

would also expand in terms of amount and number and capability the ability to get these loans? We are getting more of these loans than anyone in any other situation would have gotten before. I wonder if the Senator would object to that change?

Ms. LANDRIEU. Can I answer that?

Mr. VITTER. No.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Can I answer that?

Mr. VITTER. Again, reclaiming my time, I would simply ask directly if the Senator could either object or not object—let me know—and also help us identify any specific objections that may exist on the minority side.

But in closing, Mr. President, I would just say, again, it is very clear to me, having spent a week working on this, that we either do this today and tomorrow or we do nothing and go home for 10 days and give no relief to these communities and these parishes which so desperately need the help. I vote for doing something. I vote for leading. I vote for helping in a meaningful and concrete way the people of southeast Louisiana and urge all my colleagues to please join me in that effort.

I yield back my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska is recognized.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, there are discussions going on concerning the future of this bill and what time we may be able to vote and dispose of the bill. I did try to go to third reading to make sure we would not have amendments coming in here at the last minute that would require Members to come back into the Senate to vote at this time.

I want to state that I do not have any problem with the exchange between the Senators from Louisiana. They do have a very difficult proposition. I am not going to get into that at this time. But I will say this: The arrangement that the junior Senator has made is much better than we got after the great earthquake in Alaska in 1964. I think people ought to realize that while the numbers of people involved in this great disaster from Katrina and the disaster of Rita—we have had massive disasters such as our earthquake and our great flood and the typhoons in Hawaii. This is not something that is new. The number of people may be greater, but the type of disaster is not any greater.

I would hope we would have a chance to finish the conversations that the leadership is having and we can find some way to deal with this situation and let people know what time, and if, we are going to be allowed to vote on this very important bill that should go to conference before we go home.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. VITTER). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the calling of the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. STEVENS. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is objection.

The legislative clerk continued with the call of the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COLEMAN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of Senate proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 8:15 a.m. on Friday, October 7. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 2863, the Defense appropriations bill. I further ask consent that following the leader's remarks, Senator LANDRIEU be recognized to speak until 9:15. I further ask consent that immediately following her remarks, and with no intervening action or debate, all time under cloture then be considered expired, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Before we recess, I will yield to the Senator from Louisiana for 5 minutes before we close.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I thank the Senator from Alaska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I thank the Chair.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, it has been a very long day. I am hoping, as

this day continues into the evening hours, as we continue to work on the underlying bill, which is the Defense appropriations bill, to have an amendment dealing with Hurricane Katrina in a way this Congress might respond to this urgent need. I thank the Senator from Alaska for his patience through this day because the issue that is before us really is not an amendment on the Defense bill. It is a separate issue but needs to be handled before we leave, in my opinion.

That is why I have stayed here throughout the day and have been here, of course, throughout the week, in many meetings and phone calls, and now in time on the floor throughout the day, to try to find a way to get some immediate help to our cities and parishes and counties along the gulf coast. It looks like there is a possibility that still might be the case.

But because of the lateness of the hour, really for the staff that has been here so long, I am going to agree to continue to work through the night, allow the staff to take a recess, and spend some time on this, as I have throughout the last few hours, working with my colleagues, particularly Senator LEVIN from Michigan, who has put in a tremendous amount of time, other Senators, Senator CARPER from Delaware, Senator CLINTON, Senator DURBIN, Senator REID. And Senator FRIST has been here for a while. Of course, Senator VITTER was here earlier trying to get through this process, with the

specific focus of mine being to try to get our State in the same situation that other States have been put in when they needed help.

We are not quite there yet, but we may yet get there by the time we close the debate in just a few hours. But, really, the staff has done more than they should be asked, to stay this late.

We have tried four or five different compromises in the last 8 hours, and we are not quite there yet. But we may be there in the morning when the Senate comes out of recess.

I am going to continue to work through the evening to see if we can find some sort of solution so that our four States—Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas—can be treated in the same way with the same respect as other States have in disasters in the past.

I thank the Senator for his patience throughout the evening.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Louisiana.

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we will reconvene at 8:15 tomorrow morning. Following additional remarks by Senator LANDRIEU in the morning, we will vote on passage of the Defense appropriations bill. That vote will occur concerning at 9:15. Following that vote, we

will proceed to the Homeland Security appropriations conference report. It is my understanding that we will be able to consider that conference report under a 30-minute time agreement and that a vote would not be necessary. We have not locked in that agreement. We will turn to that conference report in the morning after voting on the DOD appropriations bill.

RECESS UNTIL 8:15 A.M.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess in accordance with the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:39 a.m., recessed until Friday, October 7, 2005, at 8:15 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 6, 2005:

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

TERRENCE L. BRACY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 6, 2010. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DAVID STEELE BOHIGIAN, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VICE WILLIAM HENRY LASH, III, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ANTONIO FRATTO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE ROBERT STANLEY NICHOLS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SUSAN C. SCHWAB, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE PETER F. ALLGEIER.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEFFREY THOMAS BERGNER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS), VICE PAUL VINCENT KELLY RESIGNED.

NICHOLAS F. TAUBMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ROMANIA.

SUSAN RASINSKI MCCAW, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

SARAH M. SINGLETON, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 2008, VICE ERNESTINE P. WATLINGTON, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

RON SILVER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2009, VICE STEPHEN D. KRASNER, TERM EXPIRED.

JUDY VAN REST, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2009, VICE DANIEL PIPES.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT COMMISSIONED REGULAR OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

To be lieutenant

THEA IACOMINO, 0000
LOUVENIA A. MCMILLAN, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL EUGENE R. CHOJNACKI, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH R. CLARK, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID F. WHERLEY, JR., 0000

BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRY M. WYATT III, 0000

To be brigadier general

COLONEL WILLIAM R. BURKS, 0000
COLONEL IWAN B. CLONTZ, 0000
COLONEL STEVEN R. DOOHEN, 0000
COLONEL DONALD E. FICK, 0000
COLONEL DAVID J. HATLEY, 0000
COLONEL KENNETH M. JEFFERSON, 0000
COLONEL ROBERT H. JOHNSTON, 0000
COLONEL DANIEL B. O'HOLLAREN, 0000
COLONEL RANDOLPH M. SCOTT, 0000
COLONEL MARK F. SEARS, 0000
COLONEL HAYWOOD R. STARLING, JR., 0000
COLONEL BROCK JOHN T. STROM, 0000
COLONEL ERNEST G. TALBERT, 0000
COLONEL EDWARD J. THOMAS, JR., 0000
COLONEL LAWRENCE S. THOMAS III, 0000
COLONEL RICHARD J. UTECHT, 0000
COLONEL GUY M. WALSH, 0000
COLONEL ELLIOTT W. WORCESTER, JR., 0000
COLONEL ROBERT J. YAPLE, 0000

IN THE ARMY

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. THOMAS D. ROBINSON, 0000

To be brigadier general

COL. CHARLES D. ESTES, 0000
COL. ELLEN P. GREENE, 0000
COL. LUIS R. VISOT, 0000

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. PATRICK M. WALSH, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

JOHN S. BAXTER, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

JOSE R. RAEI, 0000

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

To be colonel

SUZANNE R. AVERY, 0000
JAMES FIKES, 0000

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

To be colonel

DONNA J. DOLAN, 0000
MICHAEL G. LABELLE, 0000
STEVEN D. PEAK, 0000
DEBORAH F. SIMPSON, 0000

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

To be colonel

PAUL F. ABBEY, 0000
JAMES P. BARNES, 0000
JAMES N. BAUM, 0000
SCOTT E. BOMBERG, 0000
ERIC W. BOWLES, 0000
DUANE F. CARTWRIGHT, 0000
STACY B. ELLISON, 0000
ELLYN M. ENGLISH, 0000
ALBERT F. GRUBER, 0000
FREDERICK D. HOGAN, 0000
LYNDON S. HURT, 0000
DAVID G. JULIAN, 0000
MANUEL L. LABORDE, 0000
JOSEPH D. LYVERS, 0000
DEBORAH J. MICHAEL, 0000
JOE D. ONIALL, 0000
GARY W. REEVES, 0000
DANIEL E. SAVITSKE, 0000
TERRY R. SCHMUNK, 0000
JACK N. SEIDENBERG, 0000
WARREN A. WILLIAMS, 0000

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

To be colonel

PAUL S. ASTPHAN, 0000
LUCY A. P. BLAND, 0000

GAYE E. BROADWAY, 0000
NORMAN A. CUMMINS, 0000
MADELINE B. DUNNIBOO, 0000
MARY R. ENDERLE, 0000
THEODOCIA C. FARRALES, 0000
GENEVIEVE M. FULLER, 0000
CHARLENE M. GODEC, 0000
MARY C. GOMEZ, 0000
JOAN M. GOUGE, 0000
JUDITH R. HASELTINE, 0000
KATHLEEN A. HAYES, 0000
DONNA N. HERSHEY, 0000
RICHARD D. HUMES, 0000
EMMETTE G. JONES, JR., 0000
SHIRLEY A. KUBIAK, 0000
GWENDOLYN J. LEMAIRE, 0000
MARY E. LINK, 0000
SHARON K. LUCARELLI, 0000
LAURA J. LUDWIG, 0000
MICHAEL R. MANANSALA, 0000
JOAN A. MARKS, 0000
DEBRA F. MCNAMARA, 0000
FRANKLIN J. MCSHANE, 0000
JANET F. MCFURNAL, 0000
SHARON M. NAVRATIL, 0000
SHIRLEY E. NEVILLE, 0000
PATRICIA A. L. PRATT, 0000
MARTIN R. RIDGE, 0000
BEVERLY L. SMITHTILLERY, 0000
WENDY L. TAYLOR, 0000
JAMES D. WAECHTER, 0000
SYBIL M. WEIRMCNEELY, 0000
BRINDA F. WILLIAMSMORGAN, 0000

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

To be colonel

LYNN S. ALSUP, 0000
MARTHA A. BIASTOCH, 0000
DENNIS T. BROWN, 0000
ROBERT W. BROWN II, 0000
ROBERT M. CODY, 0000
JAMES C. COLEMAN, 0000
CATHERINE L. COOK, 0000
BRUCE J. CORNELISON, 0000
WALTER J. DAVIS, 0000
WILLIAM H. DEGRAY, 0000
CECILIA I. FLORES, 0000
IRENE L. FRAZIER, 0000
FELICIA FRENCH, 0000
SCOTT A. GRONWOLD, 0000
JOHN H. GROTE, JR., 0000
DAVID HOWE, 0000
DEBORAH K. KNICKERBOCKER, 0000
JOHN R. MAGRANE, JR., 0000
JAMES P. MAHONEY, 0000
JOSEPH A. MAIELLO, 0000
WENDELL R. MANN, 0000
DENNIS R. MILLER, 0000
SCOTT A. MILLER, 0000
BRADLEY K. MITCHELL, 0000
WENDY P. POLHEMUS, 0000
WILLIAM A. PULIG, 0000
DENNIS P. RATASHAK, 0000
ERIC RODRIGUEZ, 0000
JONNIE S. RUPP, 0000
GINA D. SELER, 0000
WILLIAM H. SNOW, 0000
DWIGHT A. THOMPSON, 0000
ALTHEA G. WATSON, 0000
JEFFREY L. WEAVER, 0000
JAY M. WEBB, 0000
DENNIS J. WHITE, 0000
STEVEN A. WIENEKE, 0000
BARRY M. WIKES, 0000
CAROL L. ZIERES, 0000

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

To be colonel

JAMES W. AGNEW, 0000
STEVEN C. ALLGOOD, 0000
DAVID P. ANGELETTE, 0000
MARK ANSTADT, 0000
DAMON T. ARNOLD, 0000
JOHN V. BARTON, 0000
JAMES BAYLEY, 0000
DANIEL J. BOCHICCHIO, 0000
REYNAL L. CALDWELL, 0000
GINA R. CARTER, 0000
PAUL M. CHETHAM, 0000
JAMES K. COOPER II, 0000
VICTOR H. DAVIS, 0000
JAMES R. DOWNEY, 0000
PAUL A. DURON, 0000
BRIAN J. EASTRIDGE, 0000
KEYAGHN P. FAIR, 0000
CHARLES J. FISHER, JR., 0000
DAVID R. FOHAN, 0000
ALVIS R. FORBES, 0000
TODD R. FREDRICKS, 0000
ROBERT E. GORTON, JR., 0000
JAMES R. GREGOIRE, 0000
JOSEFINA T. GUERRERO, 0000
WILLIAM G. GUTHEIM, 0000
ROBERT W. HANDY, 0000
JEFFREY T. HUGH, 0000
SUSAN W. HOLE, 0000
HAROLD W. HUGHES, 0000
JOE W. HUNT, 0000
VITO D. IMBASCIANI, 0000
MARK J. IVEY, 0000
PURNIMA P. JOSHI, 0000