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THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1965

U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
*Washington, D.C.*

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m., in room 212, Old Senate Office Building.

Present: Senators Stennis (acting chairman), Symington, Cannon, Young of Ohio, Inouye, Brewster, Smith, and Thurmond.

Also present: William H. Darden, T. Edward Braswell, Jr., professional staff members; Charles B. Kirbow, chief clerk; and Herbert S. Atkinson, assistant chief clerk.

Senator STENNIS. The committee will please come to order.

Mr. Stanley R. Resor, of Connecticut, has been nominated to be Under Secretary of the Army to succeed Mr. Paul R. Ignatius, who is now Assistant Secretary of Defense for Supply and Logistics.

Since this is Mr. Resor's first nomination to a statutory position, he is making a personal appearance before the committee this morning in compliance with our precedents.

Mr. Resor, we are pleased to have you with us. Your nomination to this important position is a manifestation of trust and confidence and we congratulate you on your selection.

If you will please give us a brief oral summary of your biography and a statement covering whether you have any financial interest in companies doing business with the Department of Defense, members of the committee may then propound such questions as they may have.

All right, Mr. Resor, you may proceed.

### STATEMENT OF STANLEY R. RESOR, OF CONNECTICUT, NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Mr. RESOR. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I have submitted a biographical sketch, which I will summarize.

I was born in New York City December 5, 1917, and am 47 years old. I graduated from Groton School, Groton, Mass., in 1935, and from Yale University in 1939, with an A.B. degree. At Yale I was a member of the ROTC and was commissioned second lieutenant of field artillery in the Army Reserve upon graduation. I attended Yale Law School for 2½ years, until February 1942, when I was ordered to active duty. I served in the Army from 1942 through 1945, starting as a second lieutenant and ending as a major. Substantially all of my service was with the 10th Armored Division. Our division participated in combat in France, Belgium, and Germany.

During the combat period, I was successively battalion operations officer and then battalion executive officer.

After the war I returned to Yale Law School from which I graduated in 1946 with a bachelor of law degree. Since then I have practiced law in New York City with the law firm of Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates. I became a member of the firm in 1955. I have concentrated in the field of business law, advising corporate clients primarily.

I am a director and officer of a number of educational and charitable organizations. If confirmed, I will resign from all these organizations.

I have delivered to the committee a letter with respect to my financial holdings. I have reviewed these with counsel for the Department of the Army and of the Defense Department. If confirmed, I will divest myself of all stocks in companies which had contracts with the Department of Defense of \$10,000 or more last year, except for shares in one regulated public utility.

As of February 1, I withdrew from my law firm, and will not participate in any fees earned by the firm after that date. I am married to Jane Pillsbury. We have seven sons, and make our home in New Canaan, Conn.

Senator STENNIS. Seven sons? Congratulations.

(The nomination reference and biographical sketch of Mr. Resor follow:)

#### NOMINATION REFERENCE AND REPORT

IN EXECUTIVE SESSION,  
SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,  
March 25, 1965.

*Ordered*, That the following nomination be referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

Stanley R. Resor, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary of the Army vice Paul R. Ignatius, resigned.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Born in New York, N. Y., December 5, 1917.

Education: The Allen Stevenson School, New York City; Groton School, Groton, Mass., 1935; Yale University, 1939; received Samuel Galpin Latin Prize; dean's list; editor, Yale Daily News; member of freshman 150-pound crew, Elizabethan Club, Aurelian Honor Society, and Scroll and Key Honor Society; Yale Law School, 1939-42; returned following war, receiving degree in 1946; standing in upper quarter of class; director, Yale moot court of appeals.

Military service: 1942-45, served from second lieutenant to major; participated in combat in France, Belgium, and Germany; awarded Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star, and Distinguished Unit Citation for defense of Bastogne.

Professional experience: Lawyer, member of law firm of Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons & Gates since 1955; has concentrated in field of business law, advising general corporate clients.

Other activities: Trustee and former president, New Canaan Country School; director and former chairman, Yale Alumni Fund; director and former chairman, Union Settlement Association; director and secretary, Greater New York Fund; director and treasurer, Association for the Aid of Crippled Children; former member of the executive committee of the Yale Law School and currently chairman of its nominating committee.

Clubs and associations: Association of the Bar of the City of New York, American Bar Association, Yale, Links, New Canaan Country Club.

Mr. Resor and his wife, the former Jane Lawler Pillsbury, who now reside in New Canaan, Conn., have seven children.

Senator STENNIS. Do you wish to say something further?

Mr. RESOR. No, sir.

Senator STENNIS. As I understand, you will divest yourself of all stocks that are in any way connected with the possibility of having business with the Department of Defense.

Mr. RESOR. That is correct.

Senator STENNIS. You made an exception of utility stock.

Mr. RESOR. Yes. There is one company that is a regulated public utility, and I understand that the practice is that that is all right, because the rates are set.

Senator STENNIS. It would not have business probably with the Department of Defense anyway, would it?

Mr. RESOR. I am not sure. Yes, this one apparently has some.

Senator STENNIS. That is all right. It is regulated by a public commission.

I understand there is a trust that you have an interest in.

Mr. RESOR. Yes, sir; a life interest.

Senator STENNIS. Would you cover that, please?

Mr. RESOR. I have a right to the income during my life to a trust which my father set up back in 1927. It is an irrevocable trust. The only rights in the principal are in my children. I have no chance of getting any right to any of the principal under any contingency.

I have had the right to approve the investments. I plan to relinquish that right, to direct the trustee, which is the United States Trust Co. of New York City, not to advise me henceforth of any investments or sales that they make, and to direct them that henceforth not to purchase any securities—

Senator STENNIS. You are advising the trustee not to do what?

Mr. RESOR. Not to henceforth purchase any securities of any companies that do \$10,000 worth of business with the Defense Department during any year.

Senator STENNIS. And that will remain your instructions so long as you hold this office?

Mr. RESOR. Absolutely, sir.

Senator STENNIS. All right.

Senator Smith?

Senator SMITH. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

Senator STENNIS. Senator Symington?

Senator SYMINGTON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Resor, I think you are very well qualified for this job based on your record. I intend to vote for you. As long as we are on this subject, I have made a practice each time anybody comes before this committee to say I don't see why you have to sell your securities. You are an honorable person. I am against that part of the law. The Senate doesn't pass laws that Senators should disclose their own interests.

It is a privilege to be here this morning, and I congratulate you on being willing to come down here and do the job. I wish you the best of luck.

Mr. RESOR. Thank you very much, Senator.

Senator STENNIS. Senator Thurmond?

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Resor, you appear to be well qualified for the position to which you have been appointed, and I shall be pleased to support your confirmation.

Mr. RESOR. Thank you, Senator.

Senator STENNIS. Senator Cannon?

Senator CANNON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Resor, you state you severed your relations with your law firm on February 1. What have you been doing in the interim period?

Mr. RESOR. I picked that date because it was simpler for accounting purposes. I have been down here actually since March 1. I spent the end of February clearing up with the law firm, and then came down here March 1, and have been studying memorandums about the job in the Department of the Army.

Senator CANNON. You have been spending that time familiarizing yourself with what the job might consist of?

Mr. RESOR. Precisely; full time since March 1.

Senator CANNON. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator STENNIS. Senator Inouye?

Senator INOUE. Mr. Chairman, I am very much impressed with Mr. Resor's background.

Senator STENNIS. Senator Young?

Senator YOUNG. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no questions. I am going to be very happy to vote for this confirmation.

Senator STENNIS. Mr. Resor, as I understand it, in this irrevocable trust of 1927, you are the beneficiary to the extent of the income, but not the corpus.

Mr. RESOR. That is correct.

Senator STENNIS. Of course it will be left like it is. It is beyond your control.

Mr. RESOR. That is right.

Senator STENNIS. But you are expressly instructing them as to future investments over which you do have control.

Mr. RESOR. That is correct. I actually don't have control, but I have every confidence they will follow those instructions.

Senator STENNIS. All right.

Now, concerning the matter touched on by Senator Symington. I wish we had clearer laws on this subject matter. I think they ought to be rewritten, but that is very difficult to do. Maybe we can have a better understanding under the present law.

However, we have to meet the realities of the situation here, and until we can get a better method, we have to follow the one we have.

You have shown the greatest sympathy with that.

Do you wish to say anything else?

Mr. RESOR. Nothing further.

Senator STENNIS. If there is no other interrogation by any member of the committee, we will now go into executive session. We thank you very much for coming in.

Mr. RESOR. Thank you very much sir.

(Whereupon, at 10:50 a.m., the committee proceeded in executive session.)

(The nomination of Mr. Resor to Under Secretary of the Army was subsequently approved by the committee in executive session and confirmed by the Senate on April 5, 1965.)

The following is a list of the lands which have been surveyed and classified by the Commission of the Land Office, and which are now available for sale or lease. The lands are classified according to their location, and the nature of the soil and vegetation. The following is a list of the lands which are available for sale or lease, and the price at which they are offered.

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