and Las Caebas, Director of Merchandising Operations, Trans World Entertainment, and Co-Chairman of the Media on Demand Task Force Corporate Circle, National Association of Recording Merchandisers, Albany, NY.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on water and power be authorized to meet, during the recess of the Senate on Tuesday, July 12, 2005 at 3 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 49, to establish a joint Federal-State Floodplain and Erosion Mitigation Commission for the State of Alaska; S. 247, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon; S. 648, to amend the reclamation states emergency drought relief act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance; S. 819, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the co-ownership of the Pactola Dam and Reservoir, South Dakota, to reflect increased demands for municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes; S. 981, to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska; and S. 1338, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the bureau of reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to complete a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jeffrey Highley, a civil engineering congressional staff member in Senator Pryor’s office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remaining duration of the debate on the Homeland Security appropriations bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Ray Kovachy and Lynden Melmed, detailees from the Department of Homeland Security to the majority staff of the Immigration, Border Security, and Citizenship Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee during the remainder of the first session of the 109th Congress.

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

Mr. MARTINEZ. I ask unanimous consent that Brian Walsh, a member of my staff, be granted floor privileges during consideration of the Homeland Security appropriations bill.

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

WELCOMING THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of S. Res. 196, submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 196) welcoming the Prime Minister of Singapore on the occasion of his visit to the United States, expressing gratitude to the Government of Singapore for its strong cooperation with the United States in the campaign against terrorism, and reaffirming the commitment of the United States to the continued expansion of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Singapore.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 196) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 196

Whereas Singapore is a great friend of the United States;

Whereas the United States and Singapore share a common vision of promoting peace, stability, security, and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas Singapore is a member of the Proliferation Security Initiative, an initiative launched by the United States in 2003 to respond to the challenges posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and a committed partner of the United States in preventing the spread of weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas Singapore is a leader in the Radiation Detection effort by the United States to develop technology to safeguard maritime security by detecting trafficking of nuclear and radioactive materials;

Whereas Singapore will soon be a partner to the United States in the Strategic Framework Agreement for Closer Cooperation in Defense and Security, an agreement which will build upon the already strong military relations between the United States and Singapore and expand the scope of defense and security cooperation between the 2 countries;

Whereas Singapore responded quickly to provide generous humanitarian relief and financial assistance to the people affected by the tragic tsunami that struck Southeast Asia in December 2004;

Whereas Singapore has joined the United States in the global struggle against terrorism, prioritizing intelligence and offering political and diplomatic support;

Whereas Singapore is the 15th largest trading partner of the United States and the first free trade partner of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region, and the United States is the second largest trading partner of Singapore;

Whereas the relationship between the United States and Singapore extends beyond the current campaign against terrorism and is reinforced by strong ties of culture, commerce, and scientific and technical cooperation;

Whereas the relationship between the United States and Singapore encompasses almost every field of international cooperation, including a common commitment to fostering a stronger and more open international trading system; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) welcomes the Prime Minister of Singapore, His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, to the United States;

(2) expresses profound gratitude to the Government of Singapore for promoting security and prosperity in Southeast Asia and cooperating with the United States in the global campaign against terrorism; and

(3) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to continue strengthening the friendship and cooperation between the United States and Singapore.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1382) to require the Secretary of Interior to accept the conveyance of certain water service contract for the Puyallup Indian tribe.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1374) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a border preparedness pilot program on Indian land.

A bill (S. 1375) to amend the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 to modify provisions relating to criminal proceedings and civil actions, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate complete its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning
ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the Homeland Security appropriations bill. We have several important amendments pending, focusing on first responders. Additional amendments will be offered and debated through the day. Due to scheduling issues, any votes ordered with respect to amendments will be stacked to occur later in the day. We will alert Senators to the exact timing of that series of votes tomorrow. We will complete the Homeland Security appropriations bill this week, and therefore we will need to make good use of our time on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, if necessary.

Again, the intention is we will complete this bill this week. I mention that because I know there are a lot of scheduling challenges and problems, but we need to keep moving ahead. We will be stacking the votes, as I mentioned earlier in the day, to try to accommodate as many Members’ schedules as possible.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:30 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive Nominations received by the Senate July 12, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

KIRTH A. NELSON, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE VICKERS B. MEADOWS.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

REBECCA F. DYR, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2010. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICIA LOUISE HERREID, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE AN AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.

JAMES CALDWELL CASON, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT AS A PERMANENT COMMISSIONED REGULAR OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IS GRADED INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 1217:

JAMES A. CLEVELAND

MELISSA DIAZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT COMMISSIONED TEACHING STAFF OF THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY IS GRADED INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 108:

ROYCE W. JAMES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

MILDRED L. DEHR, JR.

JERRY R. ACTON, JR.

JOHN P. LAMOREUX

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

MELISSA DIAZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2010. (REAPPOINTMENT)

JAMES CALDWELL CASON

JAMES A. CLEVELAND