

and I was asked to preside. Now, remember, there are 435 Members of the House of Representatives, and I was a freshman. Oh, was I happy—a great big podium and a great big gavel, which I did not have to use. I would not have known how to anyway. But I look back with a lot of fond memories to that 25 years ago.

But we appreciate the Senator being here today. Most of this work of this Senate is completed, and we have to have someone who is presiding. The Senator has been very patient with all of us. We appreciate it very much. But this speaks of who you are. You are always a very patient person. I am grateful to you, as we all are.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOMINATIONS STATUS QUO

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that, the provisions of rule XXXI notwithstanding, all nominations remain in status quo except the following: from the Armed Services Committee, Colonels Larry Arnett, Otis Morris, and Gilberto Pena to be brigadier generals; Colonel Marc L. Warren to be brigadier general; Colonel Mark W. Tillman to be brigadier general; Anita K. Blair, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy; from the Committee on the Judiciary, Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 117, 372, 377, 393, 408, 409, 411, 412 through 427, 433 through 438, and all the nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

W. Ross Ashley, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Benjamin Eric Sasse, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Jon Wellinghoff, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

James Shinn, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Mary Beth Long, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

John H. Gibson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Craig W. Duehring, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

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. Roger A. Brady, 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. Richard Y. Newton, III, 0000

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. Walter D. Givhan, 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. William L. Shelton, 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. Allyson R. Solomon, 0000

The following named officers 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. Christopher F. Burne, 0000

Col. Dwight D. Creasy, 0000

IN THE ARMY

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

To be brigadier general

Colonel Robert B. Abrams, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Colonel Ralph O. Baker, 0000
Colonel Allen W. Batschelet, 0000
Colonel Peter C. Bayer, Jr., 0000
Colonel Arnold N.G. Bray, 0000
Colonel Jeffrey S. Buchanan, 0000
Colonel Robert A. Carr, 0000
Colonel Gary H. Cheek, 0000
Colonel Kendall P. Cox, 0000
Colonel William T. Crosby, 0000
Colonel Anthony G. Crutchfield, 0000

Colonel Joseph P. Disalvo, 0000
Colonel Brian J. Donahue, 0000

Colonel Patrick J. Donahue, II, 0000
Colonel Peter N. Fuller, 0000

Colonel William K. Fuller, 0000
Colonel Walter M. Golden, Jr., 0000

Colonel Patrick M. Higgins, 0000
Colonel Frederick B. Hodges, 0000

Colonel Brian R. Layer, 0000
Colonel Richard C. Longo, 0000

Colonel Alan R. Lynn, 0000
Colonel David L. Mann, 0000

Colonel Lloyd Miles, 0000
Colonel Mark A. Milley, 0000

Colonel John W. Nicholson, Jr., 0000
Colonel Henry J. Nowak, 0000

Colonel Raymond P. Palumbo, 0000
Colonel Gary S. Patton, 0000

Colonel Mark W. Perrin, 0000
Colonel William E. Rapp, 0000

Colonel Thomas J. Richardson, 0000
Colonel Steven L. Salazar, 0000

Colonel Raymond A. Thomas, III, 0000
Colonel Paul L. Wentz, 0000

Colonel Larry D. Wyche, 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. R. Steven Whitcomb, 0000

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. John A. Macdonald, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

To be brigadier general

Col. Dana K. Chipman, 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. Dennis L. Celletti, 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 P. Valcourt, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

Carl T. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

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

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael R. Seward, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to

the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Joseph R. Castillo, 0000
Capt. Daniel R. May, 0000
Capt. Peter V. Neffenger, 0000
Capt. Charles W. Ray, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) William D. Baumgartner, 0000
Rear Adm. (1h) Manson K. Brown, 0000
Rear Adm. (1h) Cynthia A. Coogan, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1121 AIR FORCE nomination of Joseph V. Treanor III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1122 AIR FORCE nomination of Pamela L. Browngrayson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1123 AIR FORCE nomination of Alicia J. Edwards, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1124 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning THERESA D. BROWNDOONQUAH, and ending CHERYL A. JOHNSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1125 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning JEFFREY J. HOFFMANN, and ending GERALD B. WHISLER III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1126 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning KELLEY A. BROWN, and ending MARK A. NIELSEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1144 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning JOHN R. SHAW, and ending NATALIE L. RESTIVO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

IN THE ARMY

PN1056 ARMY nominations (40) beginning WILLIAM E. ACKERMAN, and ending MARK A. VAITKUS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1057 ARMY nominations (22) beginning RACHEL A. ARMSTRONG, and ending VERONICA A. THURMOND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1058 ARMY nominations (6) beginning VIVIAN T. HUTSON, and ending LAURIE E. SWEET, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1059 ARMY nominations (7) beginning GARY D. COLEMAN, and ending PAUL E. WHIPPO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1060 ARMY nomination of Lillian L. Landigan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1093 ARMY nominations (2) beginning SARAH B GOLDMAN, and ending MICHEAL B. MOORE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1094 ARMY nominations (3) beginning RICKY A. THOMAS, and ending JOSEPH PUSKAR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1095 ARMY nomination of Tarnjit S. Saini, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1096 ARMY nomination of Bockarie Sesay, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1097 ARMY nomination of Deborah L. Minnickshearin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1098 ARMY nomination of Stephen L. Franco, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1099 ARMY nomination of George Quiroa, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1100 ARMY nominations (4) beginning DAVID N. GERESKI, and ending CLINT E. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1101 ARMY nomination of Kimberly K. Johnson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1102 ARMY nominations (4) beginning ALAN JONES, and ending CHANTAY P. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1103 ARMY nominations (18) beginning MARIAN AMREIN, and ending D060583, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1127 ARMY nomination of Daniel J. Judge, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1128 ARMY nominations (2) beginning RICHARD HARRISON, and ending GREGORY W. WALTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1129 ARMY nominations (3) beginning JOE R. WARDLAW, and ending NICKOLAS KARAJOHN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1130 ARMY nominations (2) beginning VANESSA M. MEYER, and ending JAMES E. ADAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1145 ARMY nomination of Quindola M. Crowley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

PN1146 ARMY nominations (3) beginning PAUL A. MABRY, and ending ROBERT PERITO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

PN1147 ARMY nominations (147) beginning JOSEPH M. ADAMS, and ending D060256, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

PN1148 ARMY nominations (241) beginning ANTHONY J. ABATI, and ending D060260, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

PN1149 ARMY nominations (142) beginning DAVID P. ACEVEDO, and ending X1408, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

COAST GUARD

PN1119 COAST GUARD nomination of Robert A. Stohlman, which was received by the

Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1120 COAST GUARD nomination of Raymond S. Kingsley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN1014 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (16) beginning Lillian G. K. Breen, and ending Anna-Elizabeth B. Villard-Howe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 1, 2007.

IN THE NAVY

PN1061 NAVY nomination of Horace E. Gilchrist, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1106 NAVY nominations (15) beginning RICHARD W. SISK, and ending JOHN T. SCHOFIELD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1150 NAVY nominations (23) beginning STEPHEN W. ALDRIDGE, and ending KRISTOFER J. WESTPHAL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged of the following nominations: foreign service nominations listed as follows: PN 877, PN 955, PN 1006, PN 1007, PN 1015, PN 1034; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cedra Danielle Eaton, of Maryland

For appointment as Foreign Service Officer of Class Four, Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

S. Nausher M. Ali, of California

Christopher Charles Ashe, of Pennsylvania

Kimberly K. Atkinson, of South Dakota

Deidra Di Anne Avendasora, of Minnesota

Tiffany M. Bartish, of Illinois

Christopher Graydon Beard, of Florida

Jennifer L. Becker, of Kansas

Nancy R. Biasi, of Oregon

Sheryl J. Bistransky, of Virginia

Michael A. Bradecamp, of Virginia

Cheryl R. Bruner, of South Dakota

Mark Colbourne Carlson, of Washington

Landry Joseph Carr, of Louisiana

Michael Albert Chung, of Washington

Sara M. Cobb, of Florida

Kathleen Marie Corey, of Washington

John C. Corrao, of Indiana

Sonata N. Coulter, of Washington

Joanne Held Cummings, of Texas

Paul Michael Cunningham, of Connecticut

Christopher M. Deutsch, of Virginia

Janet E. Deutsch, of Illinois

Beverli J. DeWalt, of Washington

Sarah A. Duffy, of Illinois

David Clifford Edginton, of Iowa

Ellen Beth Eiseman, of New York

Jill Foster, of California

Eric Geelan, of New York