

was able to use the strategically located Commonwealth of the Philippines as a base from which to launch the final efforts to defeat Japan;

Whereas every American deserves to know the important contribution that the military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines made to the outcome of World War II; and

Whereas the Filipino World War II veterans deserve recognition and honor for their important contribution to the outcome of World War II: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the President should issue a proclamation which recognizes and honors the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 575 and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk.

I ask further unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

Mr. STEVENS. Reserving the right to object, I might add this confirms the nomination of Charles Clevert, Jr., of Wisconsin, and the nominations placed on the Secretary's desk are in the Public Health Service area.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Charles N. Clevert, Jr., of Wisconsin, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin vice Terence T. Evans, elevated.

IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Service nominations beginning Michael M. Gottesman, and ending Willard E. Dause, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of May 1, 1996.

Public Health Service nominations beginning John M. Balintona, and ending Kimberly S. Stolz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of June 10, 1996.

NOMINATION OF CHARLES N. CLEVERT, JR., TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I rise today to lend my strong support to the nomination of Charles N. Clevert to be United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

I am pleased that the full Senate has joined with me, Senator KOHL and my colleagues on Judiciary Committee in recognizing Charles Clevert's qualifications for the Federal bench. I attended Judge Clevert's confirmation hearing before the Judiciary Committee and the fact that he will be a worthy jurist was clearly evident at that time. His is

a career of dedicated and unwavering service, not only to the legal community, but to the people of Wisconsin as well.

Throughout his legal career, Charles Clevert has worked on behalf of the people of Wisconsin in a number of important ways. He has served as a prosecutor both in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's office as well as in the United States Attorney's Office. His career has taken him to courtrooms in both Federal and State courts throughout Wisconsin and he has practiced in both the criminal and civil arenas. For the past nineteen years he has been a United States Bankruptcy Judge. In 1986, Judge Clevert became the Chief Bankruptcy Judge for Wisconsin's Eastern District. Clearly Mr. President, these experiences will serve him well on the Federal bench.

However Mr. President, these accomplishments do not fully recognize the contribution of Charles Clevert to his profession and his community. In addition to being active in various Wisconsin Bar Associations and lecturing at the University of Wisconsin Law School, Judge Clevert has been active in working with young people in my state of Wisconsin for over 20 years.

Judge Clevert takes the time to meet and talk with school children in and around Milwaukee about the importance of education and the role of the courts in our society. He stresses the need to emphasize education, not drugs and alcohol. His simple message of hard work and respect for the law is a positive and important one for the young people of Wisconsin. I was pleased to hear Judge Clevert indicate that it is his intention to continue his activities throughout Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin following his confirmation to the federal bench.

Mr. President, Charles Clevert's nomination was recommended to President Clinton by a nominating committee that my colleague, Senator KOHL and I have established to help ensure that the citizens of our State receive quality judicial representation. I am pleased that the full Senate has joined with that advisory committee, the President and the Judiciary Committee in recognizing Charles Clevert's qualifications and confirming his nomination to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. I want to wish Judge Clevert, and his family, well in this new and important phase of his career. Although the responsibility that awaits him is great, it is a responsibility that Charles Clevert will no doubt handle with the competence and professionalism that has to date marked his distinguished career.

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, Charles Clevert has accomplished a number of "firsts" in his life. He was the first member of his family to go to college. He was the first African-American assistant U.S. Attorney in Wisconsin. When he was appointed in 1977, he was the youngest bankruptcy judge in the country.

Today, as he is confirmed by the Senate, he becomes the first African-

American Federal district court judge in Wisconsin history. In my opinion, it is critical that our Federal judiciary try to reflect the diversity that is America. But while we are gratified that Judge Clevert will add diversity to our Federal bench, he was nominated for one simple reason: he was the most qualified.

Let me tell you why President Clinton could not have made a better choice to fill the vacancy created when Terry Evans—himself an outstanding judge—was elevated to the Seventh Circuit.

First, Charles Clevert is a jurist of extraordinary intelligence and unquestioned skill. Practicing lawyers consistently rank him among the finest judges in Wisconsin. Attorneys who appear before Judge Clevert repeatedly praise him for his integrity, fairness and demeanor. He received similar high marks from members of the non-partisan nominating commission—which Senator FEINGOLD and I established with the State bar—who made Judge Clevert one of the finalists for the Eastern District vacancy. The ABA gave him a "well-qualified" rating, the highest grade possible for any nominee.

And don't take my word for it, ask the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel: it called Judge Clevert's selection a "wise choice" and a "milestone."

Second, Judge Clevert is a person of extraordinary achievement and generosity. He grew up working class in Richmond, where he attended a segregated high school. He went to a small college in West Virginia, and then graduated from Georgetown Law School. He has spent more than 20 years in Wisconsin as a prosecutor and a bankruptcy judge—he is now the Chief Bankruptcy Judge of the Eastern District. Judge Clevert's reputation is exceptional even among his colleagues: several years ago they honored him by appointing him President of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges.

Let me also mention that Judge Clevert and his wife Leslie have two lovely children, Chip and Melanie, both of whom are in high school. What little free time Judge Clevert has away from his job and his family he spends working with his church and with charities. For example, he sits on the board of the Anvil Housing Corporation, which provides subsidized housing for senior and handicapped citizens. And he is involved with a group called Men of Tomorrow, an organization that mentors young men between the ages of 11 and 18.

Mr. President, no one can read the story of Judge Clevert's life and not be impressed. It is eloquent testimony to our country's ability to create opportunity for all from a social compact some claim was written for a few.

From any perspective—prosecutor or defense lawyer, corporate litigator or consumer advocate, debtor or creditor—Charles N. Clevert is already a

terrific bankruptcy court judge. He is someone who will faithfully apply Supreme Court precedent. He is a pragmatist, not an ideologue. And his career demonstrates a proven record of fairness and toughness.

I congratulate the Senate on a wise decision today, and I am sure that Judge Clevert will be as distinguished on the district court as he has been on the bankruptcy bench.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1996

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 18; that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate immediately resume consideration of our defense appropriations as under the previous order.

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. For the information of all Senators, there is a rollcall vote at 9:30 on or in relation to the Harkin amendment to the defense appropriations bill. There now will be three votes—two votes on amendments and one vote on final passage.

There will be 2 minutes before each vote on amendments.

Following those two votes, there will be 5 minutes for Senator DORGAN and 5 minutes equally divided between the Senator from Hawaii and myself.

We will then go to final passage under the previous unanimous consent agreement that all of the arrangements concerning the transfer to the House bill and the passage of that bill have already been agreed to.

Following the votes, the Senate will begin consideration of the reconciliation bill. Additional votes can be expected throughout the day and into the evening in order to make substantial progress on that bill. There is a statutory limit of 20 hours on the reconciliation bill. However, the leader expresses the hope that we may be able to yield back some of that time and complete action on that bill as early as possible.

Let me ask the Parliamentarian. Do I have to do anything further to assure that we follow the procedure outlined under the previous unanimous-consent agreement for the passage of the House bill?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. No further action is required according to our previous agreement.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays on final passage of the bill itself tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, if there are no further amendments, I ask that we stand in adjournment in accordance with the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:15 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 18, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 17, 1996:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER FOR PROMOTION IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 3385, 3392 AND 12203(A):

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. GERALD A. RUDISILL, JR., 000-00-0000.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICERS, ON THE ACTIVE DUTY LIST, FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 531 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, WITH A VIEW TO DESIGNATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8067 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, TO PERFORM DUTIES INDICATED WITH GRADE AND DATE OF RANK TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PROVIDED THAT IN NO CASE SHALL THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS BE APPOINTED IN A HIGHER GRADE THAN THAT INDICATED.

MEDICAL CORPS

To be colonel

JEFFREY I. ROLLER, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL L. ROSENBERG, 000-00-0000
JAMES A. WASHINGTON, 000-00-0000

To be lieutenant colonel

THOMAS F. BABSON, 000-00-0000
GEORGE V. BLACKWOOD, 000-00-0000
ROBERT D. BRADSHAW, 000-00-0000
WILLIAM P. BUTLER, 000-00-0000
GLENN C. COCKERHAM, 000-00-0000
DAVID E. GEYER, 000-00-0000
HARRY W. KUBERG, 000-00-0000
BRUCE D. SMITH, 000-00-0000
GREGORY J. TOUSSAINT, 000-00-0000

DENTAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

JESSE T. MCVAY, 000-00-0000
WILLIAM F. PIERPONT, 000-00-0000
MARIE Y.A. WILLIAMS, 000-00-0000

MEDICAL CORPS

To be major

RICHARD H. NGUYEN, 000-00-0000

DENTAL CORPS

To be major

RICHARD M. BEDINGHAUS, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL H. BETO, 000-00-0000
PAUL M. ROGERS, 000-00-0000

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE, IN GRADES INDICATED, UNDER SECTIONS 8067 AND 12203 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, WITH A VIEW TO DESIGNATION TO PERFORM THE DUTIES INDICATED.

MEDICAL CORPS

To be colonel

JOHN C. STONER, 000-00-0000

To be lieutenant colonel

HARRY D. ELSHIRE, 000-00-0000

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR, U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, UNDER SECTION 9333(B) OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.

LINE

To be colonel

DAVID B. PORTER, 000-00-0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR RESERVE OF THE ARMY APPOINTMENT, WITHOUT CONCURRENT ORDER TO ACTIVE DUTY, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 12203(A), 12204(A), 3353, AND 3359:

MEDICAL CORPS

To be lieutenant colonel

DONALD G. HIGGINS, 000-00-0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS, ON THE ACTIVE DUTY LIST, FOR PROMOTION TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE U.S. NAVY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 624 OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE.

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICERS

To be commander

RUFUS S. ABERNETHY III, 000-00-0000
JOSEPH C. ADAN, 000-00-0000
JOHN D. ALEXANDER, 000-00-0000
SCOTT D. ALTMAN, 000-00-0000
PAUL F. ANDERSON, 000-00-0000
ROBERT S. ANDERSON, 000-00-0000
CHRISTOPHER P. ARENDT, 000-00-0000
WAYNE D. ATWOOD, 000-00-0000
DAVID T. BAILEY, 000-00-0000
KELLY B. BARAGAR, 000-00-0000
ANTHONY P. BARNES, 000-00-0000
BRIAN E. BARRINGTON, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL G. BARRINGTON, 000-00-0000
JOHN P. BARRON, 000-00-0000
ROLAND W. BATTEN, JR., 000-00-0000
WAYNE R. BAUTERS, JR., 000-00-0000
SCOTT B. BAWDEN, 000-00-0000
VERNON D. BEACH, 000-00-0000
FRED T. BECKHAM, JR., 000-00-0000
MICHAEL J. BECKNELL, 000-00-0000
JOHN R. BEGLEY, 000-00-0000
ROBERT A. BELITTO, 000-00-0000
CHRISTOPHER R. BERGEY, 000-00-0000
JONATHAN C. BESS, 000-00-0000
GREGORY M. BILLY, 000-00-0000
HAROLD F. BISHOP II, 000-00-0000
MARTIN J. BODROG, 000-00-0000
JON R. BOE, 000-00-0000
DAVID P. BOETTCHER, 000-00-0000
MC WILLIAM V. BOLLMAN, 000-00-0000
EDMOND L. BOULLIANNE, 000-00-0000
RANDALL G. BOWDISH, 000-00-0000
TODD A. BOYERS, 000-00-0000
JAMES D. BRADFORD, 000-00-0000
KENT D. BRADSHAW, 000-00-0000
JOHN F. BRANDEAU, 000-00-0000
JOHN D. BRAZIL, 000-00-0000
WILLIAM S. BRINKMAN, 000-00-0000
JOHN B. BROOMFIELD, 000-00-0000
ROBERT W. BROWN, 000-00-0000
BARRY L. BRUNER, 000-00-0000
JOHN E. BRUNS, 000-00-0000
JOSEPH A. BULGER III, 000-00-0000
DONALD J. BURGER, JR., 000-00-0000
JAMES R. BURKE, 000-00-0000
WILLIE BURKE, JR., 000-00-0000
LAWRENCE D. BURT, 000-00-0000
BRUCE K. BUTLER, 000-00-0000
ALFRED D. BYRNE, 000-00-0000
RORY J. CALHOUN, 000-00-0000
WILLIAM H. CAMERON, 000-00-0000
THOMAS A. CAMPION III, 000-00-0000
JOEL M. CANTRELL, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL J. CARLIN, 000-00-0000
THOMAS S. CARLSON, 000-00-0000
THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR., 000-00-0000
TED W. CARTER, 000-00-0000
DAVID A. CATE, 000-00-0000
JOSEPH CEROLA, 000-00-0000
JOHN M. CHANDLER, 000-00-0000
JAMES L. CHAPPELL, 000-00-0000
HENRI L. CHASE, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL B. CHICONE, 000-00-0000
EDWARD M. CLARK, 000-00-0000
JAMES B. CLARK, 000-00-0000
JOSEPH M. CLARKSON, 000-00-0000
JOHN E. CLAY, 000-00-0000
TERENCE L. CLEVELAND, 000-00-0000
WILLIAM R. CLOUGHLEY, 000-00-0000
RANDALL B. COHN, 000-00-0000
GEORGE A. COLEMAN, 000-00-0000
WILLIAM L. CONE, 000-00-0000
THOMAS H. COPEMAN III, 000-00-0000
KEVEN L. CORCORAN, 000-00-0000
BRIAN S. COVAL, 000-00-0000
JAMES A. CRABBE, 000-00-0000
SCOTT T. CRAIG, 000-00-0000
CARL W. CRAMP, 000-00-0000
RICHARD T. CRANGE, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL E. CROSS, 000-00-0000
PATRICK K. CROTZER, 000-00-0000
WILLIAM P. CULIK, 000-00-0000
RICHARD W. DANIEL, 000-00-0000
RAYMOND J. DEPTULA, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL R. DESROSIER, 000-00-0000
JOHN Q. DICKMAN, JR., 000-00-0000
STEVEN J. DINOBILE, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL F. DIONIAN, 000-00-0000
DAVID B. DITTMER, 000-00-0000
PHILIP K. DOUGHERTY, 000-00-0000
JAMES P. DRISCOLL, 000-00-0000
RANDY S. DUHRKOPF, 000-00-0000
STEVEN P. DUNKLE, 000-00-0000
MICHAEL J. DUPREY, 000-00-0000