

It has been brought to my attention that this Federal building went through the proper screening process by GSA in order to ascertain if it was needed for any further Federal use. No Federal Government agency expressed an interest in utilizing this property.

Furthermore, I am informed that the sale of this property, through a process of competitive bidding, will result in a profit to the American taxpayer. The Conference Committee directed the sale of this building only after the GSA screening was completed and it was determined that this was in fact surplus Federal property.

Therefore, Mr. President, I applaud the actions of the Committee and Rep. BILL THOMAS of California, and withdraw my objection to the sale of this property as well as my recommendation that the President veto this provision.●

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 56, submitted earlier today by Senator SPECTER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 56) authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony honoring Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 56) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 56

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the rotunda of the Capitol is authorized to be used on October 29, 1997, for a ceremony to honor Leslie Townes (Bob) Hope by conferring upon him the status of an honorary veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. Physical preparations for the conduct of the ceremony shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

MEASURES JOINTLY REFERRED—S. 613 AND H.R. 1953

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 613 and H.R. 1953 be considered jointly referred to the Finance Committee and the Governmental Affairs Committee.

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

MEASURE DISCHARGED AND REFERRED—S. 1268

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1268 and the bill be referred to the Environment and Public Works Committee.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and that the Indian Affairs Committee be immediately discharged from further consideration of the following nominations, and further that the Senate then proceed to their consideration:

Michael Naranjo, Jeanne Givens, Barbara Blum, Letitia Chambers.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

Michael A. Naranjo, of New Mexico, 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.

Jeanne Givens, of Idaho, 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 October 18, 2002.

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.

Letitia Chambers, of Oklahoma, 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, 2000.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1997

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 23. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate immediately proceed to a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators

permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the exception of Senators FAIRCLOTH and FORD, 30 minutes; Senators CRAIG and HAGEL, 35 minutes; Senator FEINSTEIN, 15 minutes; Senator SHELBY, 10 minutes; Senator TORRICELLI, 15 minutes; Senators KEMPTHORNE and ROBB, 20 minutes.

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

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote occur on the modified amendment to S. 1173 at the hour of 11 a.m. on Thursday. I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the cloture vote, the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the continuing resolution, H. J. Res. 97, regardless of the outcome of the first cloture vote.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, tomorrow morning following the period of morning business the Senate will conduct two consecutive rollcall votes beginning at 11 a.m. The first vote will be on cloture on the committee amendment to the ISTEA legislation, to be followed by a vote on passage of the continuing resolution.

If cloture is not invoked at 11 a.m. on Thursday, it is hoped that the second cloture vote will occur Thursday afternoon. Therefore, Members can anticipate rollcall votes throughout Thursday's session of the Senate.

It is the leader's hope that the Senate can make progress on the highway legislation—it is my hope, too, I might add—during tomorrow's session. In addition, if any appropriations conference reports become available, it would be expected that the Senate consider those reports in short order.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CHAFEE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:13 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, October 23, 1997, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 22, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DARYL L. JONES, OF FLORIDA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE SHEILA WIDNALL, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

RICHARD M. MCGAHEY, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE ANNE H. LEWIS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM DALE MONTGOMERY, OF PENNSYLVANIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM J. LYNN III, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER), VICE JOHN HAMRE.

IN THE NAVY

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

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. MICHAEL L. BOWMAN, 0000

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

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. VERNON E. CLARK, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 22, 1997:

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA
NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

MICHAEL A. NARANJO, OF NEW MEXICO, 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.

JEANNE GIVENS, OF IDAHO, 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 OCTOBER 18, 2002.

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.

LETITIA CHAMBERS, OF OKLAHOMA, 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, 2000.