with a robust economy that reaches for its full potential: that puts more money in middle-class pockets, that produces better jobs for workers, that secures more opportunity for our children. I commend Chairman Kevin Brady and the members of the Ways and Means Committee for all of their hard work to put forward this critical tax relief bill that could provide a typical middle-income family of four earning \$59,000 with an approximate tax cut of \$1,200 a year. That's real money for people across our country and in our home states, including mine, from Paducah to Hazard to Florence.

"As the House continues moving its bill forward, we will continue doing the same in the Senate where the Finance Committee, under the leadership of Chairman Hatch, will soon release its own legislation. In conjunction with the administration, both chambers are going to keep moving full-steam ahead, because we are committed to achieving our shared tax reform goals for the middle class, working families, and small businesses."

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Tax Reform Will Help Middle Class, Working Families and Small Businesses

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) made the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding the need for tax reform:

"The Obama years were not easy for America's middle class. For many, steady work became harder to find, paychecks stagnated, opportunities faded. America's middle class deserves better after a decade of drift, and we're working hard to deliver for them. Tax reform is the single most important thing we can do today to get the economy reaching for its true potential again.

"That's why the Senate recently passed the legislative tools to advance it. That's why the House recently did the same. And because we did, later today, after months of hard work, the House's tax-writing committee will unveil its version of tax-reform legislation. I'd like to commend Chairman Brady and the members of the Ways and Means Committee for their hard work in unveiling this critical legislation today. This announcement is more positive momentum from our colleagues in the House, and I look forward to continued work with them moving forward.

"Here in the Senate, the Finance Committee will continue its work on tax reform legislation too. Both chambers are working on this at full-steam because we are committed to achieving our mutual tax reform goals for the middle class, working families, and small businesses. Our main goal is this: We want to take more money out of Washington's pockets and put more in yours. This goal is shared by the American people. It is shared by the president and his team. It's shared by Republicans in the House and the Senate.

"The goals of tax reform used to be shared by our Democratic friends too. Over many years, multiple Senate Democrats – including the Democratic Leader himself – have called on Congress to pass reform. But then, something changed – the president, it seems. Now we're reading reports that our friends across the aisle plan to oppose any tax reform bill at all – regardless of what's in it. It seems that Democratic leadership is praying that this chance to put more money in the pockets of the middle class fails.

"But why? To protect incentives that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas? I thought they were against those. To prevent working families from keeping more of what they earn? I assumed we all were for that. According to recent news reporting, Democrats apparently want to tank tax cuts for the middle class because it might give them a political leg-up. In other words, it seems this is some kind of game to them. So I certainly hope what we read isn't true. I certainly hope Democrats will take note of the fact that their latest false talking point about tax reform just got debunked today too.

"This effort is way too important for any of that. I hope our friends will decide to work with their colleagues in a serious way instead. That's what their constituents sent them here to do. That's what their constituents deserve after the last decade of economic disappointment. So there's no reason for our Democratic friends not to work across the aisle in a serious way to help shape this critically important effort.

"I would like to thank Chairmen Hatch and Brady for their commitment to tax reform and regular order. Through the committee process, members on both sides of the aisle will have the opportunity to offer input as the tax reform effort moves forward. Today's announcement is an important step forward for that process as well as for our once-in-a-generation opportunity to fundamentally rethink our tax code and deliver real relief. It's been thirty years since we did that. It's time to do it again."

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