

Senate last night, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

Mr. FRIST. I further ask unanimous consent with respect to 2400, S. 2401, S. 2402 and S. 2403, as just passed by the Senate, that if the Senate receives a message with respect to any of these bills from the House of Representatives, the Senate disagree with the House and its amendment or amendments to the Senate-passed bill and agree to or request a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees, and that the foregoing occur without any intervening action or debate.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider all nominations reported out by the Armed Services Committee today. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on 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 are as follows:

NOMINATIONS

IN THE AIR FORCE

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 general

Lt. Gen. Paul V. Hester

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Henry A. Obering, III

The following named United States Air Force Reserve officer for appointment as Chief of Air Force Reserve, and for appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 8038 and 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley

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. Jeffrey B. Kohler

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. John F. Regni

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. Michael W. Wooley

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

Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Charles B. Green

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

Col. Melissa A. Rank

Col. Thomas W. Travis

IN THE ARMY

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

To be general

Lt. Gen. Richard A. Cody

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

To be general

George W. Casey, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Engineers/Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 3036:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Carl A. Strock

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army 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

Lt. Gen. Colby M. Broadwater, III

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army 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

Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army 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. Russel L. Honore

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief, Army Nurse Corps and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 3069:

To be major general

Col. Gale S. Pollock

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. George W. Weightman

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 major general

Brig. Gen. William E. Ingram, Jr.

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer 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 James G. Champion

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. Frank R. Carlini

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

To be brigadier general

Col. Carla G. Hawley-Bowland

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. Douglas A. Pritt

The following named 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. Thomas T. Galkowski

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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

Lt. Gen. Henry P. Osman

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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

Lt. Gen. James T. Conway

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. John F. Sattler

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Richard S. Kramlich

Brig. Gen. Richard F. Natonski

Brig. Gen. Samuel T. Helland
Brig. Gen. Timothy F. Ghormley

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 admiral

Adm. Michael G. Mullen

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Surgeon General and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5137:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Donald C. Arthur, Jr.

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. Justin D. McCarthy

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. Jonathan W. Greenert

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. Kevin J. Cosgriff

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 M. Zortman

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 G. Stavridis

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. John G. Morgan, Jr.

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. Ronald A. Route

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

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. ("1'h) John M. Mateczun

Rear Adm. ("1'h) Dennis D. Woofter

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. ("1'h) William V. Alford, Jr.

Rear Adm. ("1'h) James E. Beebe

Rear Adm. ("1'h) Stephen S. Oswald

The following named officer 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. ("1'h) Paul V. Shebalin

The following named officer 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. (1h) Thomas L. Andrews, III

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. (1h) Lewis S. Libby, III

Rear Adm. (1h) Elizabeth M. Morris

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Karen A. Flaherty

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Marshall E. Cusic, Jr.

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

to be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Carol I.B. Turner

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Thomas R. Cullison

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Jeffrey A. Wieringa

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. David J. Dorsett

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Wayne G. Shear, Jr.

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Sharon H. Redpath

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. James A. Barnett, Jr.

Capt. Jeffrey A. Lemmons

Capt. Robin M. Watters

Capt. Wendi B. Carpenter

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Adam M. Robinson, Jr.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1296 AIR FORCE nominations (438) beginning EDWARD ACEVEDO, and ending SCOTT J. ZOBRIST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 2, 2004.

PN1297 AIR FORCE nominations (18) beginning MARK L. ALLRED, and ending BARR D. YOUNKER JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 2, 2004.

PN1298 AIR FORCE nominations (12) beginning BRENDA R. BULLARD, and ending THOMAS E. YINGST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 2, 2004.

PN1558 AIR FORCE nomination of Richard B. Goodwin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1559 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning JEFFREY P. BOWSER, and ending GREGORY W. JOHNSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1560 AIR FORCE nominations (7) beginning BRADLEY D. BARTELS, and ending WILLIAM L. STALLINGS III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1561 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning CHARLES J. LAW, and ending DAVID A. WEAS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1605 AIR FORCE nominations (119) beginning LOZANO NOEMI ALGARIN, and ending BARBARA L. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2004.

IN THE ARMY

PN1252 ARMY nominations (24) beginning CHRISTIAN F. ACHLEITHNER, and ending RICHARD J. WINDHORN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

PN1253 ARMY nominations (91) beginning KEVIN C. ABBOTT, and ending MARK G. ZIEMBA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

PN1321 ARMY nominations (17) beginning LARRY P. ADAMSTHOMPSON, and ending TIMOTHY N. WILLOUGHBY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 5, 2004.

PN1544 ARMY nominations (2) beginning GERALD V. HOWARD, and ending DAVID L. WEBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 26, 2004.

PN1545 ARMY nomination of John J. Sebastyn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 26, 2004.

PN1562 ARMY nomination of Elizabeth J. Barnsdale, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1563 ARMY nominations (2) beginning RAUL GONZALEZ, and ending JAMES F. KING, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1564 ARMY nominations (2) beginning RICHARD J. GALLANT, and ending ERIC R. GLADMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1565 ARMY nomination of Randall W. Cowell, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1566 ARMY nomination of James C. Johnson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1567 ARMY nominations (2) beginning SHANNON D. BECKETT, and ending LEONARD A. CROMER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1569 ARMY nomination of David P. Ferris, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1606 ARMY nominations (2) beginning DONALD W. MYERS, and ending TERRY W. SWAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2004.

PN1607 ARMY nominations (191) beginning EDWARD L. ALEXSONSHK, and ending EDWARD M. ZOELLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2004.

PN1608 ARMY nomination of Scott R. Scherretz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2004.

PN1609 ARMY nomination of Robert F. Setlik, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2004.

PN1655 ARMY nomination of Paul R. Disney, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1656 ARMY nomination of Eric R. Rhodes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1657 ARMY nominations (35) beginning EDWIN E. AHL, and ending MARK A. ZERGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1702 ARMY nomination of Robert J. Blok, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1568 MARINE CORPS nomination of Scott P. Haney, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1658 MARINE CORPS nomination of Michael J. Colburn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1703 MARINE CORPS nomination of Michelle A. Rakers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

IN THE NAVY

PN1570 NAVY nomination of James K. Colton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1571 NAVY nominations (2) beginning KEVIN S. LERETTE, and ending KATHLEEN M. LINDENMAYER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1572 NAVY nominations (5) beginning VICTOR M. BECK, and ending ELIZABETH A. JONES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1573 NAVY nominations (3) beginning EDMUND F. CATALDO III, and ending GARY S. PETTI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1574 NAVY nominations (4) beginning ELIZABETH A. CARLOS, and ending PHILIP C. WHEELER, which nominations were

received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1575 NAVY nominations (5) beginning PAUL L. ALBIN, and ending MARK E. SVENNINGSEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1576 NAVY nominations (5) beginning JOHN L. BARTLEY, and ending JOSEPH A. SCHMIDT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1577 NAVY nominations (14) beginning RICHARD A. COLONNA, and ending TIMOTHY J. WERRE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1578 NAVY nominations (17) beginning JOHN M. BURNS, and ending ROGER W. TURNER JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1579 NAVY nominations (17) beginning DAN D. ASHCRAFT, and ending JOHN E. VASTARDIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1580 NAVY nominations (183) beginning RODMAN P. ABBOTT, and ending SAMUEL R. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1581 NAVY nominations (59) beginning JAMES S. BAILEY, and ending JEFFREY B. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1582 NAVY nominations (2) beginning RICHARD S. MORGAN, and ending TERRY L. M. SWINNEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 29, 2004.

PN1610 NAVY nomination of Susan C. Farrar, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 10, 2004.

PN1659 NAVY nominations (6) beginning WILLIAM J. ALDERSON, and ending HAROLD E. PITTMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1660 NAVY nominations (14) beginning AARON L. BOWMAN, and ending MAUDE E. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1661 NAVY nominations (17) beginning THOMAS J. BROVARONE, and ending MARK R. WHITNEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1662 NAVY nominations (245) beginning KENT R. AITCHESON, and ending KEVIN S. ZUMBAR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1663 NAVY nominations (19) beginning RICHARD L. ARCHEY, and ending FRED C. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1664 NAVY nominations (8) beginning THOMAS H. BOND JR., and ending PAMELA J. WYNFIELD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on May 20, 2004.

PN1665 NAVY nominations (5) beginning KENNETH R. CAMPITELLI, and ending TIMOTHY S. MATTHEWS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1666 NAVY nominations (8) beginning JEFFREY J. BURTCHE, and ending JAN E. TIGHE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1667 NAVY nominations (4) beginning EDWIN J. BURDICK, and ending STEPHEN

K. TIBBITTS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1668 NAVY nominations (6) beginning ANDREW BROWN III, and ending JONATHAN W. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1669 NAVY nominations (7) beginning JERRY R. ANDERSON, and ending JAMES E. KNAPP JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2004.

PN1690 NAVY nomination of JOSEPH P. COSTELLO, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2004.

PN1691 NAVY nominations (9) beginning RALPH W. COREY III, and ending EDWARD S. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 1, 2004.

PN1704 NAVY nominations (28) beginning TOBIAS J. BACANER, and ending SCOTT W. ZACKOWSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1705 NAVY nominations (17) beginning CHARLENE M. AULD, and ending SCOTT M. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1706 NAVY nominations (31) beginning DON C. B. ALBIA, and ending GREGG W. ZIEMKE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1707 NAVY nominations (21) beginning BRENDA C. BAKER, and ending MAUREEN J. ZELLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1708 NAVY nominations (30) beginning MICHAEL J. ARNOLD, and ending DANA S. WEINER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1709 NAVY nominations (19) beginning STEPHEN S. BELL, and ending JAMES A. WORCESTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1710 NAVY nominations (11) beginning WILLIAM D. DEVINE, and ending PAUL R. WRIGLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1711 NAVY nominations (8) beginning EDWARD L. AUSTIN, and ending DAVID H. WATERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1712 NAVY nominations (27) beginning CARLA C. BLAIR, and ending CYNTHIA M. WOMBLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1713 NAVY nominations (10) beginning NORA A. BURGHARDT, and ending CRAIG J. WASHINGTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1714 NAVY nominations (21) beginning TERRY S. BARRETT, and ending DEAN A. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1715 NAVY nominations (21) beginning DANIELLE M. BARRETT, and ending MICHAEL THRALL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1716 NAVY nominations (11) beginning MICHAEL D. BOSLEY, and ending KEVIN D. ZIOMEK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1717 NAVY nominations (40) beginning WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, and ending

FRANK D WHITWORTH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1718 NAVY nominations (31) beginning THOMAS W ARMSTRONG, and ending RICHARD A THIEL JR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1719 NAVY nominations (12) beginning JOSEPH R BRENNER JR, and ending GREG A ULSES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1720 NAVY nominations (37) beginning TODD S BOCKWOLDT, and ending FORREST YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1721 NAVY nominations (36) beginning STEVEN W ANTLCLIFF, and ending MARK W YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1722 NAVY nomination of Richard L. Curbello, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1729 NAVY nominations (2) beginning LOUISE E. GIORDANO, and ending ROBERT A. LITTLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1730 NAVY nominations (6) beginning JAMES O. CRAVENS, and ending RONALD J. WELLS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1731 NAVY nominations (10) beginning STEPHEN W BAILEY, and ending GARY F WOERZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1732 NAVY nominations (12) beginning JOSEPH J ALBANESE, and ending STEVEN L YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1733 NAVY nominations (12) beginning BENJAMIN M ABALOS, and ending GLENN T WARE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1734 NAVY nominations (19) beginning PATRICK S AGNEW, and ending DOUGLAS R TOOTHMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN135 NAVY nominations (19) beginning MARK J BELTON, and ending ROBERT E TOLIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1736 NAVY nominations (24) beginning CIVITA M ALLARD, and ending ANN N TESCHER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1737 NAVY nominations (25) beginning RICHARD D BAERTLEIN, and ending JEFFREY G WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1738 NAVY nomination of Carlos Varona, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES— H.R. 4200

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 4200: Senators WARNER, MCCAIN, INHOFE, ROBERTS, ALLARD, SESSIONS, COLLINS, ENSIGN, TALENT, CHAMBLISS, GRAHAM of South Carolina, DOLE, CORNYN, LEVIN, KENNEDY, BYRD, LIEBERMAN, REED, AKAKA, NELSON of Florida, NELSON of Nebraska, DAYTON, BAYH, CLINTON, and PRYOR.

CONGRATULATING CHAIRMAN STEVENS AND SENATOR INOUE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I again congratulate Chairman STEVENS and Senator INOUE on completing the first appropriations bill of the year. The record will show, I am sure, the time spent on this bill was one of the fast-

est, if not the fastest ever, that a Defense Appropriations Committee bill has been considered in the U.S. Senate.

We have to understand that it was only on Tuesday morning of this week that the Subcommittee on Defense reported the bill, and the full committee reported it out that afternoon. Here we are on Thursday night having completed this very important, critical bill.

I am sure this marathon would not have been possible without the excellent cooperation of many Senators and the terrific work of the Defense appropriations staff, under the leadership of Sid Ashworth for the majority and Charlie Houy for the minority.

I am also particularly happy that conferees on this important bill have been appointed and that hopefully shortly after the recess that conference can also be completed in record time so critical funds can be made available to our service men and women around the globe, fighting and standing guard to protect our freedoms and securities.

Also, I thank the chairman and Senator INOUE for including today critical funding for humanitarian assistance in the Sudan. We simply can not stand by idly as half a million people are uprooted and forced to flee the Darfur region while also suffering unbelievable starvation, hunger, and murder from Sudan, government-backed Arab militias.

The funding we have provided today will go to USAID to assist these refugees but of course a political solution needs to be found also for this part of our world.

Again, I thank Chairman STEVENS and Senator INOUE for their hard work today.