

Republicans override Dem objections to confirm federal judge

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The political battle over President Donald Trump’s judicial nominees escalated on Thursday when the Senate took the rare step of confirming the nomination of a Wisconsin attorney to serve as a federal judge despite the objections of one of his home-state senators.

The Senate voted along party lines to confirm Milwaukee attorney Michael Brennan to fill an opening on the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The tally was 49-46. The seat has been open for more than eight years, the longest for the nation’s appellate courts.

A similar tactic may be used for Ryan Bounds, the Hermiston-raised judge who has been nominated for a seat on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Senate gives lawmakers a chance to weigh in on a judicial nominee from their home state by submitting a blue-colored form called the “blue slip.” A positive blue slip signals the Senate to move forward with the nomination process. A negative blue slip, or withholding it altogether, signals a senator’s objection and almost always stalls the nomination.

Until this year, it had been nearly three decades since the Senate confirmed a judge without two positive blue slips. Brennan’s confirmation marked the second time it has happened this year. Sen. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wis., declined to return her blue slip.

The move to go ahead with a hearing for Brennan and a vote on the floor had Democrats complaining that Republicans were eroding one of the few remaining customs in the Senate that forced consultation on judicial nominations. They also noted that Republicans used the blue slip to block one of President Barack Obama’s nominees for the very same judgeship.

“I’d admonish my friends on the other side of the aisle, this is a very dangerous road you’re treading,” said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. “As everyone knows, the winds of political change blow swiftly in America. The minority one day is the majority the next.”

The warning was reminiscent of the one that Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell issued when Democrats changed the rules to lower the threshold necessary to end a filibuster for district and circuit court judges. Under the change, the Senate can cut off debate with a simple majority rather than 60 votes.

Summit set, detainees free; Trump sees ‘big success’

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WASHINGTON — Envisioning “a very special moment for world peace,” President Donald Trump announced Thursday he will meet North Korea’s Kim Jong Un for highly anticipated summit talks in Singapore on June 12. He set the stage for his announcement by hosting a 3 a.m., made-for-TV welcome home for three Americans held by Kim’s government.

“We welcomed them back home the proper way,” Trump told supporters at a campaign rally in Indiana Thursday evening.

Final details in place, Trump and Kim agreed to the first face-to-face North Korea-U.S. summit since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. It’s the most consequential and perhaps riskiest foreign policy effort so far in Trump’s presidency as North Korea’s nuclear program approaches a treacherous milestone — the capacity to strike the continental U.S. with a thermonuclear warhead.

Trump says the U.S. is aiming for “denuclearization” of the entire Korean peninsula, but he has yet to fill in just what steps that might include and what the timing would be.

“We’re starting off on a new footing,” Trump said of himself and Kim as he welcomed the detainees in a floodlit ceremony at Joint Base Andrews outside Washington. He hailed their release as a potential breakthrough in relations between the longtime adversary nations.

He and Kim “will both try to make it a very special moment for World Peace!” he said of the summit later on Twitter. He told his rally crowd, “I think it’s going to be a very big success.”

Kim has suspended nuclear and missile tests and put his nuclear program up for negotiation, but questions remain about how serious his offer is



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President Donald Trump, accompanied by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, back, shakes hands with former North Korean detainees Kim Dong Chul and Kim Hak Song, upon their arrival at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., early Thursday morning.

and what disarmament steps he would be willing to take. The White House has said with drawal of thousands of U.S. troops from South Korea is “not on the table.”

Long before dawn Thursday, with the former detainees by his side on the air base tarmac, Trump said it was a “great honor” to welcome them back to the U.S. but “the true honor is going to be if we have a victory in getting rid of nuclear weapons.”

The ceremony, which also featured a giant American flag suspended between the ladders of two firetrucks, emphasized Trump’s penchant for the dramatic as he raised expectations for the summit. And it underscored how closely the fate of his foreign policy agenda is being tied to the North Korean negotiations.

He had wanted to hold the summit in the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas but yielded to the concerns of officials who thought a DMZ meeting would focus attention on relations between the

North and South rather than the nuclear question.

Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, other top officials and first lady Melania joined the president for the air base celebration. The former detainees — Kim Dong Chul, Kim Hak Song and Tony Kim — had been released Wednesday at the end of Pompeo’s visit to North Korea.

They appeared tired but in excellent spirits, flashing peace signs and waving their arms as they emerged from the aircraft. One said through a translator, “It’s like a dream; we are very, very happy.” They later gave the president a round of applause.

Pence said Pompeo had told him that at a refueling stop in Anchorage, “one of the detainees asked to go outside the plane because he hadn’t seen daylight in a very long time.” The men were taken to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for evaluation before being reunited with their families.

Trump thanked North Korean leader Kim for releasing the

Americans and said, “I really think he wants to do something” on denuclearization.

Pence said on NBC News, “In this moment the regime in North Korea has been dealing, as far as we can see, in good faith.”

Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado, who was among several Republican lawmakers who dined with Trump and National Security Adviser John Bolton Wednesday evening before the detainees returned, said their release was a positive development, but he remained cautious about North Korea’s intentions.

“We are in uncharted waters,” he said. “This is the highest level diplomacy that the United States has to offer. Failure would be a significant setback to diplomatic efforts.”

As for the venue, why Singapore?

White House spokesman Raj Shah said the country has relationships with both the U.S. and North Korea, meaning both presidents’ security — and a sense of neutrality — can be assured.

Located at the southern tip of Malaysia, the prosperous city state is a regional Southeast Asia hub whose free enterprise philosophy welcomes trading partners from everywhere. It has close diplomatic and military ties with the U.S. and yet is also familiar ground for North Korea, with which it established diplomatic relations in 1975.

“Since their independence, they’ve very deliberately developed a reputation as an honest broker between East and West,” said David Adelman, the former U.S. ambassador.

The White House choreographed the arrival event at the air base, the image-conscious president telling reporters, “I think you probably broke the all-time-in-history television rating for 3 o’clock in the morning.”

FRIDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

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	AMC	60	★★★★ The Descendants			:20	★★★★ Date Night Tina Fey.			:20	★★★★ Titanic			Two social opposites meet and fall in love while on Titanic's maiden voyage.										★★★★ Twister '96, Act) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.	FearDead	
	ANPL	24	Dr. Dee: Alaska	My Cat From Hell		Pit Bull Parolees	Pit Bull Parolees			Lone Star Law	North Woods Law	Tanked!				Tanked!		Tanked!Unfiltered	Tanked! (N)	:05 Tanked!		:05 Tanked!				
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	CNBC	72	Closing Bell			Money Options	Mad Money			Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed							Paid Program	
	CNN	68	CNN Newsroom	The Lead		The Situation	The Situation			OutFront	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	CNN Tonight	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	A. Cooper 360	CNN Tonight				CNN Program	
	DISC	51	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold		Battle "Qualifiers"	BattleBots			BattleBots	BattleBots	BattleBots	BattleBots	BattleBots	BattleBots	BattleBots	Sea Gold (N)	Sea Gold (N)	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Sea Gold (N)				Sea Gold (N)	
	DISN	26	Mickey Puppy	Vamp	Vamp	Bizaard	Bizaard	StuckM.	StuckM.	DuckTal.	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	:55 Jessie /20	★★★★ Inside Out			DuckTal.	★★★★ Inside Out	DuckTal.	StuckM.	Raven's	Bunk'd			Bunk'd
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FNC	66	Shepard Smith	Your World			The Five	Special Report			The Story	Tucker Carlson	Hannity	Ingraham Angle	Fox News	The Five	Hannity	Ingraham Angle								Ingraham Angle	
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FREE	32	Reba	Reba	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	★★★★ Free Willy '93, Fam) Jason James Richter.			:40	★★★★ Casper Christina Ricci.			:50	★★★★ Brave '12, Ani) Kelly Macdonald.							The 700 Club	
FX	65	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	★★★★ Identity Thief '13, Com) Jason Bateman.					★★★★ Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation Tom Cruise.			★★★★ Lucy Scarlett Johansson.								Trust	
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HALL	87	Home and Family				★ Harvest Moon Jessy Schram.			★ The Beach House Andie MacDowell.			★ A Country Wedding Jesse Metcalfe.			★ Royal Matchmaker					Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls			
HGTV	62	Fixer Upper	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	
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LIFE	29	I Survived ...	I Survived ...			Grey's A. "Risk"	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy						
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SPIKE	42	★ The Transporter Refuel...	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	2½Men	Rose.	Rose.	Rose.	Rose.	★★★★ The Rundown Dwayne Johnson.			★★★★ John Wick '14, Act) Keanu Reeves.									
SYFY	67	★★★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation	★★★★ Con Air '97, Act) Nicolas Cage.			★★★★ Paul '11, Com) Nick Frost.			★★★★ Shaun of the Dead			★★★★ Beetlejuice Michael Keaton.			Futur.	Futur.	Futur.	Futur.								
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TCM	56	★ Fast Workers	★ Mark of the V...			:15	★★★★ The Devil-Doll			:45	★★★★ Miracles For Sale			★★★★ The Great Train Robbery			★★★★ Hanover Street Harrison Ford.			★ From Beyond the Grave						
TLC	49	Hoarding	Hoarding			My 600-lb Life	My 600-lb Life			Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes-Dress	Day Fiancé "Jorge and Anfsa: Our Continuing Journey" (N)	:90 Day Fiancé								
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	HBO2	520	★ Scott Pilgrim...	Rock and Roll Hall of Fame '2018 Induction Ceremony"						:05	★ Going in Style			W.Cenac	:15	★★★★ Garden State Zach Braff.			Westworld			★★★★ The Beguiled				
	HBO3	521	★ Alien: The Director's Cut	:40	★★★★ Live by Night Ben Affleck.			:50	★★★★ The Informant!			:40	★★★★ Right at Your Door			:15	★★★★ Whitout Kate Beckinsale.			★★★★ Live by Night Ben Affleck.	:15	★★★★ The Info...				
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STARZ	621	Movie	:35	★★★★ Legally Blonde			:15	★★★★ Cast Away '00, Dra) Tom Hanks.			:40	★ Mark Felt: The Man Who Br...			Sweetbit	:55	★★★★ Death at a Funeral			Sweetbit	Power "Help Me"	Power				
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