

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. Norman R. Seip

The following named officer for appointment as the Surgeon General of the Air Force and 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., sections 8036 and 601:

To be lieutenant general
Maj. Gen. James G. Roudebush

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 64:

To be major general
Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general
Col. Lawrence A. Stutzriem

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. Linda K. McTague

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 J. Elder, Jr.

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. David A. Deptula

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. Victor E. Renuart, Jr.

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be major general
Brig. Gen. Elder Granger

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 F. Melcher

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. Stephen M. Speakes

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 major general

Brig. Gen. Ronald D. Silverman

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general
Col. Michael A. Ryan

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Stephen V. Reeves

The following named United States Army Reserve officer for appointment as Chief, Army Reserve and appointment to the grade indicated under the provisions of title 10, U.S.C., sections 3038 AND 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Jr.

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Alan T. Baker

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Chaplains, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S. C., section 5142:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Robert F. Burt

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Gregory J. Smith

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Captain Townsend G. Alexander

Captain David H. Buss

Captain Kendall L. Card

Captain John N. Christenson

Captain Michael J. Connor

Captain John Elnitsky, II

Captain Kenneth E. Floyd

Captain Philip H. Greene

Captain Bruce E. Grooms

Captain James C. Grunewald

Captain Edward S. Hebner

Captain Michelle J. Howard

Captain Arnold O. Lotring, Jr.

Captain James P. McManamon

Captain Joseph P. Mulloy

Captain Charles E. Smith

Captain Scott H. Swift

Captain David M. Thomas

Captain Kurt W. Tidd

Captain Michael P. Tillotson

Captain Mark A. Vance

Captain Garry R. White

Captain Edward G. Winters, III

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1383 AIR FORCE nominations (1955) beginning Rosalind L. Abdulkhalik, and ending Jesse B. Zypallis, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 7, 2006.

PN1471 AIR FORCE nominations (6) beginning Steven L. Alger, and ending Rachelle Paulkagiri, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2006.

IN THE ARMY

PN1470 ARMY nomination of Chantel Newsome, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2006.

PN1497 ARMY nomination of Kenneth A. Kraft, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2006.

PN1498 ARMY nominations (4) beginning Mark A. Burdt, and ending Robert L. Porter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2006.

PN1499 ARMY nominations (6) beginning Betty J. Williams, and ending Henry R. Lemley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2006.

PN1500 ARMY nomination of Thomas F. Nugent, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2006.

PN1501 ARMY nomination of Michael F. Lorich, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2006.

PN1502 ARMY nomination of Brian O. Sargent, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2006.

PN1503 ARMY nominations (4) beginning Brian K. Hill, and ending Charles W. Wallace, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 27, 2006.

IN THE NAVY

PN1467 NAVY nominations (5) beginning Robert J. Tate, and ending Edward A. Sylvester, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2006.

PN1468 NAVY nominations (4) beginning William L. Yarde, and ending Bruce R. Deschere, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2006.

PN1469 NAVY nominations (53) beginning Gregory G. Allgaier, and ending Timothy J. Yanik, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

CELEBRATING PROGROWTH TAX POLICY

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, we will be closing in a few moments, but I did want to comment on an event this week that in many ways celebrates the progrowth tax policy that President Bush initiated over 5 years ago, and which, with the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, tax relief, and the relief of regulatory burden, has resulted in quite remarkable growth in our economy over the last 18 months.

This week in the Rose Garden the President signed into law the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005. The bill represents a real victory for the American people, for each and every American family, and for the continued strength and vibrancy and resilience of an economy that leads the world.

The Republican majority has worked hard to resist efforts to raise taxes, and that is exactly what this bill accomplished. It was 6 years ago, back in

2000, that the President inherited an economy that was in recession. It was emerging from a bursting Internet bubble, and the answer to our economic malaise at the time was tax relief, was tax cuts. There was a lot of opposition on the floor of the Senate, but we got them through; sometimes by just a few votes, but we got them through. Now, because of the President's firm, fiscally bold vision and strong fiscal and tax leadership, our economy is doing very well. America's families now feel better off because, indeed, they are better off.

We now have cut taxes for nearly 100 billion hard-working citizens. New home sales were up nearly 14 percent just last month, and minority home ownership is at its highest level ever. Consumer confidence is the highest since May of 2002. The economy has created 5.3 million jobs. Unemployment is down to 4.7 percent, lower than the average of the 1990s, lower than the average of the 1980s, and lower than the average of the 1970s. The tax cuts on capital gains and dividends are benefiting Americans across the income spectrum.

It is interesting that if you look at the income tax returns each year that are reporting capital gains and dividends, almost half of them come from households with reported adjusted gross income of less than \$50,000. Tax relief, capital gains, and dividends go across the economic spectrum.

Overall, the economy has enjoyed 18 consecutive quarters of economic growth. Meanwhile, all of this spurred growth has filled the tax coffers just as anticipated, just as we said it would. As we argued back then, and as history has demonstrated, cutting taxes actually results in increased tax revenues.

In January, the Congressional Budget Office found that the tax cuts on capital gains and dividends resulted in the Government collecting an additional \$26 billion in revenue in 2004 and 2005. This year, tax revenues will be 29 percent higher than they were in 2003 as a result of tax cuts. In fact, the Treasury Department reported last week that this year's tax revenues were the second highest in American history, giving the country a significant surplus for the month.

Last November, we called for extending the alternative minimum tax relief. In February I insisted that Congress keep rates low on capital gains and dividends. Last week, as part of the Tax Increase Prevention Act, we delivered because we always remember that tax dollars are the people's money, not the government's money.

We believe open markets and abundant opportunity unleashes our greatest resource: the energy of the American people and the ingenuity of the American people. Keeping taxes low helps Americans find and keep jobs, it boosts the family budget, and makes America a great place to do business. It allows the entrepreneur to take a chance on that great idea, to reinvest,

to hire more workers, to create jobs. As Republicans, we believe in encouraging that creative and optimistic spirit. It is what has built this country. It is what makes America great.

We will continue to champion economic growth and fiscal responsibility. We will continue to keep America moving forward.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 1 p.m. on Monday, May 22. 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 resume consideration of S. 2611, the comprehensive immigration reform bill, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, the Senate has made a lot of progress on the immigration bill. After spending almost 2 weeks on the bill a month ago, we brought the bill back this week, and not knowing exactly what to expect, I set out with a pretty high watermark, a pretty high goal, and that is to consider a number of amendments in an open and free debate and have those amendments voted upon. We have accomplished exactly what I had set out to do.

We are going to have another busy week. We have a recess, Memorial Day recess, after next week, so we have Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to conduct a lot of business. Senators are using the day today—some of them have come to the floor to speak and to debate and talk about the various issues. Others are using it to study amendments for next week. Our next voting will be with two rollcall votes on Monday, at least two votes, maybe others, beginning at 5:30.

The chairman will be here Monday working through the afternoon, working with Senators on their proposed amendments. It is important that we have the language on amendments people might be offering.

We have a lot of other work to do. The supplemental bill is currently in conference. Our colleagues are working very hard, in the House and Senate, so that we can complete that supplemental bill before the Memorial Day recess. The nomination of Brett Kavanaugh also is pending. Brett Kavanaugh has been nominated to the circuit court, and we need to bring him to the floor before we depart for that Memorial Day recess.

A lot of other issues are underway. The pensions conference report is being worked on aggressively, day in, day

out, and I look forward to having that completed so when it is available we will be able to take it to the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006, AT 1 P.M.

Mr. FRIST. 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 1:13 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 22, 2006, at 1 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate: May 19, 2006:

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

HORACE A. THOMPSON, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 27, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

KENT D. TALBERT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

J. C. A. STAGG, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 17, 2011.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

VINCE J. JUARISTI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 8, 2009.

JERRY GAYLE BRIDGES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

GEORGE MCDADE STAPLES, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR, AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 10506 AND 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. CRAIG R. MCKINLEY

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. WILLIAM M. FRASER III

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. KEVIN P. CHILTON

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. NORMAN R. SEIP

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE AND 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., SECTIONS 8036 AND 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JAMES G. ROUDEBUSH

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