

175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, and 184.

I further ask unanimous consent that all of the mentioned nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion 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:

#### THE JUDICIARY

A. Noel Anketell Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Laura A. Cordero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

#### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Emil A. Skodon, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam.

Joseph A. Mussomeli, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

#### INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

#### UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, vice Roger P. Winter, resigned.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs), vice Patricia de Stacy Harrison.

#### NOMINATION OF LINDA SPRINGER

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I would like to thank the Senate for its

expeditious consideration of Ms. Linda Springer of Pennsylvania to be the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

On Wednesday, June 15, I chaired a hearing of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs to consider the nomination of Ms. Springer. One week later, the committee unanimously approved her nomination. As my colleagues in the Senate know, I am committed to finding solutions to the human capital challenges of the Federal Government. Clearly, there is no more important partner in the executive branch of Government than the Director of the Office of Personnel Management in addressing these issues.

The Federal civil service now is undergoing the most dramatic changes in more than a quarter century. For example, agencies are implementing new performance management and a related pay for performance systems for the senior executive service. The Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense are designing new, modern, and flexible personnel systems to meet their national security missions. As these and other reforms continue, leadership from the Office of Personnel Management is imperative to guarantee that the merit principles that are the core of our Federal civil service are upheld and that the new personnel systems are fair and equitable for employees.

During the committee's hearing, I found Ms. Springer to be focused, dedicated, and more than capable of taking on this important job. Prior to the hearing, I met with Ms. Springer in my office and was impressed with her candor and recognition of the challenges confronting the workforce.

Ms. Springer's experience in the private sector and as Controller of the Office of Management and Budget has prepared her to lead this Federal agency. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to support this nomination. Thank you.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 108-136, appoints the following individual to serve as a member on the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission: Mr. Ken Jordan of California vice Mr. Mike O'Callaghan of Nevada.

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it

stand in adjournment until 1 p.m. on Monday, June 27. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with the majority leader or his designee in control of the first half of the time, and the Democratic leader or his designee in control of the second half of the time; provided that at 3 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2361, the Interior appropriations bill, as provided under the previous order.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, on Monday, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Interior appropriations bill. Under a previous agreement, all amendments to the bill must be offered during Monday's session. There will be no rollcall votes on Monday, but Senators who have amendments to the bill should make themselves available to offer and debate their amendments. We will begin voting with respect to amendments to the Interior appropriations bill on Tuesday.

I also inform our colleagues the next vote will occur on Tuesday morning shortly before 10 a.m. That vote will be on passage of H.R. 6, the Energy bill.

Finally, on behalf of the majority leader, I would like to remind all Senators that next week will be the final week prior to the Fourth of July recess, so Senators should expect a busy week with rollcall votes throughout.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M. MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005

Mr. BENNETT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:18 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 27, 2005, at 1 p.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Friday, June 24, 2005:

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

LINDA MORRISON COMBS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE CONTROLLER, OFFICE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

#### OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

LINDA M. SPRINGER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EMIL A. SKODON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM.

JOSEPH A. MUSSOMELI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA.

LARRY MILES DINGER, OF IOWA, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE FIJI ISLANDS, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU, THE KINGDOM OF TONGA, TUVALU, AND THE REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI.

RONALD E. NEUMANN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

GREGORY L. SCHULTE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE VIENNA OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

GREGORY L. SCHULTE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MICHAEL E. HESS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DINA HABIB POWELL, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS).

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO RE-

QUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

THE JUDICIARY

A. NOEL ANKETELL KRAMER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

LAURA A. CORDERO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.