

will deal with that, after which I will make a statement or two while that pending business is being wrapped up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the calendar: Calendar Nos. 588 and 865.

I further ask that the following nominations be discharged from the respective committees and they be considered en bloc: From the Foreign Relations Committee, PN-2052 and PN-2053, which are two lists of Foreign Service officers, for a total of 309 nominations; from the HELP Committee, PN-1675, Veronica Stidvent, Assistant Secretary of Labor; from the Energy Committee, PN-1839, Karen Harbert, Assistant Secretary of Energy; PN-1851, John Shaw, Assistant Secretary of Energy.

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

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Susan Johnson Grant, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

William Sanchez, of Florida, to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices for a term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Donna Lurline Woolf, of the District of Columbia

For appointment as Foreign Service Officers of Class Four, Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Nancy E. Abella, of Connecticut
John Aloia, of New Jersey
Alexander Neville Ave Lallemand, of Texas
Kay Gilbrech Barton, of Texas
Dena D. Brownlow, of the District of Columbia

Cathleen Elizabeth Carothers, of Kansas
Charles Gardner Chandler IV, of Texas
Peter Thompson Chisholm, of Florida
Derek Shane Christensen, of California
Amanda Beth Cronkhite, of New York
Monica Lyn Cummings, of California
Evan Tait Felsing, of California
Li Gong, of Virginia
Glenn James Guimond, of California
Kent C. Healy, of Connecticut
Nicholas J. Hilgert III, of Virginia
John J. Hillmeyer, of Missouri
Charles David Hillon, of Virginia
Darren William Hultman, of California
Debra Irene Johnson, of Virginia
Dana Michele Linnet, of California
Stella C. Lutter, of Florida
Darren A. Martin, of Virginia
Katherine Marie McGowen, of Alaska

Randall Todd Merideth, of Minnesota
Susan Michelle Meyer, of Nebraska
Sara Lilli Michael, of California
Matthew Christian Miller, of Virginia
Kimberly A. Murphy, of Florida
Hector Nava, of Texas
Heather Lynn Noss, of California
Matthew E. O'Connor, of Texas
Christopher James Panico, of Connecticut
John Benton Parker, of Florida
Scott R. Riedmann, of Ohio
Hugo F. Rodriguez Jr., of Virginia
Stephen I. Ruken, of Texas
Edwin S. Saeger, of Maryland
Nomi E. Seltzer, of New York
Matthew David Smith, of New Hampshire
Julie A. Stinehart, of Wyoming
Michael D. Sweeney, of California
Catherine Elizabeth Sweet, of Washington
Michael David Toyryla, of California
Nikolas Michael Trendowski, of Michigan
Seth H. Vaughn, of New York
Lucia Clelia Verrier, of New Hampshire

The following-named Members of the Foreign Service to be Consular Officers and/or Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America, as indicated:

Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Brent E. Omdahl, of Texas

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ralph C. Ahlers, of the District of Columbia
Jacob F. Appleton, of the District of Columbia

Daniel Vartan Arakelian, of Michigan
Tammy McQuilkin Baker, of Florida
Regina Anne Bateson, of California
Jeffrey A. Beals, of New York
Keith B. Bean, of New Jersey
Philip M. Beekman, of Michigan
Mieczyslaw P. Boduszynski, of California
James Michael Bonikowski, of Virginia
Katherine Anne Branding, of Virginia
Jamar Phillip Broussard, of California
Maria Del Rosario Rodriguez-Diaz Butcher, of West Virginia

Andrea Michelle Cameron, of Virginia
Ryan T. Campbell, of California
Vincent M. Campos, of California
John L. Canady, of Florida
Laura Anne Cansicio, of California
Jared S. Caplan, of Florida
Kenneth Patrick Chavez, of Texas
Matt Butler Chessen, of California
Grace H. Choi, of California
John Choi, of California
Ryan P. Cooper, of Virginia
Robert J. Dahlke, of Maryland
Daniel A. Davila, of Texas
Daniel Kenneth Delk Jr., of Georgia
David S. Feldmann, of Maryland
Kara Van de Carr French, of Louisiana
Brian Michael Frere, of Florida
Daniel C. Gedacht, of Massachusetts
Leon W. Gendin, of Florida
Tonya Woytowich Gendin, of Florida
Kevin Edward Gonzales, of Maryland
Nathan S. Halat, of New York
Stephanie Lynne Hallett, of Florida
Thomas Edward Hammang Jr., of Texas
Michelle F. Hams, of Puerto Rico
Brian B. Himmelsteib, of New Jersey
Ariel N. Howard, of Louisiana
Douglas M. Hoyt, of the District of Columbia
Margaret E. Hsiang, of New Jersey
Bonnie Lee Hunter, of Virginia
Antoinette Christine Hurtado, of California
Anna Sunshine Ison, of North Carolina
Mary Beth Keane, of Virginia
Teri L. Keas, of Kansas
Rebecca N. Kinyon, of New York
Holly Ann Kirking, of Wisconsin
Payton Lucas Knopf, of the District of Columbia

Tomika Konditi, of Maryland
Rachna Sachdeva Korhonen, of New Jersey
Molly Rutledge Koscina, of Washington
Jon A. Larsen, of Oregon
Elizabeth M. Lawrence, of Illinois
Annie S. Lee, of California
Theresa Loong, of New York
Anita Lyssikatos, of New Hampshire
Patrick M. Mackin, of Virginia
Michael A. Mazzocco, of Virginia
Timothy Ray McGowan, of Virginia
Sean J. McIntosh, of New York
Daniel L. McManus, of Florida
Lioudmila Millman, of Virginia
Molly C. Montgomery, of Oregon
Jessica Nicole Munson, of Minnesota
Chad R. Norberg, of Florida
Mary Jane O'Brien, of Virginia
Sadie Marie Okoko, of Maryland
Angela P. Pan, of California
Seth L.P. Patch, of Massachusetts
Charlotte Audrey Poloncsik, of Virginia
Shannon D. Quinn, of Florida
T. Clifford Reed, of Texas
Kyle Richardson, of Iowa
Susan Jean Riggs, of Virginia
John Thomas Rivera-Dirks, of New Mexico
Gregg Allen Roberts, of Virginia
Brenda C. Ruth, of Colorado
Stetson A. Sanders, of the District of Columbia

Shigh Luke Sapp, of California
Caroline Savage, of Wisconsin
Addie B. Schroeder, of Kansas
Jeffrey A. Shelstad, of Virginia
Daniel E. Slusher, of Kansas
Brian T. Smith, of Indiana
Deborah Buddington Smith, of Connecticut
Tashawna S. Smith, of New Jersey
Alys Louise Spensley, of Minnesota
Anne Marie Staszecki, of Virginia
Michael Anthony Stevens, of Florida
Terrence Clare Stevens, of Virginia
Michael Stewart, of Oregon
Nancy Elizabeth Talbot, of New York
Mark Hamilton Thornburg, of the District of Columbia

Elaine H. Tiangco, of Nevada
Dennis Dean Tidwell, of Tennessee
Kevin J. Tierney, of Virginia
Michael J. Tran, of Kansas
Tina Tran, of Oklahoma
Ian Adam Turner, of Maryland
Linnisa Joya Wahid, of Maryland
Susan F. Walke, of Virginia
Mark Allen Weed, of Virginia
Tonia N. Weik, of Texas
April S. Wells, of Alabama
Russell J. Westergard, of Utah
David L. Wyche, of Pennsylvania

The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service of the Department of State for promotion in the Senior Foreign Service to the Class indicated:

Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Lisa Bobbie Schreiber-Hughes, of Pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cynthia A. Haley, of Maryland
For appointment as Foreign Service Officers of Class Four, Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Diana J. Haberlack, of Washington
Micah L. Watson, of Maryland
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Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

John F. Coronado, of California

Mark C. O'Grady, of Maryland

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sarah Ahmed, of New York
 John Stanley Anthony, of Virginia
 Mara Sunshine Andersen, of Colorado
 Karen Andrus, of Texas
 Miriam Laila Awad, of Texas
 Cynthia Balazs, of the District of Columbia
 Jared Banks, of Maryland
 Anne W. Benjaminson, of California
 John Charles Bergemann, of Virginia
 Oni Kay Blair, of Texas
 Douglas E. Blandford, of Maryland
 Cecily R. Brewster, of California
 Kelly W. Brimhall, of Utah
 Russell Kenneth Brooks, of New Jersey
 Frederick E.N. Brust, of New York
 Andrew A. Buntrock, of the District of Columbia
 Ania Burczynska, of Washington
 Brent Burkman, of Virginia
 Benjamin Cade Canavan, of Florida
 Donald Leroy Carroll, of Idaho
 Marcus Evan Cary, of Washington
 Anamika Chakravorty, of California
 Akunna E. Cook, of New Jersey
 Kimberly Coulter, of the District of Columbia
 Christopher J. Cova, of Virginia
 Mario Crifo, of Texas
 Nigel A. De Coster, of Virginia
 Jacqueline S. Deley, of California
 Brian E. Denver, of Virginia
 Vito DiPaola, of Georgia
 Robert F. Doughten, of Montana
 Caroline Grace Dow, of Pennsylvania
 Timothy W. DuBoff, of Virginia
 Rochelle C. East, of California
 Linda A. Fenton, of Kansas
 Andrea R. Ford, of Virginia
 Kevin M. Ford, of Virginia
 Scott Freeman, of Virginia
 Andrew S. Gralnek, of Virginia
 Elaine M. French, of New York
 David Hardt Gamble Jr., of Virginia
 Alexander C. Gazis, of New York
 Suzanne L. Gordon, of Michigan
 Katherine Anne Greeley, of California
 Mary Katherine Harding, of the District of Columbia
 Scott M. Harney, of Virginia
 Christopher James Harris, of Virginia
 Barbara Ann Harrison, of Arizona
 Holly M. Harvey, of Virginia
 Robert H. Helton III, of Virginia
 Gary A. Herman, of Virginia
 Marla J. Hexter, of Massachusetts
 Patrick J. Hickey, of Virginia
 Brian R. Hillberry, of West Virginia
 Marcus A. Hirsch, of Virginia
 Phuong Thao Thanh Hong, of Washington
 Christopher Drew Hoster, of Oregon
 Karen W. Hsiao, of Utah
 Rodney M. Hunter, of Indiana
 Heather Lynn Jambrosic, of Virginia
 Donald S. Jones, of Virginia
 Paul Ivan Jukic, of Ohio
 Heather E. Kalmbach, of Pennsylvania
 Sean Peter Kanuck, of Virginia
 Ashish Katkar, of Virginia
 Yolanda V. Kerney, of the District of Columbia
 Sharon S. Ketchum, of Arizona
 Ann Moonju Kim, of California
 Kristin Louise Kneeder, of Maryland
 Daniel David Koski, of Illinois
 Kenneth A. Kresse, of Virginia
 Bonnie Dee Langendorff, of Virginia
 Brian E. Kressin, of the District of Columbia
 L. Dale Lawton, of Nevada
 Andrew T. Lee, of California
 Benjamin A. Le Roy, of California
 John Lombard, of Virginia
 Bryan P. Lopez, of Virginia
 Edward Paul Luchessi, of California
 Todd Harry Lundgren, of Washington
 Kimberly A. Ly, of California

Matthew M. Marlowe, of Virginia
 La Tranda Shontell Martin, of Georgia
 Lisa R. McCumber, of Texas
 Stacey Dawn McDonald, of West Virginia
 Colin C. McDuffie, of Virginia
 Amy Medeiros, of Virginia
 Jessica Megill, of California
 David C. Metzler, of Virginia
 John C. Moor, of Texas
 Gregory L. Naarden, of Texas
 Cheryl L. Neely, of Tennessee
 Michael Thomas Nestor, of Virginia
 Long Thuy Nguyen, of California
 Martha A. Nicholson, of Virginia
 Liam J. O'Flanagan, of New York
 Melinda M. Pavek, of Minnesota
 Raimonds Pavlovskis, of New York
 John C. Pernick, of Virginia
 Paul W. Piatkowski, of Pennsylvania
 Wynn S. Pinkston, of Virginia
 Francisco Pinol, of Virginia
 Kristyna L. Rabassa, of Michigan
 Anna Radivilova, of California
 Brian A. Raymond, of Maryland
 Christian W. Redmer, of Tennessee
 Zeba Reyazuddin, of the District of Columbia
 Corrie H. Robb, of California
 Randall Arthur Robinson, of Florida
 Sabah Roth, of Virginia
 Laura Kay Rugg, of Virginia
 Kimberly A. Russell, of Pennsylvania
 Dovas Algis Saulys, of Illinois
 Leah F. Schandlbauer, of Virginia
 Jody K. Schauer, of Texas
 Susan K. Silvers, of Virginia
 Mordica M. Simpson, of Virginia
 Siri Lynn Sitton, of Florida
 David R. Smith, of Virginia
 Dee Anna Smith, of the District of Columbia
 Robin Diane Solomon, of Texas
 Erica Leigh Stillwell, of Florida
 M. Victoria Sturdivant, of Georgia
 Krista D. Tacey, of Texas
 James D. Telfer, of Virginia
 Yodchiwan Dew Tiantawach, of Oregon
 Matthew A. Tolliver, of Florida
 Jessica Marie Torres, of Florida
 Eric Turner, of Virginia
 Richard J. Tyler, of Virginia
 Andrew Vaden, of Texas
 Jennifer R. Van Trump, of California
 Rajeev M. Wadhvani, of the District of Columbia
 Peter G. Warmka, of Florida
 Carl Thomas Watson, of New York
 Gina M. Werth, of Nevada
 Dianne Kaye West, of South Dakota
 Alexander E. L. Whittington, of Texas
 Scott R. Williams, of Virginia
 Allison Yezril, of the District of Columbia
 Christine M. York, of Virginia
 Jonathan E. Young, of Virginia
 Sara Shirley Yun, of Virginia
 Elisabeth F. Zentos, of Ohio

The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service of the International Broadcasting Bureau for promotion in the Senior Foreign Service to the class indicated:

Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Wilford H. Cooper, of Virginia
 Walter D. Patterson, of South Carolina

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veronica Vargas Stidvent, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, vice Chris Spear, resigned.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Karen Alderman Harbert, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy), vice Vickey A. Bailey.

John S. Shaw, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety and Health), vice Beverly Cook, resigned.

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM SANCHEZ

Mr. DURBIN. Today the Senate confirmed William Sanchez to be the Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. I do not oppose his confirmation, but I have serious concerns about the Justice Department's decision in September to postpone an important, statutorily-authorized grant program until Mr. Sanchez's confirmation. Now that Mr. Sanchez has been confirmed, I urge the Justice Department to reinstate the grant program at once.

This Civil Rights Division grant program plays a critical role in protecting the rights of immigrant workers. Every year since 1991, nonprofit organizations throughout the Nation have received these grants to educate workers about their rights to a workplace free of discrimination and abuse. These organizations play a vital role in educating employers and the public about the civil rights and immigration laws Congress has passed to protect U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, refugees, and asylees.

In July, the Justice Department publicly announced that 13 organizations from around the country would receive a grant in 2004. Several of the intended grantees, including Chicago-based Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights, acted in good faith reliance on the Justice Department's grant announcement and made hiring and resource allocation decisions accordingly.

In September, however, the Justice Department announced that it had decided to postpone the grant program without explanation. Senator LEAHY, Senator KENNEDY, and I wrote to the Justice Department seeking an explanation for their decision and requesting that they reconsider it.

In October, the Justice Department responded with a letter indicating that the grant program would be reinstated once the Senate confirmed Mr. Sanchez, who would head the Civil Rights Division office that administers the grant program. Although I disagree with this decision to delay the grant program until Mr. Sanchez's confirmation, I was pleased by the Justice Department's assurance that they intended to continue the program once Mr. Sanchez assumes his office.

Today, in the wake of Mr. Sanchez's confirmation, Senator LEAHY, Senator KENNEDY, and I wrote again to the Justice Department, urging Mr. Sanchez and the Civil Rights Division to follow through with the commitment made to the 13 intended grantees in July. We requested that the grants be issued by the end of the calendar year.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the letter regarding this important grant program that Senator LEAHY, Senator KENNEDY, and I sent to the Justice Department today, as well as the other correspondence to which I have referred.