

him to the bill S. 1072, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 880, between the item following line 6 and line 7, insert the following:

SEC. 16. AIR QUALITY CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE.

Section 104 of title 23, United States Code (as amended by section 1607(b)), is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(O) AIR QUALITY CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration and the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration and in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall establish an air quality capacity building initiative to support State, regional, and local governments in—

“(A) assisting air quality regions in developing the technical capacity to perform air quality conformity analysis;

“(B) providing training in areas such as modeling and data collection to support air quality planning and analysis;

“(C) developing materials to explain air quality issues to decisionmakers and the public; and

“(D) carrying out other activities necessary to assist State, regional, and local governments in better achieving clean air requirements.

“(2) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection may be used for—

“(i) research;

“(ii) program development;

“(iii) information collection and dissemination;

“(iv) technical assistance; and

“(v) training.

“(B) COOPERATION.—To carry out this subsection, the Secretary may—

“(i) use funds under this section independently; or

“(ii) make grants to, enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, and carry out other transactions involving—

“(I) Federal, State, and local agencies;

“(II) federally-recognized Indian tribal governments and tribal consortia, authorities, associations, and nonprofit and for-profit corporations; or

“(III) institutions of higher education.

“(3) FUNDING.—

“(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) to carry out this subsection \$20,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2004 through 2009, to remain available until expended.

“(B) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project or activity carried out using funds made available under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed 100 percent.”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 546 through 552, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

These are military promotions reported by the Armed Services Committee on Wednesday. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, 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:

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be brigadier general

Col. George T. Lynn

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 W. Ash
Brigadier General Russell C. Axtell
Brigadier General John W. Clark
Brigadier General Roger E. Combs
Brigadier General Thomas G. Cutler
Brigadier General Gerald E. Harmon
Brigadier General David K. Harris
Brigadier General George B. Patrick, III
Brigadier General Fred R. Sloan

To be brigadier general

Colonel Craig E. Campbell
Colonel George N. Clark, Jr.
Colonel Robert M. Cockey
Colonel William R. Cotney
Colonel Norman L. Elliott
Colonel Michael L. Harden
Colonel Robert D. Ireton
Colonel Emil Lassen, III
Colonel Thaddeus J. Martin
Colonel Robert B. Newman
Colonel William P. Robinson, Jr.
Colonel Raymond L. Webster

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 Robert E. Duignan
Brigadier General Michael K. Lynch
Brigadier General Keith W. Meurlin
Brigadier General Mark A. Pillar
Brigadier General Richard D. Roth
Brigadier General Peter K. Sullivan
Brigadier General Floyd C. Williams

To be brigadier general

Colonel Robert B. Bartlett
Colonel Edward F. Crowell
Colonel Anita R. Gallentine
Colonel Stephen P. Gross
Colonel Elaine L. Knight
Colonel Charles L. O'Toole, Jr.
Colonel Frank J. Padilla
Colonel Loren S. Perlstein
Colonel Charles E. Reed, Jr.
Colonel Neil A. Rohan
Colonel James T. Rubeor
Colonel Richard R. Severson
Colonel Michael N. Wilson

IN THE ARMY

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

To be major general

Brigadier General Lloyd J. Austin, III
Brigadier General Martin E. Dempsey
Brigadier General Barbara G. Fast

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the

grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Conrad W. Ponder, Jr.

To be brigadier general

Col. George J. Smith

IN THE 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. (Selectee) Albert M. Calland, III

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. James D. McArthur, Jr.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1240 Air Force nomination of Vincent T. Jones, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

PN1241 Air Force nomination of Richard H. Villa, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

PN1242 Air Force nominations (7) beginning Robert J. Bernard, and ending Oba L. Vincent, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

PN1243 Air Force nomination of Harris H. Brooks, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

PN1244 Air Force nominations (7) beginning Paula C. Gould, and ending John J. Winkopp III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

PN1245 Air Force nominations (203) beginning Jeffrey S. Alderfer, and ending Sandra L. Yope, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

IN THE ARMY

PN1181 Army nominations (79) beginning Constance A. Bell, and ending Yang Xia, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 25, 2003.

PN1226 Army nomination of Margot Krauss, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1227 Army nominations (20) beginning Mark S. Ackerman, and ending Richard M. Whitaker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1228 Army nomination of Timothy G. Wright, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1229 Army nominations (6) beginning Ida F. Agamy, and ending Kary B. Reed, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1230 Army nomination of David J. King, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1231 Army nominations (2) beginning Michael G. Gray, and ending Paul M. Saltysiak, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1232 Army nominations (2) beginning Terry R. Moren, and ending Christopher Wodarz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1255 Army nomination of Amy E. Preen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

IN THE NAVY

PN1234 Navy nomination of Todd E. Bailey, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1235 Navy nominations (4) beginning Jennifer R. Flather, and ending Marie E. Oliver, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1236 Navy nominations (31) beginning Wing Leong, and ending Timothy R. White, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 21, 2004.

PN1258 Navy nominations (20) beginning Jonathan Q. Adams, and ending Stacey W. Yopp, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. Monday, February 9. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 1072, the highway bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I could say before we leave, Senator INHOFE, Senator JEFFORDS, Senator BOND, and I want people to know our staffs are going to be available all weekend to work on any problems anyone has regarding the bill. If people have amendments, they can ask to meet with our staffs. We will go over the amendments to see if they are acceptable. The offices are open now. There is no reason not to be able to have the resources they need to go over this bill with our staffs.

The point I am making is we are open for business and we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to talk to our staffs about any problems they have with the bill and ways it can be made better.

Anyway, please work with our staffs. They will be in their offices this weekend. I hope when Monday morning comes, people will also recognize the offices will be open. At 1 o'clock, we will be open for business. The leader indicated there won't be votes on Monday—will there be?

Mr. FRIST. No.

Mr. REID. So there will be no votes, but that doesn't mean we cannot do a lot of work. We hope everyone will cooperate with us. If there are problems, let us know. We want to move this bill as quickly as possible. It is important to everyone.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I might be a little more specific. In Hart-415 they are going to be open today and from noon until 5 o'clock on Saturday to work on amendments.

Mr. REID. Yes. I simply say I am confident there will be adequate time to take care of everything. I hope nobody wants to come in on the Sabbath. But, if necessary, we have someone who will work on the Sabbath.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I will restate what you just heard. We will resume consideration of S. 1072, the highway bill on Monday. It has been a challenging week in lots of different ways. We have had this incident in my personal office and a lot went on here on the floor, with progress.

I know the ranking member and the managers of this bill have been frustrated in that we have not made as much progress as they would have liked. They would like to have this bill signed, sealed, delivered, and done. We did have good debate on the highway bill. Important points have been made throughout the week. We have the foundation to complete action on this bill next week. You just heard that we will be working through the afternoon. There will be people working tonight and people will be working tomorrow, as you have just heard, on Saturday and Sunday, in preparation for coming back in at 1 o'clock on Monday.

We have a lot to cover next week on this bill. It is an important bill. I argue that it is a vital bill to support the infrastructure we are all so dependent upon each and every day in our activities, whether it is during the weekends, or going to school or work, or as part of our business. We have an obligation to continue to address it and to complete this next week.

Since we are closing down for the week, it has been only 5 days since this letter with this toxic substance was directed at this institution. As I have said before, I have been very pleased with the response in terms of the coordination, the communication. It is not perfect; it can be better; but I assure people we will take each incident and do our very best to communicate as well as we can, review procedures, and review systems, and we are doing just that.

I just finished a conference call for 30 minutes with the 40 employee staff members affected most directly from my office and from the EPW office and Senators JEFFORDS' and INHOFE's of-

fice, answering questions. There are a lot of unanswered questions. We will answer those and meet with them and come up with different and better procedures as we go forward.

The fact that the chairman could say the Hart Building is open tomorrow is music to my ears. We were able to open it ahead of schedule. The Russell Building got opened and the Dirksen Building, which is still closed, will be opened Monday morning. It is right on schedule.

I thank everybody for coming together and working through a broad range of both national agencies and agencies here on the Hill. First and foremost is the safety of our Senate employees, and we responded in such a way that I am happy to say nobody has been hurt. Everybody is OK, in spite of the fact we had this assault.

Also during this week, in Chairman GREGG's HELP Committee, we passed S. 1879, an extension of the mammography quality provision. In Chairman COLLINS' committee, we worked on S. 1612, which established a technology equipment and information transfer program with the Department of Homeland Security. We passed that this week. The Senate confirmed a U.S. district judge this week for the Northern District of Illinois. We will be back in Monday. The chairman encourages members to have amendments and contact him. His staff will be working through the weekend.

As the assistant Democratic leader mentioned, we will not be voting on Monday, but we will be working. I will consult with Senator INHOFE and the Democratic leadership as we go forward. I hope we will be prepared for a vote early Tuesday morning. We will keep people posted in that regard.

I did mention this earlier. Do you know what your blood pressure is? Fifty million people have hypertension, which causes stroke and heart attacks. A third of the people don't know they have it. If you know you have it, we have ways to treat it these days. The Medicare bill we passed means you can diagnose it because, for the first, in an entry level physical exam which is part of Medicare, you are going to be able to have hypertension treated. If you don't know what your blood pressure is, go home tonight and think about that and have it checked.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is called the silent killer.

Mr. FRIST. Yes. People don't know they have it. Probably about a fourth of the people listening to me have hypertension, and a third don't know it, and they will die prematurely. It is pretty interesting.

Mr. REID. It doesn't make you sick, does it?

Mr. FRIST. It is silent. You don't feel it until you have a stroke or heart attack. There are ways to prevent it. It is the silent killer. That is what the American Heart Association says. February is heart month, and right now