

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 117, submitted earlier today by Senator JEFFORDS.

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

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 117) congratulating the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution.

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

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, today I am submitting, along with Senators KENNEDY, DEWINE, and WELLSTONE, a Senate resolution to congratulate the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service on its 50th anniversary.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service [FMCS] was created in 1947, as an independent agency, by the Labor-Management Relations Act [Taft-Hartley]. FMCS was established by Congress to resolve collective bargaining disputes which threaten the free flow of commerce and to promote the development of sound and stable labor-management relations.

The primary focus of the agency's work is on labor-management relations, mediating contract negotiation disputes between companies and the unions representing their employees, and providing training in cooperative processes to help build better labor-management relations. FMCS also was authorized under the Dispute Resolution Act of 1990 to share its expertise in all aspects of mediation, facilitation, and conflict resolution with Federal, State, and local governmental bodies and agencies. In addition to dispute mediation services, FMCS provides preventive mediation services, administers a grants program which provides funding for the creation and operation of joint labor-management committees, and also provides an arbitration service, when disputes arise between the parties over the interpretation of their collective bargaining agreement.

For 50 years, the men and women of the FMCS have worked tirelessly, and successfully, to accomplish the mission of the Agency, the promotion of "sound and stable industrial peace and the advancement of the general welfare, health and safety of the Nation.* * *". Our resolution recognizes, and commends, the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service for its 50 years of dedicated service to the Nation.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 117) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 117

Whereas the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (referred to in this resolution as the "FMCS") was created as an independent agency of the United States by the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947;

Whereas for 50 years, the FMCS has been instrumental in promoting the United States policy that "sound and stable industrial peace and the advancement of the general welfare, health, and safety of the Nation and of the best interest of employers and employees can most satisfactorily be secured through settlement of issues between employers and employees through the processes of collective bargaining between employers and representatives of their employees";

Whereas the FMCS has provided mediation services to labor and management by assisting them to settle disputes and reach agreement in collective bargaining negotiations, thereby helping to prevent or minimize work stoppages that disrupt the free flow of commerce and to promote sound and stable labor-management relations;

Whereas the FMCS has provided arbitration services by administering a roster of qualified, private arbitrators to resolve disputes arising under collective bargaining agreements, thereby minimizing disruptions to commerce and preserving labor-management peace;

Whereas the FMCS has encouraged joint initiatives designed to assist employers and the representatives of their employees explore better ways to manage differences and to work together for mutual benefit and has awarded grants to promote labor-management cooperation and to encourage innovative workplace practices, thereby improving economic performance and enhancing economic development, employment security, and organizational effectiveness;

Whereas the FMCS has provided dispute resolution services to government agencies as an alternative to costly litigation or formal rulemaking, thereby enabling less adversarial and more participative approaches to governing;

Whereas the FMCS has helped management, labor, and government leaders from many nations throughout the world to establish sound industrial relations and conflict resolution systems and practices, thereby promoting sound economic development and democratic principles; and

Whereas the FMCS has developed the art, science, and practice of conflict resolution as a means to improve the lives of the working men and women of this Nation and the relationships between labor and management and between others in our society, to sustain democratic institutions, and to strengthen the American economy, thereby making an important contribution to our Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service for 50 years of dedicated and important service to the Nation; and

(2) congratulates the FMCS as it commemorates its fiftieth anniversary.

CONDITIONAL SEQUENTIAL REFERRAL—H.R. 1658

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that if and when

the Senate Committee on Commerce reports H.R. 1658, a bill to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act, it be referred to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works for a period not to exceed 20 session days of the Senate; and that if the bill has not been reported by the Committee on Environment and Public Works by that time, it be automatically discharged and placed on the Senate Calendar.

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

PASSAGE VITIATED AND MEASURE INDEFINITELY POST- PONED—S. 39

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the passage S. 39 be vitiated and the bill be indefinitely postponed.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1997

Mr. NICKLES. 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 Wednesday, September 3. I further ask that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate immediately resume consideration of amendment No. 1057, the Harkin amendment, to the Agricultural appropriations bill.

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

Mr. NICKLES. I also ask unanimous consent that from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. the Senate stand in recess in order to meet for the weekly policy meetings.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. NICKLES. For the information of all Members, tomorrow the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the Harkin amendment to the Agriculture appropriations bill. Under the previous order, there will be 20 minutes for debate on the amendment equally divided between Senator COCHRAN and Senator HARKIN. Following the use or yielding back of time, a vote will occur on or in relation to the Harkin amendment at approximately 9:50 tomorrow morning. Following disposition of the Harkin amendment, the Senate will resume consideration of Senate bill 1061, the Labor-HHS appropriations bill.

Members can expect additional amendments to the Labor-HHS appropriations bill to be debated and voted on throughout Wednesday's session of the Senate. It is hoped that action on the Labor-HHS appropriations bill will be completed during Wednesday's session of the Senate.

As always, Members will be notified as to when additional rollcall votes can be expected.

In addition, the Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for the weekly policy luncheons.

As indicated earlier, it is hoped that the Senate will complete action on both the Labor-HHS and the Interior appropriations bill, and hopefully consider the FDA reform legislation this week.

Therefore, Members can anticipate votes during each day of the session this week, including Friday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:16 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 3, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 2, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SALLY THOMPSON, OF KANSAS, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, VICE ANTHONY A. WILLIAMS.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

RICHARD F. KEEVEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE JOHN A. KNUBEL.

EVA M. PLAZA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE ELIZABETH K. JULIAN.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

F. AMANDA DEBUSK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VICE JOHN DESPRES, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

JOHN ARTHUR HAMMERSCHMIDT, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2000. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WILLIAM CLYBURN, JR., OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2000, VICE J.J. SIMMONS III, TERM EXPIRED.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

KATHERINE MILNER ANDERSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2000, VICE SHEILA TATE, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

MICHAEL TELSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE JOSEPH F. VIVONA.

DAN REICHER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENERGY, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY), VICE CHRISTINE ERVIN, RESIGNED.

ROBERT WAYNE GEE, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (POLICY, PLANNING, AND PROGRAM EVALUATION), VICE SUSAN FALLOWS TIERNEY, RESIGNED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CARDELL COOPER, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE ELLIOTT PEARSON LAWS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARGARET ANN HAMBURG, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE PETER BENJAMIN EDELMAN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

CHARLES ROSSOTTI, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE, VICE MARGARET MILNER RICHARDSON, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

SCOTT E. THOMAS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2003. (REAPPOINTMENT)

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

DALE CABANISS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 29, 2002, VICE TONY ARMENDARIZ, TERM EXPIRED.

U.S. INFORMATION AGENCY

CHERYL F. HALPERN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 13, 1999. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BARBARA K. BODINE, OF CALIFORNIA, 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 REPUBLIC OF YEMEN.

CAROLYN CURIEL, OF INDIANA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BELIZE.

U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

PAULA DOBRIANSKY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 1998, VICE PAMELA J. TURNER, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THOMAS J. DODD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA.

NANCY H. RUBIN, OF NEW YORK, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

ANGE SCHERMERHORN, OF NEW JERSEY, 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 REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI.

BRENDA SCHOONOVER, OF MARYLAND, 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 REPUBLIC OF TOGO.

JOHNNY YOUNG, OF MARYLAND, 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 STATE OF BAHRAIN.

VICTOR MARRERO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE HARRIET C. BABBITT.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

G. DOUGLAS JONES, OF ALABAMA, TO BE U.S. ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA FOR THE TERM OF 4 YEARS VICE CLAUDE HARRIS, JR., DECEASED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

THOMAS J. UMBERG, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SUPPLY REDUCTION, OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY, VICE JOHN P. WALTERS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CHARLES VINCENT SERIO, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF 4 YEARS VICE JAMES V. SERIO, JR.

KENNETH RAY MCFERRAN, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FOR THE TERM OF 4 YEARS VICE HUGH DINSMORE BLACK, JR.

HIRAM ARTHUR CONTRERAS, OF TEXAS, TO BE U.S. MARSHAL FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF 4 YEARS VICE BASIL S. BAKER.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN A. GORDON, U.S. AIR FORCE, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, VICE GEORGE J. TENET.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

ESPIRIDION A. BORRERO, OF TEXAS, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, VICE PRESTON M. TAYLOR, JR., RESIGNED.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

DOUGLAS S. EAKELEY, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 1999. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

PATRICIA WATKINS LATTIMORE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE CYNTHIA A. METZLER.

CHARLES N. JEFFRESS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE JOSEPH A. DEAR, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JACQUES GANSLER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY, VICE PAUL G. KAMINSKI, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. RENDELL F. CLARK, JR., 0000.
BRIG. GEN. WILFRED HESSERT, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. THEODORE F. MALLORY, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. LORAN C. SCHNAIDT, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JAMES E. WHINNERY, 0000.

To be brigadier general

COL. GARRY S. BAHLING, 0000.
COL. DAVID A. BEASLEY, 0000.
COL. JACKSON L. DAVIS, III, 0000.
COL. DAVID R. HUDLET, 0000.
COL. KARL W. KRISTOFF, 0000.
COL. JOHN A. LOVE, 0000.
COL. CLARK W. MARTIN, 0000.
COL. ROBERT P. MEYER, JR., 0000.
COL. JOHN H. OLDFIELD, JR., 0000.
COL. EUGENE A. SCHMITZ, 0000.
COL. JOSEPH K. SIMEONE, 0000.
COL. DALE K. SNIDER, JR., 0000.
COL. EMMETT R. TITSHAW, 0000.
COL. EDWARD W. TONINI, 0000.
COL. RONALD A. TURNER, 0000.
COL. GILES E. VANDERHOOF, 0000.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE U.S. ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 624:

To be major general

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT G. CLAYPOOL, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. EARL L. ADAMS, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JOHN E. BLAIR, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JAMES G. BLANEY, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. DON C. MORROW, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. THOMAS E. WHITECOTTON, III, 0000.
BRIG. GEN. JACKIE D. WOOD, 0000.

To be brigadier general

COL. STEPHEN E. AREY, 0000.
COL. GEORGE A. BUSKIRK, JR., 0000.
COL. WILLIAM A. CUGNO, 0000.
COL. JOSEPH A. GOODE, JR., 0000.
COL. STANLEY J. GORDON, 0000.
COL. LARRY W. HALTOM, 0000.
COL. DANIEL E. LONG, JR., 0000.
COL. GERALD P. MINETTI, 0000.
COL. RONALD G. YOUNG, 0000.

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

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. GEORGE A. FISHER, 0000.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OF THE U.S. NAVY IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 5149:

To be rear admiral

CAPT. DONALD J. GUTER, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE U.S. NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

RICHARD P. WATSON, 0000.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THOMAS S. FOLEY, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JAPAN.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

JANE G. GOULD, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2001. (NEW POSITION)

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

RICHARD J. GRIFFIN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE STEPHEN ANTHONY TRODDEN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

TADD JOHNSON, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF 3 YEARS, VICE HAROLD A. MONTEAU, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.