

the list of signs of an activist Court and that would be that they change very recent decisions as soon as the majority changes so they control the votes, the way we might here in the legislature. It is very appropriate in the Senate when the majority shifts.

I see the distinguished ranking member of the Finance Committee. If he were to be the chairman of the Finance Committee, I am sure the focus of the Finance Committee would change from that under Democratic leadership, and that is part of majority control, but it is not supposed to be that way on the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is supposed to be not dealing with partisan questions, not going for a simple majority, but answering to the Constitution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time of the Senator has expired.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislation session and proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that upon the conclusion of the so-called wrap-up period, the Senate then resume executive session and continue the debate on the Kagan nomination as provided for under a previous order and in the specified hour blocks; that upon the conclusion of the debate previously specified in the hour blocks, the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 1586

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, August 4, after any remarks of the leaders, the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 1586, with an hour of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1586, with amendment No. 4575, with the time equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees, with Senator MURRAY designated to control the time of the majority leader; that upon the use or yielding back of the time, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur.

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

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS JUSTIN MCNELEY

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and heroic service of PO2 Justin McNeley. Petty Officer McNeley, a member of Assault Craft Unit One, ACU-1, based in San Diego, died from wounds sustained during a

firefight that occurred on July 23, 2010. Petty Officer McNeley was serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Logar Province, Afghanistan. He was 30 years old.

A native of Wheat Ridge, CO, Petty Officer McNeley enlisted in the Navy in 2001, following in his father's footsteps. Although his initial term of service had already finished, Petty Officer McNeley decided to stay in the Navy and continue to serve his country.

During over 9 years of service, Petty Officer McNeley distinguished himself through his courage, dedication to duty, and willingness to take on any challenge—no matter how dangerous. Commanders recognized his extraordinary bravery and talent. They described him with the words "hard-working" and "dedicated," and noted that he regularly volunteered for hazardous duty.

Petty Officer McNeley worked on the front lines of battle, serving in the most dangerous areas of Afghanistan. He is remembered by those who knew him as a consummate professional with an unending commitment to excellence. His family remembers him as a dedicated father, who loved to serve his country. Friends and neighbors remember him as a motorcycle enthusiast with undeniable charisma. He even traded pen pal letters with students from an elementary school in Arizona, where he used to live.

Mark Twain once said, "The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." Petty Officer McNeley's service was in keeping with this sentiment—by selflessly putting country first, he lived life to the fullest. He lived with a sense of the highest honorable purpose.

At substantial personal risk, he braved the chaos of combat zones throughout Afghanistan. And though his fate on the battlefield was uncertain, he pushed forward, protecting America's citizens, her safety, and the freedoms we hold dear. For his service and the lives he touched, Petty Officer McNeley will forever be remembered as one of our country's bravest.

To Petty Officer McNeley's entire family, I cannot imagine the sorrow you must be feeling. I hope that, in time, the pain of your loss will be eased by your pride in Justin's service and by your knowledge that his country will never forget him. We are humbled by his service and his sacrifice.

PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I take this opportunity to call the Senate's attention to the imminent opening of the new President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center, a wonderful year-round tribute to President Coolidge, located in the graceful and historic setting of the President's home town of Plymouth Notch, VT. The center's formal opening and dedi-

cation ceremony will take place next weekend, on August 7.

Calvin Coolidge, our 30th President, remains the only President born, sworn into office and buried in the State of Vermont. President Coolidge was originally elected to the Vice Presidency in 1920, winning that election alongside Warren G. Harding.

Three years into President Harding's first term, then-Vice President Coolidge received an unexpected messenger one evening while he was vacationing at his family's home in Plymouth Notch. The messenger informed him of President Harding's sudden and untimely death. It was at 2:47 the next morning that Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as President, in the parlor of his family home, alongside his wife Grace Coolidge, a capable and respected First Lady and a leading Vermonter in her own right. The oath of office was administered by President Coolidge's father, a State notary public official, by the light of a kerosene lamp. The new President left for Washington the next morning to assume the burdens of his new office.

President Coolidge was always known as a man of few words—the inspiration for his famous nickname, Silent Cal. Stoic in the New England tradition, President Coolidge also was an eloquent speaker who felt an obligation to communicate often with the American people to explain his policies.

Today, the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation is dedicated to preserving the Nation's memory of Calvin Coolidge. Founded in 1960, the foundation is now celebrating its 50th year. By working closely with the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, the Coolidge Foundation collects and preserves artifacts and resources related to the President. Many of the buildings within the village have become State-owned historical properties, and Plymouth Notch has been named the best-preserved Presidential site in the Nation. The development of the new museum and education center—solid and useful in the Yankee tradition—will expand the accessibility of these archives to the public, while providing a venue for students to learn about their country's history.

We Vermonters take pride in our history and heritage, and we feel the obligations of stewardship in these things. The Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation is faithfully tending to the preservation and dissemination of this part of Vermont's legacy and our country's history. It is my pleasure to congratulate the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation, in partnership with the State of Vermont, on the occasion of the commemoration and dedication of the President Calvin Coolidge Museum and Education Center.

RECOGNIZING MIKOLE BEDE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Mikole