

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND  
FAMILY POLICY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Social Security and Family Policy be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at 10:30 a.m., to hear testimony on "Building Assets for Low-Income Families."

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Caroline Ahearn, a fellow working in the Environment and Public Works Committee office, as well as Tim Connolly and Cara Cookson, legislative aides to the committee office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the consideration of H.R. 3 and amendments thereto.

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

Mr. GREGG. I ask unanimous consent the staff on the Budget Committee listed below be granted floor privileges for the duration and consideration of the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 95:

SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE FLOOR  
PRIVILEGES LIST, 109TH CONGRESS

Amdur, Rochelle; Bailey, Stephen; Bargo, Kevin; Binzer, Peggy; Brandt, Dan; Browne, Mara; Cheung, Rock E.; Dempsey, Don; Duckworth, Cara; Esquea, Jim; Eyster, Sarah; Fisher, David; Friesen, K atherine; Green, Vanessa; Gudes, Scott B., (Staff Director, Full Access Pass); Haskell, Tyler; Havlik, Matthew; Hearn, Jim; Howe, Matthew; Isenberg, Cliff.

Jones, Michael; Kermick, Andrew; Klumpner, James; Konove, Elissa; Konwinski, Lisa, (General Counsel, Full Access Pass); Kuehl, Sarah; Lofgren, Michael; Lucia, William; Mashburn, John; Millar, Gail, (General Counsel, Full Access Pass); Miller, Jim; Mittal, Seema; Monk, Kimberly; Morin, Jamie; Myers, David; Nagurka, Stuart; Naylor, Mary (Staff Director: Full Access Pass); Nelson, Sue; Noel, Kobye; O'Keefe, Shannon.

O'Neill, Maureen; Ortega, David A.; Osterberg, K. Gayle; Page, Anne; Pappone, David; Parent, Allison; Phillips, Roy; Pollom, Jennifer; Posner, Steven; Reidy, Cheri; Richardson, Stephen; Righter, John; Seymour, Lynne; Vandivier, David; Ventimiglia, Vincent; Weiblinger, Richard; Woodall, George.

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

NOTICE: PUBLIC FINANCIAL  
DISCLOSURE REPORTS

The filing date for 2005 Public Financial Disclosure reports is Monday, May 16, 2005. Senators, political fund designees and staff members whose salaries exceed 120 percent of the GS-15 pay scale must file reports.

Public Financial Disclosure reports should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings.

## APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to S. Con. Res. 130, 106th Congress, appoints the following individual to the Task Force on Slave Laborers:

Curtis H. Sykes of Arkansas and notes Senator BLANCHE LINCOLN of Arkansas will serve as the designee of the Democratic Leader.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, appoints the following individuals to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:

Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. of New Mexico, for a term of 2 years, May 15, 2005-May 14, 2007.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR AND  
NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, all nominations reported by the Armed Services Committee today, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk. I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Daniel Fried to be an Assistant Secretary of State be discharged from the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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 were considered and confirmed en bloc as follows:

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Phyllis F. Scheinberg, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Joseph H. Baordman, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 26, 2005.

Nancy Ann Nord, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for seven years from October 27, 2005. (Reappointment)

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS  
AUTHORITY

William Cobey, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Met-

ropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2010.

## 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. William R. Looney, III, 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*

Lt. Gen. Arthur J. Lichte, 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. Robert D. Bishop, Jr., 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. Christopher A. Kelly, 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. Michael A. Hamel, 0000

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. John C. Inglis, 0000

## 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 lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Dell L. Dailey, 0000

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. David W. Barno, 0000

The following named officer 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. Donna L. Dacier, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States 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*

Brigadier General Abner C. Blalock, 0000

Brigadier General Jessica L. Wright, 0000

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Louis A. Abbenante, 0000

*To be major general*

Brigadier General Bruce E. Davis, 0000

Brigadier General Dan M. Colglazier, 0000

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Peter M. Aylward, 0000  
 Colonel Joseph B. Dibartolomeo, 0000  
 Colonel Edward A. Leacock, 0000  
 Colonel William J. Johnson, Jr., 0000  
 Colonel Calvin S. Johnson, 0000  
 Colonel David L. Jennette, Jr., 0000  
 Colonel Dennis E. Jacobson, 0000  
 Colonel Dudley B. Hodges, III, 0000  
 Colonel John S. Harrel, 0000  
 Colonel Bruce C. Frandsen, 0000  
 Colonel Kevin G. Ellsworth, 0000  
 Colonel Larry W. Triphahn, 0000  
 Colonel Randal E. Thomas, 0000  
 Colonel Jackie S. Swope, 0000  
 Colonel John M. Perryman, 0000  
 Colonel Henry C. McCann, 0000  
 Colonel John E. Davoren, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States 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*

Brigadier General John P. Basilica, Jr., 0000  
 Brigadier General Lawrence F. LaFrenz, 0000  
 Brigadier General Danny H. Hickman, 0000  
 Brigadier General Richard M. Blunt, 0000  
 Brigadier General Michael B. Pace, 0000  
 Brigadier General Glenn K. Rieth, 0000  
 Brigadier General Antonio J. Vicens-Gonzalez,

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Lester D. Eisner, 0000  
 Colonel Terry R. Council, 0000  
 Colonel Augustus L. Collins, 0000  
 Colonel Dennis L. Celletti, 0000  
 Colonel Lawrence W. Brock, III, 0000  
 Colonel Frank E. Batts, 0000  
 Colonel Roosevelt Barfield, 0000

*To be major general*

Brigadier General Ronald G. Young, 0000  
 Brigadier General William H. Wade, II, 0000

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Robert J. Udland, 0000  
 Colonel Fredric D. Sheppard, 0000  
 Colonel Olin O. Oedekoven, 0000  
 Colonel Thomas D. Mills, 0000  
 Colonel Mabry E. Martin, 0000  
 Colonel Jeffrey E. Marshall, 0000  
 Colonel Randy E. Manner, 0000  
 Colonel Michael R. Liechty, 0000  
 Colonel David A. Lewis, 0000  
 Colonel Randall A. Kochersperger, 0000  
 Colonel Thomas H. Katkus, 0000  
 Colonel Federick J. Johnson, 0000  
 Colonel Alberto J. Jimenez, 0000  
 Colonel Gary M. Ishikawa, 0000  
 Colonel Joe L. Harkey, 0000  
 Colonel Francis P. Gonzales, 0000

*To be major general*

Brigadier General Donald C. Storm, 0000  
 Brigadier General Gary A. Quick, 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 major general*

Brigadier General John E. Barnette, 0000  
 Brigadier General Williard C. Broadwater, 0000  
 Brigadier General David P. Burford, 0000  
 Brigadier General Ronald S. Chastain, 0000  
 Brigadier General Dallas W. Fanning, 0000  
 Brigadier General Timothy M. Kennedy, 0000

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Gregory J. Zanetti, 0000  
 Colonel Charles L. Yriarte, 0000  
 Colonel Eddy M. Spurgin, 0000  
 Colonel Joyce L. Stevens, 0000  
 Colonel Terry W. Saltsman, 0000  
 Colonel Matthew A. McCoy, 0000  
 Colonel Jose S. Mayorga, 0000  
 Colonel Vernon L. Lowrey, 0000

Colonel Robert E. Livingston, Jr., 0000

Colonel Gerald E. Lang, 0000

Colonel Marcelo R. Bergquist, 0000

*To be major general*

Brigadier General Mark E. Zirkelbach, 0000  
 Brigadier General Edward L. Wright, 0000  
 Brigadier General William D. Wofford, 0000  
 Brigadier General Perry G. Smith, 0000  
 Brigadier General Charles G. Rodriguez, 0000  
 Brigadier General Randall D. Mosley, 0000  
 Brigadier General John W. Libby, 0000  
 Brigadier General Mitchell R. LeClaire, 0000

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel William F. Kuehn, 0000  
 Colonel Matthew L. Kambic, 0000  
 Colonel John L. Gronski, 0000  
 Colonel Brian W. Goodwin, 0000  
 Colonel Robert J. Felderman, 0000  
 Colonel Stephen C. Dabadie, 0000  
 Colonel Robert G. Carmichael, Jr., 0000  
 Colonel Elizabeth A. Bourbeau, 0000  
 Colonel Barbaranette T. Bolden, 0000

*To be major general*

Brigadier General James E. Fletcher, 0000  
 Brigadier General Stephen D. Collins, 0000

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. Michael R. Eyre, 0000

*To be major general*

Col. David A. Morris, 0000  
 Col. Jimmy E. Fowler, 0000  
 Col. Sanford E. Holman, 0000  
 Col. William D. Waff, 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. Steven L. Bell, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Mark W. Bircher, 0000  
 Col. John M. Croley, 0000  
 Col. Darrell L. Moore, 0000

IN THE NAVY

The following names officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5033:

*To be admiral*

Adm. Michael G. Mullen, 0000

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*

Vice Adm. Henry G. Ulrich, III, 0000

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 D. Stufflebeem, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN289 AIR FORCE nominations (17) beginning STEPHEN M.\* ALLEN, and ending THEODORE L.\* WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 4, 2005.

PN307 AIR FORCE nominations (18) beginning REBECCA L. BROWN, and ending DAWN E. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2005.

PN308 AIR FORCE nominations (13) beginning DENNIS L. BEATTY, and ending MICHAEL G. SCHELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2005.

PN310 AIR FORCE nominations (19) beginning GARY D. BROWN, and ending LARRY D. YOUNGNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2005.

PN312 AIR FORCE nominations (12) beginning PHILIP A. BARKER, and ending DONALD R. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2005.

PN313 AIR FORCE nominations (23) beginning JOSEPH J. AIGNERVAROZ, and ending DOREEN F. WILDER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2005.

PN314 AIR FORCE nominations (41) beginning CALVIN N. ANDERSON, and ending MICHELE R. ZELLERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2005.

PN330 AIR FORCE nomination of Robert B. Rottschafer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN331 AIR FORCE nomination of Christine A. Liddle, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN393 AIR FORCE nomination of John J. Kupko II, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2005.

PN394 AIR FORCE nominations (5) beginning GREGG W. ALLRED, and ending ALBERT C. OESTERLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2005.

PN395 AIR FORCE nomination of Stephen E. Vangundy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2005.

PN396 AIR FORCE nomination of Brett L. Swain, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2005.

IN THE ARMY

PN332 ARMY nominations (3) beginning CECIL D. ALLEN, and ending WAYNE E. KOWAL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN333 ARMY nominations (3) beginning THOMAS E. BERON, and ending KENNETH J. VEGA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN334 ARMY nominations (5) beginning BRAD K. BLACKNER, and ending MARVIN A. ZERR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN335 ARMY nominations (5) beginning MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD, and ending DEBRA A. ROSE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN336 ARMY nominations (2) beginning GREGORY L. DANIELS, and ending MICHAEL D. PHILLIPS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN337 ARMY nomination of Cindy W. Baltrun, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN338 ARMY nomination of Richard L. Ursone, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN339 ARMY nomination of Thanh Minh Do, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN340 ARMY nomination of Lorine Lagatta, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN341 ARMY nomination of Gary Zeitz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN397 ARMY nominations (67) beginning SUNNY S.\* AHN, and ending ERIC W.\* YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 6, 2005.

PN425 ARMY nominations (22) beginning LISA M. AMOROSO, and ending SAMUEL L. YINGST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2005.

PN426 ARMY nominations (43) beginning STEVEN B.\* ANDERSON, and ending COLIN S.\* TURNNIDGE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2005.

PN427 ARMY nominations (130) beginning CHRISTOPHER B.\* ACKERMAN, and ending CHARLES D. ZIMMERMAN JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2005.

PN428 ARMY nominations (134) beginning HERMAN A. ALLISON, and ending HEATHER L. ZUNIGA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 14, 2005.

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN316 MARINE CORPS nomination of William L. Rumble, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2005.

PN342 MARINE CORPS nomination of Amy V. Dunning, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN343 MARINE CORPS nomination of David J. Wilson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN344 MARINE CORPS nomination of Michael Akselrud, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

PN345 MARINE CORPS nominations (52) beginning CHARLES R. BAUGHN, and ending PHILLIP J. WOODWARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 17, 2005.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Daniel Fried, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs).

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

#### DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS

#### COMMENDING THE VIRGINIA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

#### NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

#### COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed en bloc to the following resolutions submitted earlier today: S. Res. 128, S. Res. 129, S. Res. 130, and S. Res. 131.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the measures en bloc.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to support an important resolution designating the 30th day of April 2005 as "Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans."

Nations throughout the world, and especially within Latin America, celebrate Día de los Niños on the 30th of April, in recognition and celebration of their country's future—their children. Many American Hispanic families continue the tradition of honoring their children on this day by celebrating Día de los Niños in their homes.

The designation of a day to honor the children of the Nation will help affirm for the people of the United States the significance of family, education, and community. This special recognition of children will provide us with an opportunity to reflect on their future, articulate their dreams and aspirations, and find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities. This resolution calls on the American people to join with all children, families, organizations, communities, churches, cities, and States across the Nation to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Joining me as original cosponsors to this resolution are JOHN CORNYN, CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, MEL MARTINEZ, and LISA MURKOWSKI.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join us in promptly passing this resolution designating April 30, 2005, Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today I rise, on behalf of myself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. KENNEDY, to support a bipartisan resolution calling on the American people to observe North American Occupational Safety and Health Week, May 1 through May 7, 2005. This week is designed to increase the awareness and importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace. I introduced a similar resolution in May 2002, and I am proud to sponsor it again.

The focus of this year's North American Occupational Safety and Health

Week is on the estimated 5,500 people killed in workplace accidents and the millions who suffer on-the-job injuries and illnesses each year. The week will focus on preventing such tragedies from occurring and draw attention to the positive return on investment for businesses that invest in occupational safety and health.

The Department of Labor recently gave the Monsanto research facility in Waterman, IL, its top safety classification: Star Certification in the Voluntary Protection Program. VPP is a program that goes beyond current workplace regulations to establish cooperative relationships between management and workers to implement a comprehensive health and safety system. It requires rigorous review by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and involves companies with injury rates which average about 53 percent lower than the average for their industry.

OSHA also recognized three Illinois beef packing companies for their exemplary injury and illness records. Aurora Packing Company, Inc., of North Aurora, New City Packing Company, Inc., of Aurora, and Prairie Packaging Company of Bridgeview were commended by OSHA's VPP. Aurora and New City have achieved Star Conditional status for 11 years now, and Prairie was recognized this year as a Merit Participant. Fewer than 1,000 Federal worksites under Federal jurisdiction share this honor and I am very proud of their accomplishments. The Labor Department says VPP sites are "models for what employers and employees can accomplish by working cooperatively with one another and with OSHA to achieve a level of worker protection that goes beyond compliance with Government regulations." The VPP program is a win-win situation for everyone because workers experience fewer illnesses and injuries, and companies can expect lower workers' compensation costs. While there is more work to be done to improve the health and safety of America's workers, I congratulate these firms for their achievements.

The American Society of Safety Engineers, based in Des Plaines, IL, is a major proponent of North American Occupational Health and Safety Week and has sponsored this awareness week for many years. ASSE is the world's oldest and largest professional safety organization. It is a 90-year-old non-profit association and has more than 30,000 members. It is committed to protecting people, property, and the environment. Together with OSHA, ASSE will be working to educate employees, employers and the public about the positive benefits of occupational safety and health programs; raise the awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health, and environmental professionals; and reduce workplace injuries and illness by increasing awareness and implementation of safety and health programs.