

Christopher's good natured volunteerism and commitment to Scouting exemplifies the qualities for which all Scouts strive: Honor, Loyalty, Courage, Cheerfulness and Service. For all of Christopher's hard work and devotion to these ideals, he has earned this coveted recognition.

As the father of two former Scouts, I understand the time and effort that is involved in fulfilling the ideals of being a Scout. I know that Christopher will continue to be a positive role model among his peers, a leader in his community, a friend to those in need and an inspiration to all. I want to extend my sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Christopher. His achievement of Eagle Scout and significant contributions to his community are truly outstanding. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Senate.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE GILLETTE

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Christine Gillette on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's "1999 Small Business Media Advocate of the Year" for New Hampshire. This is a very commendable honor.

Christine is a journalist for the Portsmouth Herald. Her responsibilities entail covering business related news stories in the State. She produces two weekly business sections and covers business stories of local and regional interest.

She has received awards for her coverage of business in New Hampshire, including from New Hampshire Press Association for business and economic reporting and the New England Press Association. She has constantly shown a knack for reporting on the business community.

Her business associates commend Christine's dedication and enthusiasm about her job. They describe her as highly motivated, knowledgeable and talented. She has shown an ability to interpret change on a local scale as well as an international scale, and how it will affect Portsmouth area businesses. Her hard work and talent are commendable.

Once again, I wish to commend Christine on her receiving this award. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. It is a pleasure to represent her in the United States Senate.●

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 1 through 4, Nos. 37 through 43, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Public Health Service.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the mo-

tion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

##### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Susan G. Esserman, of Maryland, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Timothy F. Geithner, of New York, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Gary Gensler, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

Edwin M. Truman, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

##### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

George M. Langford, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Joseph A. Miller, Jr., of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Robert C. Richardson, of New York, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

##### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Cleo Parker Robinson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2004.

##### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Maxine L. Savitz, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

Luis Sequeira, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2004.

##### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Alice Rae Yelen, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2001.

##### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

##### IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Service nominations beginning Roger I.M. Glass, and ending Richard C. Whitmire, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 19, 1999.

Public Health Service nominations beginning Grant L. Campbell, and ending Ann M. Witherspoon, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 19, 1999.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1999

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on

Thursday, April 22. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate begin 2 hours of debate, equally divided, on the lockbox amendment, with a vote taking place on cloture at 11:30 a.m.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. VOINOVICH. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 9:30 a.m., and immediately resume debate on the Social Security lockbox legislation, with a vote on cloture at approximately 11:30 a.m. If cloture is not invoked, it is the intention of the leader to proceed to the important Y2K legislation following the vote. Interested Senators should be prepared to stay for the debate. The Senate may also consider other legislative or executive items cleared for action.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator FEINGOLD.

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

#### EARTH DAY 1999

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today, as a part of the celebration of Earth Week, I join with my other colleagues who have come to the floor calling for a renewal of this body's longstanding bipartisan commitment to the Nation's environment. I am doing so because, following the 29th Earth Day celebration tomorrow, the Nation and the 106th Congress will begin planning to commemorate three decades of Earth Days this time next year.

We need to begin now to shape and bring forward a positive environmental agenda which will earn the support of both political parties so that when the 30th Earth Day arrives, our actions to protect the environment will not be viewed as falling short of the mark.

At the beginning of this Congress, I wrote to the majority leader and the Democratic leader with suggestions of legislative areas where I believe significant opportunities actually exist for bipartisan cooperation. Among the areas I highlighted was the environment; specifically, the protection of public lands, such as passing comprehensive natural resources funding legislation which would allow the States and the Federal Government to

protect our land resources, designating new wilderness areas on our public lands, and reforming environmentally harmful subsidies that damage our lands and also hurt the American taxpayer.

I also think opportunities exist to try to work together to reauthorize several of our major environmental protection laws, such as Superfund, the Clean Water and Air Acts, and the Endangered Species Act. We have struggled with the reauthorization of these laws for several Congresses, and the time has come to look for ways to break the impasse on these very important issues.

We have also struggled, frankly, with getting more Senators involved in environmental issues as well. Several of my colleagues have remarked that with the retirement last Congress of our colleague from Arkansas, Mr. Bumpers, we on the Democratic side of the aisle find ourselves having lost a consistent and persistent champion of the environment. Fortunately, we still have wonderful leaders, and I have been pleased to support the efforts of my Democratic colleagues, such as the Senator from Montana, Mr. BAUCUS, and the Senator from New Mexico, Mr. BINGAMAN, and many others of my colleagues who have stepped forward to take up these issues. But, frankly, Mr. President, none of us can do this alone.

Not only are environmental issues by their nature complicated and technical, but they are critically important to the American people who overwhelmingly support environmental protection. We need Senators from both parties to take up these issues and move them forward, and we are having some bipartisan successes on environmental issues where Members are working together.

For example, I will have the pleasure later this week of joining with my colleague, the Senator from Delaware, Mr. ROTH, in being an original cosponsor of legislation to designate the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area. I have had the opportunity to be a cosponsor of this legislation since I joined the Senate in 1993.

In addition, this week I was delighted when the junior Senator from Maine, Ms. COLLINS, decided to join me as a cosponsor of legislation I introduced to eliminate the percentage depletion allowance tax subsidy for mining on public lands subject to the 1872 mining law.

Mr. President, part of the legacy of Earth Day is a commitment to bipartisanship, and a review of the history reveals that fact.

For me, celebrations of Earth Day are always intertwined with thoughts of the day's founder, former Senator Gaylord Nelson from my home State of Wisconsin. I am extremely proud to hold the Senate seat he held with distinction from 1963 to 1981. Not only did Senator Nelson help to set aside a day for the Nation to think and learn more

about the environment, he acted by using the power of his office to work with colleagues to protect the environment.

Senator Nelson was a two-term Governor. During his gubernatorial tenure, the environment became a priority for the State of Wisconsin with the creation of the State's stewardship program, one of the important models for the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, putting Wisconsin far ahead in recreational opportunities for the general public.

During his 18 years in the Senate, he saw, as he is still quick to remind me, great proenvironmental change under both Republican and Democratic administrations. The Senate created the Environment and Public Works Committee, passed the majority of our Federal environmental statutes with significant bipartisan support, and created the Environmental Protection Agency. Senator Nelson himself was the author of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which passed the Senate by a vote of 84-0. He was also the primary sponsor of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore Act, one of northern Wisconsin's most beautiful areas, at which I spend a portion of my vacation time with my family every year.

I am now the author of legislation to provide some improvements to Apostle Islands and to review these lands for their wilderness potential. In his 1969 book on the environment entitled "America's Last Chance," Senator Nelson issued a political challenge which I find relevant today. He said:

The number one domestic problem facing this country is the threatened destruction of our natural resources and the disaster which would confront mankind should such destruction occur. There is a real question as to whether the nation, which has spent some two hundred years developing an intricate system of local, State and Federal Government to deal with the public's problems, will be bold, imaginative and flexible enough to meet this supreme test.

I believe Senator Nelson meant two things by his challenge. Not only did he mean that government must act immediately and decisively to protect resources in crisis, but he also meant that politicians must maintain that commitment over the long term. A renewal of this body's commitment to work together to protect the environment, fully respecting the commitment former Members of the Senate have made to us by placing us in the position of being vigilant stewards of Federal environmental laws, is an appropriate way on the eve of Earth Day to celebrate the true nature of ecological stewardship.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to be committed to that endeavor.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWNBACK). The Senate stands adjourned under the previous order.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:07 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 22, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 21, 1999:

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

GWEN C. CLARE, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 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 ECUADOR.

OLIVER P. GARZA, OF TEXAS, 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 NICARAGUA.

RICHARD L. MORNINGSTAR, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES ARMY, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 3033:

#### To be general

GEN. ERIC K. SHINSEKI, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (\*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531, 624, AND 628:

#### To be colonel

PAUL C. PROFFITT, 0000

#### To be lieutenant colonel

JOHN E. SIGGELOW, 0000

#### To be major

\*PHILLIP R. ADAMS, 0000  
FRANK D. BEESLEY, 0000  
MICHAEL D. ZABRZESKI, 0000

### IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 5043:

#### To be general

LT. GEN. JAMES L. JONES, 0000.

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN F. BRUNELLI, 0000.  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN N. COSTAS, 0000.  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOSEPH C. HARE, 0000.  
REAR ADM. (LH) DANIEL L. KLOEPPPEL, 0000.

### IN THE NAVY

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

#### To be captain

SYLVESTER P. ABRAMOWICZ, JR., 0000	JEFFREY D. BRADEN, 0000
LUTHER C. ALEXANDER, JR., 0000	TIMOTHY J. BRADY, 0000
SAMUEL P. ALFORD, 0000	JAMES R. BROOKS, 0000
ALLEN C. ALLEN, 0000	JAMES P. BURANS, 0000
ERNEST G. ANASTOS, 0000	JAMES A. BUTLER, 0000
MICHAEL H. ANDERSON, 0000	KENNETH P. BUTRYM, 0000
BRIAN S. APRILL, 0000	GORDON A. BYRNES, 0000
RONALD G. ARINGTON, 0000	GREGORY G. CAIAZZO, 0000
MARK W. AUSTIN, 0000	CYNTHIA S. CAPPELLO, 0000
JOHN M. AVALLONE, 0000	WILLIAM B. CARROLL, 0000
WILLIAM H. AYERS III, 0000	LAURA A. CASTLEBERRY, 0000
ALBERT J. BANKS, JR., 0000	EDWARD CHEESEMAN, 0000
THOMAS M. BARANSKY, 0000	THOMAS G. CHULSKI, 0000
ANGELE W. BARROW, 0000	MICHAEL J. CHUTICH, 0000
MARSHA J. BEAUGRAND, 0000	MARTIN T. CLARK, 0000
RICHARD A. BECKER, 0000	RONALD J. CLARK, 0000
CURTIS R. BERGEE, 0000	STEVEN R. CLARKE, 0000
RAYMOND E. BERUBE, 0000	GEORGE M. CLIFFORD III, 0000
TIMOTHY F. BIGGINS, 0000	HENRY CONDE, 0000
RONALD L. BIXLER, 0000	GERARD R. COX, 0000
JAMES R. BLOOM, 0000	RAYMOND G. CRAIGMILES, 0000
RAQUEL C. BONO, 0000	JOHN W. CROWLEY, 0000
PAUL BOSCO, 0000	WILLIAM E. CURTIS, JR., 0000
KER BOYCE, 0000	PETER H. CUSTIS, 0000