

We are making small improvements in getting qualified young people to college, but we still have much to do to keep them enrolled and earn a degree. The committee has made an effort to address the retention issue by including programs to help students succeed in college.

We also continue our focus on teacher preparation by strengthening partnerships with the K-12 systems who hire the teachers, and giving priority to preparing teachers for shortage subjects such as special education and math and science.

As the bill recognizes, to help the Nation compete in today's global economy, we must strengthen the teaching of math and science in schools and colleges. It is shameful that America is now ranked only 29th in the industrial world in math education, and that we have fallen from third in the world to 15th in producing scientists and engineers.

The bill provides strong incentives for math and science graduates to teach for at least 5 years in the schools that need them most. We also create a new scholarship program for low income students, pursuing careers in math, science, technology and engineering, and high need foreign languages.

From our earliest days as a nation, education has been the engine of the American dream, and we can't let it stall. A larger share of our population needs to participate in postsecondary education. We looked at ways to expand access to working adults through modular and compressed coursework, and to students with disabilities who can benefit from taking courses rather than taking standardized tests.

Our goal is to give all students and their parents the support they need to benefit from education and keep our country strong in the years ahead.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 233—EX-
PRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF
THE NATION TO THE VICTIMS OF
HURRICANE KATRINA, COM-
MENDING THE RESILIENCY OF
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATES OF
LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, AND
ALABAMA, AND COMMITTING TO
STAND BY THEM IN THE RELIEF
AND RECOVERY EFFORTS

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEMINT,

Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 233

Whereas, on August 28, 2005, Hurricane Katrina reached landfall devastating the Gulf Coast states;

Whereas there has yet to be a full accounting for all our citizens whose lives were tragically lost;

Whereas the cost in human suffering is ongoing for hundreds of thousands of people who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods;

Whereas immediate humanitarian aid is still critically needed in many of the devastated regions;

Whereas the devastation on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama is catastrophic;

Whereas the City of New Orleans is tragically flooded and the surrounding communities of St. Bernard and Plaquemines parishes are devastated;

Whereas every city on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is severely damaged or destroyed, including Waveland, Bay St. Louis, Pass Christian, Long Beach, Gulfport, Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Moss Point, and Pascagoula;

Whereas the States of Florida, Texas, and Georgia also sustained damage;

Whereas Coast Guard search and rescue teams, police, firefighters, the National Guard and many ordinary citizens have risked their lives to save others;

Whereas doctors, nurses, and medical personnel worked expeditiously to ensure that hospitals, medical centers, and triage units provided needed care;

Whereas the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and other volunteer organizations and charities are supplying hurricane victims with food, water, and shelter;

Whereas the State of Texas and numerous other states have welcomed tens of thousands of victims from Louisiana and provided them with aid and comfort;

Whereas the Army Corps of Engineers has worked to reinforce levees in Louisiana; and

Whereas thousands of volunteers and government employees from across the Nation have committed time and resources to help with recovery efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—
(1) expresses the condolences of the Nation to the victims of Hurricane Katrina;

(2) commends the resiliency and courage of the people of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama; and

(3) commits to provide the necessary resources and to stand by the people of the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Ala-

bama in the relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 52—PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE CATAFALQUE SITUATED IN THE CRYPT BENEATH THE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL IN CONNECTION WITH MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING FOR THE LATE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 52

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer to the custody of the Supreme Court of the United States the catafalque which is situated in the crypt beneath the Rotunda of the Capitol so that such catafalque may be used in the Supreme Court Building in connection with services to be conducted there for the late honorable William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 6 at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony regarding oil and gasoline pricing.

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

NOTIFICATION OF THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a communication from the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Honorable Antonin Scalia, notifying the Senate of the death of the Chief Justice of the United States, the late Honorable William H. Rehnquist.

The message is as follows:

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES,
Washington, DC, September 6, 2005.

Hon. RICHARD B. CHENEY,
President, U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: This is to notify the Senate, through you, that the Chief Justice of the United States died in Arlington, Virginia on Saturday, September 3, 2005.

Very truly yours,

ANTONIN SCALIA,
Associate Justice.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands

adjourned until 10:30 a.m., tomorrow, September 7, 2005.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:24 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 7, 2005, at 10:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 6, 2005:

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES, VICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST, DECEASED.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JAMES M. ANDREW, OF GEORGIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR, RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, VICE HILDA GAY LEGG RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL W. WYNNE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE JAMES G. ROCHE.

DONALD C. WINTER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, VICE GORDON ENGLAND.

DELORES M. ETTER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, VICE JOHN J. YOUNG.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

ORLANDO J. CABRERA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE MICHAEL MINORU FAWN LIU, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

JEFFREY D. JARRETT, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (POSSIL ENERGY), VICE MICHAEL SMITH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

SANTANU K. BARUAH, OF OREGON, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, VICE DAVID A. SAMPSON.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

LYONS GRAY, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE FINANCIAL OFFICER, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE CHARLES JOHNSON.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

CLAY LOWERY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE RANDAL QUARLES.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

JOHN E. MAUPIN, JR., OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, VICE GERALD M. SHEA, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ELLEN R. SAUERBREY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (POPULATION, REFUGEES, AND MIGRATION), VICE ARTHUR E. DEWEY, RESIGNED.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

JACQUELINE ELLEN SCHAFER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE EMMY B. SIMMONS.

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MARK MCKINNON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 13, 2008, VICE JOAQUIN F. BLAYA, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRENDA LAGRANGE JOHNSON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JAMAICA.

ALEXANDER R. VERSHBOW, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

DAVID B. DUNN, OF CALIFORNIA, 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 TOGOLESE REPUBLIC.

THOMAS A. SHANNON, JR., OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS), VICE ROGER FRANCISCO NORIEGA.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

THOMAS O. BARNETT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE R. HEWITT PATE.

THE JUDICIARY

JAMES S. HALPERN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, OF FLORIDA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE EDUARDO AGUIRRE, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

JOHN M. MOLINO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (POLICY AND PLANNING), VICE CLAUDE M. KICKLIGHTER, RESIGNED.

LISETTE M. MONDELLO, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (PUBLIC AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS), VICE CYNTHIA R. CHURCH, RESIGNED.

GEORGE J. OFFER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE RICHARD J. GRIFFIN.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MICHAEL R. SEWARD, 0000

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 lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DOUGLAS M. FRASER, 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. JOHN F. REGNI, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, CLAUSE 2, OF THE CONSTITUTION:

To be brigadier general

COL. RICHARD J. TUBB, 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 general

GEN. BURWELL B. BELL III, 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

MAJ. GEN. ANNE E. DUNWOODY, 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

BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM T. NESBITT, 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. JAMES P. EGGLETON, 0000

To be brigadier general

COL. BLAKE E. WILLIAMS, 0000

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. JOHN E. CORNELIUS, 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. KENNY C. MONTOYA, 0000

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 brigadier general

COLONEL DANIEL B. ALLYN, 0000

COLONEL JAMES C. BOOZER, SR., 0000

COLONEL RONALD M. BOUCHARD, 0000

COLONEL MARK S. BOWMAN, 0000

COLONEL THOMAS M. COLE, 0000

COLONEL JESSE R. CROSS, 0000

COLONEL KENNETH S. DOWD, 0000

COLONEL MICHAEL T. FLYNN, 0000

COLONEL WILLIAM H. FORRESTER, JR., 0000

COLONEL WILLIAM B. GARRETT III, 0000

COLONEL JAMES L. HODGE, 0000

COLONEL ANTHONY R. IERARDI, 0000

COLONEL JOHN D. JOHNSON, 0000

COLONEL GREGG F. MARTIN, 0000

COLONEL WILLIAM C. MAYVILLE, JR., 0000

COLONEL JAMES M. MCDONALD, 0000

COLONEL PATRICIA E. MCQUISTION, 0000

COLONEL JOHN W. PEABODY, 0000

COLONEL DAVID G. PERKINS, 0000

COLONEL DANA J. H. PITTARD, 0000

COLONEL JOE E. RAMIREZ, JR., 0000

COLONEL JAMES E. ROGERS, 0000

COLONEL MICHAEL E. ROUNDS, 0000

COLONEL FREDERICK S. RUESHEIM, 0000

COLONEL TODD T. SEMONITE, 0000

COLONEL JOHN E. SEWARD, 0000

COLONEL ROBIN P. SWAN, 0000

COLONEL ANTHONY J. TATA, 0000

COLONEL KEVIN R. WENDEL, 0000

COLONEL WILLIAM T. WOLF, 0000

COLONEL TERRY A. WOLFF, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND AS PERMANENT PROFESSOR, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 9333(B) AND 9336(A):

To be colonel

GARY A. PACKARD, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

STACEY T. KNUTZEN, 0000

JOANATHAN R. SPECHT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 531:

To be major

DONALD E. RECKART, 0000

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on September 6, 2005 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JULY 29, 2005.