in southern Nevada and believe that S. 1451, which my committee reported favorably with amendment, is a good bill. The two primary concerns raised by many interested parties were that the original bill would have released land from wilderness study area status and that the parcel of land conveyed was possibly too large, and therefore the bill might set an unfortunate precedent on those two issues.

Mr. REID. As the chairman knows, we worked together on these two issues and developed a compromise solution that he, Senator MURKOWSKI, Senator ENSIGN, Congressman GIBBONS, Congresswoman BERKLEY, Clark County and I could all support. The compromise included conveying the full 2800 acres to Clark County but requiring that only the core of the area, 640 acres, be developed for facilities and that the remainder of the area remain as open space to serve as a valuable buffer around the range. This compromise if completely consistent with Clark County's intended use of the land because the county realizes the absolute necessity of having a substantial buffer around a shooting range. In fact, the county provided their plans for the facility, which embody the compromise.

As I have noted many times on the floor of the Senate, Clark County has nearly doubled in population from 770,000 to more than 1.4 million people since 1990. This growth has placed greater demands on public lands throughout Clark County for recreational activities such as hunting, fishing and target shooting. There are literally dozens, if not hundreds, of makeshift shooting ranges across Las Vegas Valley that pose extreme danger to nearby homes and our increasingly busy roads. This facility will provide a great public benefit by creating a safe centralized location for this important purpose. It will enhance public safety by reducing indiscriminate shooting. The need for this shooting range is crystal clear and I am grateful that the chairman has recognized the urgency associated with this issue.

In addition, I would like the RECORD to reflect that the issue of wilderness study area release is now a moot point because the wilderness study area in question was released earlier this month when President Bush signed the Clark County Conservation of Public Lands and Natural Resources Act into law. Public law 107–282 designated about 450,000 acres as wilderness and released 220,000 acres from wilderness study area consideration in Clark County. Having made this point, I would like to ask the chairman whether he shares my view that no precedent could be set on the issue of wilderness study area release given that there is no wilderness study area in existence?

Mr. BINGAMAN. I do share that view and appreciate the fact that wilderness study area release is no longer a concern in this legislation.

Mr. REID. I appreciate the chairman's concurrence on that point and his leadership on this and other public land related issues very much. We now face a dilemma. The very good Clark County Shooting Range bill that was earlier reported by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee cannot pass this year because the House of Representatives has gone home for the year. However, the House passed a similar bill earlier this year. The substantive difference in the House bill is that it does not include the buffer requirement we put in the Senate version of the bill. Given that we agree that no wilderness study area precedents can be set here, and given that the county's plan for the range were used to create our buffer compromise. I hope the chairman might allow for the passage of the House version of this bill so that this important project can be started this year.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL EDUCATION ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 444 S. 281; that the Bingaman amendment which is at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the committee-reported amendment, as amended, be agreed to; the motion to reconsider by laid upon the table; and there be no intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there an objection?

Mr. BENNETT. On behalf of several Senators on this side, I do object.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The objection is heard.

Mr. REID. I am disappointed. The morning is early but there will be no speeches.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar No. 1137, Air Force promotions, with the exception of COL Bruce E. Burda, 0000, and COL Stephen L. Lanning, 0000; Calendar Nos. 1180 through 1186, and the nominations placed on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Colonel Christ T. Anzalone, 0000
Colonel Dana T. Atkins, 0000
Colonel Philip M. Breedlove, 0000
Colonel Bradley W. Butler, 0000
Colonel Robert E. Dehnert, Jr., 0000
Colonel Delwyn R. Eulberg, 0000
Colonel Maurice H. Forsyth, 0000
Colonel Patrick D. Gillett, Jr., 0000
Colonel Sandra A. Gregory, 0000
Colonel Gregory J. Ihde, 0000
Colonel Kevin J. Kennedy, 0000
Colonel Lyle M. Koenig, Jr., 0000
Colonel Ronald R. Ladnier, 0000
Colonel Erwin F. Lessel, III, 0000
Colonel John W. Maluda, 0000
Colonel Mark T. Matthews, 0000
Colonel Gary T. McCoy, 0000
Colonel Kimber L. McKenzie, 0000
Colonel Stephen J. Miller, 0000
Colonel Richard Y. Newton, III, 0000
Colonel Thomas J. Owen, 0000
Colonel Richard E. Perraut, Jr., 0000
Colonel Polly A. Peyer, 0000
Colonel Douglas L. Raaberg, 0000
Colonel Robertus C.N. Remkes, 0000
Colonel Eric J. Rosborg, 0000
Colonel Paul J. Selva, 0000
Colonel Mark E. Stearns, 0000
Colonel Thomas E. Stickford, 0000
Colonel Johnny A. Weida, 0000
Colonel Thomas B. Wright, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Arthur James Collingsworth, of California, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brigadier General Richard C. Collins, 0000
Brigadier General Scott R. Nichols, 0000
Brigadier General David A. Robinson, 0000
Brigadier General Mark V. Rosenker, 0000
Brigadier General Charles E. Stenner, Jr., 0000
Brigadier General Thomas D. Taverney, 0000
Brigadier General Kathy E. Thomas, 0000

To be Brigadier general

Colonel Ricardo Aponte, 0000
Colonel Frank J. Casserino, 0000
Colonel Charles D. Ethredge, 0000
Colonel Thomas M. Gisler, Jr., 0000
Colonel James W. Graves, 0000
Colonel John M. Howlett, 0000
Colonel Martin M. Mazick, 0000
Colonel Hanferd J. Moen, Jr., 0000
Colonel James M. Mungenast, 0000
Colonel Jack W. Ramsaur, II, 0000
Colonel David N. Senty, 0000
Colonel Bradley C. Young, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, 0000

ARMY

The following Army National Guard officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., Section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Colonel Terry W. Saltsman, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Michael H. Sumrall, 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, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brigadier General Daniel D. Densford, 0000
Brigadier General Daniel E. Long, Jr., 0000
Brigadier General Michael J. Squier, 0000
Brigadier General Roy M. Umbarger, 0000
Brigadier General Antonio J. Vicens-Gonzalez, 0000
Brigadier General Walter E. Zink, II, 0000

To be brigadier general

Colonel Norman E. Arflack, 0000
Colonel Jerry G. Beck, Jr., 0000
Colonel Raymond W. Carpenter, 0000
Colonel Herman M. Deener, 0000
Colonel Robert P. French, 0000
Colonel John T. Furlow, 0000
Colonel Charles L. Gable, 0000
Colonel Francis P. Gonzales, 0000
Colonel Dean E. Johnson, 0000
Colonel David A. Lewis, 0000
Colonel Thomas D. Mills, 0000
Colonel Vern T. Miyagi, 0000
Colonel Roque C. Nido Lanausse, 0000
Colonel J.W. Noles, 0000
Colonel Thomas R. Ragland, 0000
Colonel Terry L. Robinson, 0000
Colonel Charles G. Rodriguez, 0000
Colonel Charles D. Safley, 0000
Colonel Randall E. Sayre, 0000
Colonel Donald C. Storm, 0000
Colonel William H. Wade, 0000
Colonel Gregory L. Wayt, 0000
Colonel Merrel W. Yocum, 0000

NAVY

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

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Stanley R. Szemborski, 0000

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

AIR FORCE

PN2276 Air Force nominations (2) beginning Branford J. McAllister, and ending Alice Smart, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2002.

PN2289 Air Force nominations of David G. Smith, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 17, 2002.

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PN2294 Army nominations (2) beginning Tom R. Mackenzie, and ending Terrence D. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2002.

PN2295 Army nominations (759) beginning Stephen M. Ackman, and ending Joseph M. Zima, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2002.

PN2306 Army nominations (4) beginning William C. Cannon, and ending Charles F. Maguire, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2002.

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PN2277 Navy nominations (19) beginning Rowland E. McCoy, and ending Alan K. Wilmot, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2002.

PN2290 Navy nominations (459) beginning Rodney D. Abbott, and ending Bernerd C. Zwahlen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 17, 2002.

PN2296 Navy nomination of Phillip K. Pall, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2002.

PN2297 Navy nomination of Stephanie L. O'Neal, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2002.

PN2298 Navy nomination of Thomas P. Rosdahl, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2002.

PN2307 Navy nominations (34) beginning Robert D. Beal, and ending Steven J. Zaccari, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2002.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. I ask consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations, and the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration en bloc: Margaret Scarlett and David Donath to be members of the National Museum Services Board; Carmel Borders, William Hiller, Robin Morris, Jean Osborn, and Mark Yudof, to be members of the National Institute for Literacy Board; Michael Duffy to be a member of the Mine Safety and Health Review Commission; that these nominees be confirmed, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

Margaret Scarlett, of Wyoming, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2007.

David Donath, of Vermont, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2004.

Carmel Borders, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of three years.

William T. Hiller, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of one year.

Robin Morris, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of one year.

Jean Osborn, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of two years.

Mark G. Yudof, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term of two years.

Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2006.

Mr. REID. I ask consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominees, and the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration en bloc: Alejandro Sanchez, Andrew Saul, Gordon Whiting, to be members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; that the nominees be confirmed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

Alejandro Modesto Sanchez, of Florida, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring October 11, 2006.

Andrew Saul, of New York, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2004.

Gordon Whiting, of New York, to be a member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board of a term expiring September 25, 2006.

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM CAMPBELL TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Veterans Affairs Committee be discharged from the following nomination and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration: The nomination of William Campbell to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to Mr. Campbell be printed in the RECORD—in fact, Mr. President, any statements on any of the above nominees that I have just read to the Chair be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action on all the nominations, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

William H. Campbell, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Management).

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

OMBUDSMAN REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2002

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 737, S. 606.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 606) to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

[Strike the part shown in black brackets and insert the part shown in italic.]

S. 606

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

[SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

[This Act may be cited as the ''Ombudsman Reauthorization Act of 2001''.