

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. Robert R. Blackman, Jr. to be Lieutenant General.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Brigadier General Ronald S. Coleman and ending with Brigadier General Edward G. Usher III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 27, 2006.

Marine Corps nomination of Col. James C. Walker to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Capt. James W. Houck to be Rear Admiral.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Billy P. Cecil II and ending with Brian K. Witt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 27, 2006.

Air Force nomination of Thomas L. McKnight to be Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Bartlett H. Hayes and ending with Zaiga K. Sears, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 17, 2006.

Air Force nomination of William M. Rogers to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Kevin D. Brooks to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Thomas L. Rempfer to be Major.

Air Force nomination of Stephen R. Geringer to be Major.

Air Force nomination of James D. Bone to be Major.

Air Force nominations beginning with Clinton E. Abell and ending with Anne K. Whitis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2006.

Army nomination of Jack L. Kaplan, Jr. to be Colonel.

Army nomination of Marianne E. Watson to be Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with Sterling W. Heymen and ending with Timothy J. Wojtecki, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 17, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with David Abdalla and ending with Robert C. Yale, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 17, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Andre B. Abadie and ending with X144, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 17, 2006.

Army nomination of Eichel C. Joseph to be Colonel.

Army nomination of James E. Barker to be Major.

Army nomination of Chantel Newsome to be Major.

Army nomination of Clayton D. Chilcoat to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Mazen Abbas and ending with Lance C. Varney, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 7, 2006.

Army nominations beginning with Lee R. Yoakam and ending with Tyson J. Wood,

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Army nomination of Christopher D. Carrier to be Major.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John A. Aho and ending with Daniel D. Yoo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 27, 2006.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with John D. Adams and ending with Brandon W. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 31, 2006.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Stephen J. McNulty and ending with Donald C. Wayman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2006.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Carnell Luckett and ending with Carlos D. Sanabria, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2006.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Dean L. Jones and ending with Christopher A. Sutherland, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 1, 2006.

Marine Corps nomination of Christopher Ramsey to be Major.

By Mr. STEVENS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

*Roger Shane Karr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Tyler D. Duvall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

*Nicole R. Nason, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

*Thomas J. Barrett, of Alaska, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

*Robert C. Cresanti, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

*Robert M. McDowell, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2004.

*Coast Guard nomination of Vice Adm. Thad W. Allen to be Admiral.

*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) John C. Acton to be Rear Admiral.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Rear Adm. (lh) Jody A. Breckenridge and ending with Rear Adm. (lh) Timothy S. Sullivan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 25, 2005.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Stephanie M. Adams and ending with Alexander T. Yuille, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 27, 2006.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nomination of Stephen S. Meador to be Lieutenant.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

David F. Kustoff, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 2426. A bill to facilitate the protection of minors using the Internet from material that is harmful to minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BENNETT:

S. 2427. A bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for progressive indexing and longevity indexing of social security old-age insurance benefits for newly retired and aged surviving spouses to ensure the future solvency of the social security program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 2428. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Automated Defibrillation in Adam's Memory Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAPO, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) (by request):

S. 2429. A bill to authorize the President to waive the application of certain requirements under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 with respect to India; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2430. A bill to amend the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990 to provide for implementation of recommendations of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service contained in the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2431. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage all Americans to save for retirement by increasing their access to pension plans and other retirement savings vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 2432. A bill to designate certain public land as wilderness and certain rivers as wild and scenic rivers in the State of California, to designate Salmon Restoration Areas, to establish the Sacramento River National Recreation Area and Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BURR):

S. 2433. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Assistant Secretary for Rural Veterans in the Department

of Veterans Affairs, to improve the care provided to veterans living in rural areas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2434. A bill to limit the amount of time Senators spend on non-legislative activities; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 2435. A bill to increase cooperation on energy issues between the United States Government and foreign governments and entities in order to secure the strategic and economic interests of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. 2436. A bill to establish an Office of Consumer Advocacy and Outreach within the Federal Trade Commission to protect consumers from certain unfair or deceptive acts or practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. BYRD):

S. 2437. A bill to increase penalties for trafficking with respect to peonage, slavery, involuntary servitude, or forced labor; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. TALENT, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. BOND, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. REID, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. NELSON of Nebraska):

S. 2438. A bill to provide disaster assistance to agricultural producers for crop and livestock losses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. REID:

S. 2439. A bill to amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to provide for certain nuclear weapons program workers to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the compensation program established by that Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2440. A bill to provide the Coast Guard and NOAA with additional authorities under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, to strengthen the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 2441. A bill to authorize resources for a grant program for local educational agencies to create innovation districts; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2442. A bill to require the President or the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to submit to Congress draft investigation reports on national security related investigations, to address mandatory investigations by such committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 2443. A bill to grant the power to the President to reduce budget authority; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 2444. A bill to amend the National Dam Safety Program Act to establish a program to provide grant assistance to States for the rehabilitation and repair of deficient dams; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA):

S. 2445. A bill to permit certain school districts in Illinois to be reconstituted for purposes of determining assistance under the Impact Aid program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 2446. A bill to promote the national security and stability of the economy of the United States by reducing the dependence of the United States on oil through the use of alternative fuels and new technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 2447. A bill to redesignate the White Rocks National Recreation Area in the State of Vermont as the "Robert T. Stafford White Rocks National Recreation Area"; considered and passed.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 2448. A bill to increase the minimum penalties for violations of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. REID):

S. 2449. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 years of age to 55 years of age; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2450. A bill to strengthen national security by encouraging and assisting in the expansion and improvement of educational programs in order to meet critical needs at the elementary, secondary, and higher education levels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 2451. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand certain tax benefits related to Hurricane Katrina and to Hurricane Rita; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 2452. A bill to prohibit picketing at the funerals of members and former members of the armed forces; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 2453. A bill to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 2454. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for comprehensive reform and for other purposes; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGEL, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2455. A bill to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. Res. 403. A resolution recognizing the benefits of breastfeeding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. STABENOW:

S. Res. 404. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all people in the United States should participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 308

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to require that Homeland Security grants related to terrorism preparedness and prevention be awarded based strictly on an assessment of risk, threat, and vulnerabilities.

S. 811

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 811, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

S. 841

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 841, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to allow travel between the United States and Cuba.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1112

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1112, a bill to make permanent the enhanced educational savings provisions for qualified tuition programs enacted as part of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) and the Senator from