

Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be general

Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., 000-00-0000. U.S. Army.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Dennis L. Benchoff, 000-00-0000

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William M. Steele, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, Section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Kinzer, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, Section 601(a):

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph E. DeFrancisco, 000-00-0000.

MARINE CORPS

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the U.S. Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under the provisions of section 601(a), title 10, United States Code:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Peter Pace, 000-00-0000.

NAVY

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, sections 601 and 5141:

CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. (Selectee) Charles S. Abbott, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. Thomas J. Lopez, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Donald L. Pilling, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officer for appointment to the grade of vice admiral in the U.S. Navy while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, United States Code, section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. John S. Redd, 000-00-0000.

IN THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, MARINE CORPS

Air Force nominations beginning Brian K. Bakshas, and ending Stephen D. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Daniel A. Babine, and ending William J. Weigel, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Justin L. Abold, and ending Kathleen M. Zendejas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 1996.

Air Force nominations beginning Larry D. Biggers, and ending John J. McGraw, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1996.

Army nominations beginning Gregory K. Austin, and ending Robert M. Traynor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1996.

Army nominations beginning Gregory B. Baxter, and ending Mary F. Sippell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1996.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Mark D. Abelson, and ending Peter D. Zoretic, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 21, 1996.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 8, 1996

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 192 until the hour of 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 3:30 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each with the following Senators in control of the stated time: Senator KENNEDY, or his designee, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Senator COVERDELL, or his designee, from 2 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

I further ask unanimous consent that at 3:30 p.m. the Senate begin consideration of H.R. 3448, the small business tax package, as under a previous consent agreement.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, under the

previous order the Senate will be debating the small business tax package when the Senate reconvenes from the Independence Day break. When the Senate completes all debate on Monday, July 8, we will recess over until Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., at which time the Senate will resume consideration of the small business tax package. Under the order, the Senate will begin voting at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday on amendments offered to H.R. 3448. I now ask unanimous consent that the votes occur in the order in which the amendments were offered.

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

Mr. NICKLES. I further ask unanimous consent that following the votes scheduled to begin at 2:15 on Tuesday, the Senate begin consideration of the TEAM Act under a previous consent agreement.

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

Mr. NICKLES. Also, as a reminder to all Senators, there will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1788, the right-to-work bill, at the hour of 12 noon on Wednesday, July 10.

Finally, I remind Senators that the vote on passage of the DOD authorization bill will occur at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10.

I further ask unanimous consent that following the vote on the right-to-work bill, the Senate proceed to vote on amendments and passage with respect to the TEAM Act in the order in which they were offered and debated on Tuesday.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, regrettably, we are not going to be able to confirm a number of judges that I had hoped would be confirmed this afternoon. We were presented with a list of 10. Somebody on the other side objected to one of those 10. But hours after our last vote, after everybody had left and were on airplanes and in places where they could not be contacted, we were not in the position to be able to contact a number of Senators who also had judges. There are 23 judges that are currently on the calendar; 23 nominations. There are 68 vacancies.

Not one judge has been confirmed in this session of Congress—not one. This to our knowledge is unprecedented. So late in the day, after we cooperated all day long—yesterday, today—working as diligently as we could to accommodate the other side in getting the legislation to the point where we were able to call now for third reading and then a final vote next week, we find that on our list of judges to be considered we could not even get up 10—not 10 out of the 23. Those nine we did call up were given to us about an hour ago, after everybody was gone.

Mr. President, I have to say this is increasingly a matter that is of great concern to our colleagues and will be a factor in our cooperation as we consider other issues in the coming weeks.

We have to resolve this matter. It is just unacceptable that that number of judges would not be given their opportunity to be considered. Careers, families, futures are all at stake here. They are all on the line. It is one thing to deal with a bill—I understand that—but to deal with somebody's life, to deal with somebody's future and career and to deal with it so cavalierly is unacceptable.

So we are going to have to deal with this when we get back, and I must say it is going to be a long, hot summer if we cannot deal with it more successfully than we have so far. I am disappointed, very disappointed that we could not even do those 23 on the calendar today. But I look forward to working with the majority leader with an expectation we will when we get back.

I yield the floor.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, just a comment to follow up on the minority leader's comment on the judges, as the minority leader is aware, we have a new leadership team on this side. And to say the least, we have had our hands full the last couple weeks—not even 2 weeks yet, I think. We have made some progress, but it has not been easy. We made progress as I mentioned earlier, and I complimented the minority leader for his assistance in making this happen. We finally were able to bring to closure the Department of Defense authorization bill. After long, difficult negotiations, it looks as if we are on our way towards finalizing action on the minimum wage.

Some of us are very frustrated on this side, though, that Members on the Democrat side of the aisle have objected to appointing conferees on the health bill. That is unprecedented. It is 40-some-odd days, I think about 45 days since we requested conferees be appointed. We would like to have that resolved.

And so my point being, there are frustrations maybe on both sides. This side was prepared and willing to move on several judges, and I am sure that this will still be pending when we return early in July. I will look forward to working with the minority leader to see if we cannot come up to a successful resolution.

The new leadership team, though, I will tell you, because we spent so much time in working on the DOD authorization bill, working on the health bill, working on the minimum wage agreement, which included the TEAM Act and other provisions, we really have not had time to focus on these nominations.

So I just mention that.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
JULY 8, 1996, AT 12:30 P.M.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 192, the adjournment resolution.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:58 p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 8, 1996, at 12:30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 28, 1996:

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA
NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

BARBARA BLUM, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2002. (REAPPOINTMENT)

STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SOPHIA H. HALL, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 1997, VICE JOHN F. DAFFRON, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 28, 1996:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ALFRED C. DECOTIS, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT HILL, OF RHODE ISLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA.

The above nomination was approved subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be general

GEN. JOHN H. TILELLI, JR., 000-00-0000, U.S. ARMY.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DENNIS L. BENCHOFF, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM M. STEELE, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH W. KINZER, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO, 000-00-0000.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 601(A), TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. PETER PACE, 000-00-0000.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 601 AND 5141:

CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. DANIEL T. OLIVER, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. (SELECTEE) CHARLES S. ABBOTT, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 601:

To be admiral

VICE ADM. THOMAS J. LOPEZ, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 601:

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. DONALD L. PILLING, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. JOHN S. REDD, 000-00-0000.

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING BRIAN K. BAKSHAS, AND ENDING STEPHEN D. WHITE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 18, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING DANIEL A. BABINE, AND ENDING WILLIAM J. WEIGEL, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 18, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JUSTIN L. ABOLD, AND ENDING KATHLEEN M. ZENDEJAS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 18, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING LARRY D. BIGGERS, AND ENDING JOHN J. MCGRAW, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 21, 1996.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING GREGORY K. AUSTIN, AND ENDING ROBERT M. TRAYNOR, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 21, 1996.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING *GREGORY B. BAXTER, AND ENDING MARY F. SIPPPELL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 21, 1996.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING MARK D. ABELSON, AND ENDING PETER D. ZORETIC, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF JUNE 21, 1996.