

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 Pamala 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. BROWNDONQUAH, 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. Landrigan, 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 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. Stohman, 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 Llian 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 Eisman, of New York  
Jill Foster, of California  
Eric Geelan, of New York

Kathleen D. Gibilisco, of California  
 John H. Gimbel IV, of Nevada  
 Carla A. Gonneville, of California  
 Christopher R. Green, of Texas  
 John R. Groch, of Texas  
 H. Rebecca Grutz, of Texas  
 Traver Gudie, of Florida  
 Richard F. Hanrahan, Jr., of Illinois  
 Cash A. Herbolich, of Arizona  
 Anny Chi-Jin Ho, of Virginia  
 Robert F. Hommowun, of California  
 Amy J. Hood, of Virginia  
 Jessica Marie Franz Huaracayo, of California  
 Dorian Hurtado, of Florida  
 Mollie Jax Jackson, of Oregon  
 Theodore Evan Jasik, of New York  
 Alma Musanovic Johnson, of New Hampshire  
 Tiffney J. Johnson, of Texas  
 Wendy Annette Kahler, of Virginia  
 Deborah J. Kanarek, of California  
 Mary Virginia Kane, of Maryland  
 Wendy A. Kennedy, of Washington  
 Jason B. Khile, of Illinois  
 Julie Kim-Johnson, of Washington  
 Emily L. King, of Virginia  
 Brian P. Klein, of Pennsylvania  
 Richard W. La Roche, Jr., of California  
 Guy M. Lawson, of Texas  
 Paula I. L'Ecuyer, of Virginia  
 Paul A. Loh, of New York  
 Leon C. Lowder III, of New York  
 Laura deNelle Lucas, of Idaho  
 Mary Elizabeth Madden, of Oregon  
 Guy Margalith, of New York  
 Berenice Mariscal, of Texas  
 Robert M. Marks, of Florida  
 Hagen Davis Maroney, of New York  
 Melissa E. Martinecz, of New Mexico  
 Partha Mazumdar, of Pennsylvania  
 Lissa Mei-lin McAtee, of Washington  
 P. Christopher McCabe, of Colorado  
 Nancy Hillery McCarthy, of Texas  
 Catherine E. McGeary, of Florida  
 Aud-Frances McKernan, of California  
 Cristina Marie Marko Meaney, of Arizona  
 Ann Meceda, of California  
 Sara M. Mercado, of California  
 Kristian G. Moore, of Colorado  
 John K. Moyer, of Pennsylvania  
 Eshel William Murad, of Virginia  
 Kevin T. Murakami, of Virginia  
 Megan Thana Myers, of Minnesota  
 Jeremy Nathan, of Illinois  
 Jenifer Lynn Neidhart de Ortiz, of Florida  
 Thu M. Nguyen, of Virginia  
 Briana L. Olsen, of Washington  
 Douglas S. O'Neill, of Florida  
 Swati Mansukh Patel, of Alabama  
 Coney Patterson, of Florida  
 Timothy Eugene Peltier, of Virginia  
 Steven Perry, of Virginia  
 Brian R. Peterson, of Washington  
 Christopher R. Reynolds, of New Jersey  
 Christine Riehl, of Maryland  
 Michael R. Roberts, of New Jersey  
 Richard W. Roesing III, of Pennsylvania  
 Meredith Leigh Rubin, of Virginia  
 Joseph H. Runyon, of Florida  
 Trina D. Saha, of California  
 Anne Lee Seshadri, of New Hampshire  
 Charles H. Sewall, of Florida  
 Preeti Vikas Shah, of Michigan  
 Kim Shaw, of California  
 Patrick Isamu Smeller, of Maryland  
 Jeffrey Brian Smith, of Texas  
 Steven T. Smith, of New Hampshire  
 John Thomas Speaks III, of Texas  
 Debra A. Steigerwalt, of Virginia  
 Scott Adam Sternberg, of Florida  
 Stephen Bruce Stewart, of California  
 Erinn C. Stott, of Texas  
 Andrea V. Strano, of New York  
 Paul M. Stronski, of New York  
 Joseph A. Strzalka, of Michigan  
 Rachel Sunden, of Texas  
 Kathleen S. Szpila, of Massachusetts  
 Debra Taylor, of Washington  
 Victoria Jean Taylor, of Missouri

Chad Alan Thornberry, of California  
 Jennifer L. Vieira, of Texas  
 Thomas Joseph Wallis, of Virginia  
 Drake A. Weisert, of Texas  
 Adam P. West, of Illinois  
 Joel Robert Wiegert, of Nebraska  
 Patrick R. Wingate, of Texas  
 Ellen Wong, of Missouri  
 Danielle K. Wood, of Oregon  
 Jean Thomas Woynicki, of Pennsylvania  
 Daniela Zadrozny, of Texas

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Wendy P. Lyle, of Virginia  
 Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the  
 United States of America:

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Christopher Adams, of California  
 Consular Officers and Secretaries in the  
 Diplomatic Service of the United States of  
 America:

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Peter D. Liston, of Florida

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 Robert Anderson, of Oregon  
 Asha B. Andrews, of California  
 David Avery, of New Mexico  
 D. Heath Bailey, of Nevada  
 Debra A. Barbessi, of Virginia  
 Alexandra Lara Baumgartner, of West Vir-  
 ginia  
 Shari Alyson Berke, of the District of Co-  
 lumbia  
 Rachel E. Birthisel, of Virginia  
 Brandon L. Borkowicz, of Illinois  
 Donald A. Brown, of Louisiana  
 Leslie E. Brown, of the District of Columbia  
 Lindsay H. Bush, of Virginia  
 Daniel J. Byrne, of Virginia  
 Eric Camus, of Oregon  
 Steven W. Carroll, of California  
 Charles Coxwell Carson, of Virginia  
 Christopher Ronald Carver, of Oregon  
 Michael D. Christie, of Virginia  
 Daniel Y. Chu, of California  
 Daniel R. Cisek, of Illinois  
 Alfonso Cortes, of New York  
 John Edward Crippen, of Arkansas  
 Ramona S. Crippen, of Arkansas  
 Thomas P. Dalton, of Texas  
 Susan V. Dankovich, of Pennsylvania  
 Nathalie Jordan Davis, of Maryland  
 Wayne Charles Davis, of Virginia  
 Nathaniel P. Delemarre, of Virginia  
 Lawanda B. Dixon, of Maryland  
 Michael Stephen Doumitt, of Virginia  
 Monique A. Downs, of Maryland  
 Scott Driskel, of Virginia  
 Janet Marie Elbert, of Virginia  
 David Aaron Epstein, of New York  
 Nancy Ann Eyde, of Michigan  
 Kellee A. Farmer, of Kansas  
 David Kip Francis, of Georgia  
 Kevin W. Friloux, of Texas  
 Edward A. Gallagher, of Virginia  
 Nicole E. Gallagher, of Maryland  
 Juan Jaime Gamboa, of Texas  
 James C. Gessler, of Virginia  
 Kristin Michele Gilmore, of California  
 Stephen Glaser, of California  
 Barry S. Greenberg, of Maryland  
 Lawrence James Grossback, of Virginia  
 Rebecca Haas, of Pennsylvania  
 Greg A. Hall, of Maryland  
 Mercedes Ruth Hammer, of Virginia  
 Sarah J. Hansen, of Virginia  
 Robert W. Harelant, of Nevada  
 Anthony P. Harman, of Maryland  
 S. Evan Harper, of the District of Columbia  
 Megan Alice Harris, of Virginia  
 Justin Matthew Hekel, of New York  
 Paul E. Hickernell, of Virginia

Rebecca Katherine Hunter, of Florida  
 Kareem N. Jamjoom, of Missouri  
 James J. Jay, Jr., of Illinois  
 Michael H. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia  
 Nicole G. Johnson, of Wisconsin  
 Eric A. Jordan, of Kansas  
 Przemyslaw Robert Kaczorowski, of Mary-  
 land  
 George R. Kanekkeberg, of Virginia  
 Megan M. Katin, of Virginia  
 Elizabeth C. Kaufman, of Virginia  
 James Brennan Kelly, of the District of Co-  
 lumbia  
 Keely Zwart Kilburg, of Texas  
 Eric Michael Kline, of Virginia  
 Scott O. Koenig, of California  
 Timothy R. Kraemer, of Virginia  
 Jeanne Brennan Land, of Virginia  
 Susan P. Larson, of Virginia  
 Elizabeth K. Lee, of California  
 Leslie A. Linnemeier, of Virginia  
 Mary LoFrisco-McClure, of Maryland  
 Billy Malone, of Virginia  
 Bruce G. Mangum, of Maryland  
 David Matthew Mark, of Virginia  
 Charles Martin, of Kentucky  
 Paul J. Martinek, of Massachusetts  
 Marjorie A. Mathelus, of Virginia  
 George D. Mathews, of Virginia  
 Catherine Jean McFarland, of Florida  
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 Nicole A. Nucelli, of Virginia  
 Aaron P. Ong, of Virginia  
 Robert C. Palmer, of California  
 Brandy L. Pankau, of West Virginia  
 Megan M. Phaneuf, of the District of Colum-  
 bia  
 Justin A. Ponchak, of Virginia  
 Michael Hugh Quinn, of Alaska  
 Jamie William Ravetz, of Pennsylvania  
 Robin Reichenbach, of Virginia  
 Christopher Rhoton, of Virginia  
 Meredith Robertson, of Virginia  
 Carolyn Rodal, of Virginia  
 Timothy R. Roman, of Maryland  
 Aaron John Rupert, of Ohio  
 Manju K. Sadarangani, of New York  
 Marco G. Sailors, of Pennsylvania  
 Susan M. Sakraida, of Pennsylvania  
 Marcelyn E. Sanchez, of California  
 Cheryl Anderson Saus, of Virginia  
 Kevi E. Sechrest, of Virginia  
 David P. Segalini, of Virginia  
 Anjalina Sen, of New York  
 D. Alexandra Shuey, of the District of Co-  
 lumbia  
 Richard R. Silver, of California  
 Theodora S. Smith, of Maryland  
 Timothy J. Smith, of Maryland  
 Andrew D. Snodgrass, of Virginia  
 Jimmi Nicole Sommer, of Idaho  
 Jorge Patrick Sowers, of Virginia  
 Paul Glen Stahle, of Maryland  
 Wade B. Stanton, of Virginia  
 Sharla Stephenson, of Virginia  
 Sarah C. Stewart, of Arizona  
 Erin C. Stuart, of Virginia  
 Mary E. Stuessy, of Ohio  
 Huguette Thornton, of Florida  
 Peter J. Thrapp, of Illinois  
 Benjamin Tietz, of Virginia  
 Joseph Anthony Tordella, of Florida  
 Rubani I. Trimiew, of New Jersey  
 Nguyen C. Trinh, of Maryland  
 Kristine M. Tuori, of Maryland  
 Cynthia Jean Turner, of Florida  
 Ariel Rebecca Vaagen, of Texas  
 Michelle R. Vassar, of Virginia  
 Jessica R. Vielhuber, of Virginia  
 Heidi B. Vierow, of Virginia

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Kerry Merkl Wald, of Connecticut  
Michele Wells, of California  
Richard Whitten, of Florida  
Whitney Scott Wiedeman, of Texas  
Stewart A.S. Wight, of Virginia  
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The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture/APHIS for promotion within and into the Senior Foreign Service to the classes indicated: Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister:

Danny J. Sheesley, of Colorado

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Julia A. Stewart, of Virginia

The following-named Members of the Foreign Service to be Consular Officers and/or Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America, as indicated:

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Diana Maria Sitt, of California  
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Mary C. Thompson, of Texas  
Laura A. Till, of Colorado  
Miriam Elise Tokumasu, of Washington  
Nyree Tripptree, of Georgia  
Christopher Van Bebber, of California  
Angela Raye Ventling, of New York  
Vaida Vidugiris, of New York  
Zebulun Q. Weeks, of Nevada  
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Brandon L. Wilson, of Virginia  
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Leon S. Waskin, Jr., of Florida  
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John A. Beed, of Maryland  
Beth Ellen Cypser-Kim, of New York  
Thomas R. Delaney, of Pennsylvania  
Dona M. Dinkler, of Virginia  
Gary Flynn Fuller, of California  
Lawence Hardy II, of Washington  
Michael T. Harvey, of Texas  
James M. Harmon, of Maryland  
Edith Fayssoux-Jones Humphreys, of Florida  
Brooke Andrea Isham, of Washington  
David Leong, of Virginia  
Bobbie E. Myers, of Florida  
Charles Eric North, of Virginia  
Martha Erin Solo, of Virginia  
Dennis J. Weller, of Illinois  
Melissa Ann Williams, of Virginia

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Steven A. Browning, of Texas  
Jeremy F. Curtin, of Maryland  
Daniel Fried, of California  
Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of New Hampshire

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Betsy Lynn Anderson, of Virginia  
Claudia E. Anyaso, of the District of Columbia  
Edmund Earl Atkins, of California  
Joyce A. Barr, of Washington  
Kevin Michael Barry, of Virginia  
Leslie Ann Bassett, of California  
Donna M. Blair, of Louisiana  
Anne Taylor Callaghan, of Virginia  
Arnold A. Chac, of New York  
Michael Hugh Corbin, of California  
Gene Allan Cretz, of New York  
Michael Joseph Darmiento, of Virginia  
Jonathan D. Farrar, of California  
Philip S. Goldberg, of New York  
Gary A. Grappo, of Florida  
Charles H. Grover, of New Hampshire  
David M. Hale, of New Jersey  
Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia  
Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia

Stuart E. Jones, of Pennsylvania  
Peter Graham Kaestner, of Florida  
Susan E. Keogh, of California  
Nabeel A. Khoury, of New York  
Lisa Jean Kubiske, of Virginia  
Joseph Estey MacManus, of New York  
Haynes Richardson Mahoney III, of Massachusetts

M. Lee McClenny, of Washington  
Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida  
Christopher J. McMullen, of the District of Columbia

James Desmond Melville, Jr., of New Jersey  
William H. Moser, of Florida  
Sandra M. Muench, of Florida  
Anthony Muse, of Tennessee  
Geraldine H. O'Brien, of Massachusetts  
James A. Paige, of Ohio  
Isiah L. Parnell, of Florida  
Michael Bernard Regan, of New Jersey  
Paul Edward Rowe, of Virginia  
Larry Schwartz, of Washington  
Justine M. Sincavage, of Pennsylvania  
Jay Thomas Smith, of Indiana  
Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida

Agu Suvári, of Rhode Island  
Teddy B. Taylor, of Maryland  
Donald Gene Teitelbaum, of Virginia  
Margaret A. Uyehara, of Virginia  
James B. Warlick, Jr., of California  
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John R. Bass II, of New York  
Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California  
Robert I. Blau, of Virginia  
Thurmond H. Borden, of Texas  
Philip Jackson Breeden, Jr., of California  
Matthew J. Bryza, of California  
Piper Anne-Wind Campbell, of New York  
Thomas H. Casey, Jr., of New Jersey  
Karen Lise Christensen, of Virginia  
Robert John Clarke, of Florida  
John Alan Connerley, of California  
Thomas Frederick Daughton, of New York  
Robert Richard Downes, of Texas  
Susan Marsh Elliott, of Virginia  
Laura Patricia Faux-Gable, of Virginia  
Julie A. Furuta-Toy, of California  
Gonzalo Rolando Gallegos, of Texas  
Peggy Ann Gennatiempo, of Washington  
Thomas Henry Goldberger, of New Jersey  
Robert Daniel Griffiths, of Nevada  
Eva Jane Groening, of New Jersey  
Ted William Halstead, of Virginia  
D. Brent Hardt, of Florida  
Clifford Awtry Hart, Jr., of Virginia  
Francisca Thomas Helmer, of California  
Simon Henshaw, of Massachusetts  
Leslie C. High, of Pennsylvania  
Anthony Alonzo Hutchinson, of Washington  
Dorothy Senger Imwold, of Florida  
Tina S. Kaidanow, of New York  
Ann N. Kambara, of California  
David Joel Katz, of Washington  
Neil R. Klopfenstein, of Iowa  
Christopher A. Lambert, of Virginia  
John Charles Law, of Virginia  
Frank Joseph Ledahawsky, of New Jersey  
Lewis Alan Lukens, of Vermont  
Carol Lynn MacCurdy, of Virginia  
Kevin K. Maher, of Virginia  
John A. Matel, of Washington  
Robin Hill Matthewman, of Washington  
Matthew John Matthews, of Virginia  
Louis Mazel, of New Hampshire  
Michael William McClellan, of Kentucky  
Kenneth H. Merten, of Virginia  
Lawrence Mire, of California  
Michael Chase Mullins, of New Hampshire  
Richard Walter Nelson, of California  
Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia  
Robert Patterson, of Pennsylvania  
Claire A. Pierangelo, of California  
H. Dean Pittman, of Mississippi  
Robert Glenn Rapson, of New Hampshire  
Philip Thomas Reeker, of New York  
Gary D. Robbins, of Washington  
Todd David Robinson, of New Jersey  
Matthew M. Rooney, of Texas  
Dorothea-Maria Rosen, of California  
Andrew T. Simkin, of Washington  
Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California  
William Ralph Stewart, of Texas  
Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland  
Susan M. Sutton, of Virginia  
Alaina Teplitz, of the District of Columbia  
Heather Ann Townsend, of the District of Columbia  
Jeffrey Stewart Alexander Tunis, of Florida  
Thomas E. Williams, Jr., of Virginia  
Bisa Williams-Manigault, of Texas  
Mary Hillers Witt, of Pennsylvania  
Robert A. Wood, of New York

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Robert Douglas Barton, of Texas  
Kevin W. Bauer, of Virginia  
Stephen P. Brunette, of Virginia  
Scott P. Bultrowicz, of Ohio  
Kenneth B. Dekleva, of Texas  
Loren F. File, Jr., of Virginia  
Gregory V. Gavagan, of Florida  
Joseph G. Hays III, of Virginia  
John F. Hernly, of Maryland  
Kibby Felecia Jorgensen, of Florida  
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Phillip S. Louh, of New Jersey  
James P. McDermott, of Maryland  
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Jeffery A. Lifur, of Nevada

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

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Thaddeus S. Corley, of Nevada  
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James Matthew Pye Weatherill, of New Jersey

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Sarah E. Bobbin, of Virginia  
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Eric James Legallais, of Virginia  
Maria del Carmen Liautaud, of Virginia  
Brian Jay Luster, of Virginia  
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Philip Lee Shaw, of Virginia  
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Forest Grady Atkinson, of California  
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Anne Elizabeth Baker, of Washington  
Chelsea M.H. Bakken, of Washington  
Daniela A. Ballard, of California  
Ann Barrow, of Florida  
Alistair Charles Baskey, of Texas  
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Eric Catalfamo, of Florida  
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Kim D'Auria-Vazira, of California  
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Andrea Susana M. Donnally, of Florida  
Jed Taro Dornburg, of the District of Columbia  
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Michael G. Edwards, of Washington  
Kiera Lacey Emmons, of California  
Richard J. Faillace, of New Jersey

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Rees M. Fischer, of Florida  
Michael Kevin Fitzpatrick, of Maryland  
Christopher T. Friefeld, of Virginia  
Thomas Barry Fullerton, Jr., of Tennessee  
Enrique Rodrigo Gallego, of Illinois  
Angela Louise Gemza, of Minnesota  
Anita Ghildyal, of Missouri  
Matthew Bryant Golden, of California  
Candace A. Graves, of North Carolina  
John H. Gregg, of Alabama  
Jason Kamata Hackworth, of Washington  
Daniel E. Hall, of Arizona  
Scott William Hansen, of Virginia  
Alexander K. Hardin, of Ohio  
Danielle Alisa Harms, of Pennsylvania  
Scott Edward Hartmann, of the District of Columbia

Lesley M. Hayden, of Minnesota  
Rich Heaton, of California  
Maria Herbst Richard, of Alaska  
Priscilla A. Hernandez, of Texas  
Kary I. Hintz-Tate, of Virginia  
Courtney Houk, of Florida  
Jerry S. Ismail, of Virginia  
Joseph Samuel Jacanin, of Indiana  
Richard C. Jao, of New York  
Judith M. Johnson, of Texas  
Todd M. Katschke, of Illinois  
Pamela R. Kazi, of Minnesota  
Mary Elizabeth Knapp-Rasay, of Florida  
Elizabeth J. Konick, of New York  
Bryan K. Koontz, Jr., of Virginia  
Stephen Gyula Kovacsics, of Florida  
Eric J. Kramp, of Florida  
Marybeth Krumm, of California  
Jamie Tyler La More, of Arizona  
Marsha Ann Lance, of Florida  
John C. Letvin, of Florida  
Adham Zibas Loutfi, of California  
Christian J. Lynch, of New York  
Thomas H. Lyons, of Tennessee  
Michael H. Margolies, of Louisiana  
Ann L. Mason, of Michigan  
Jennifer J. McAlpine, of Minnesota  
Evan McCarthy, of Rhode Island  
Robert A. McCutcheon, of Maryland  
Shannon Tovann McDaniel, of Missouri  
Jason McInerney, of California  
John T. McNamara, of New York  
Bernadette M. Meehan, of New York  
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Anthony Miranda, of Washington  
Rebecca Shira Morgan, of Illinois  
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Oliver John Moss III, of Florida  
Junaid Mazhar Munir, of Michigan  
Fahez Ahmad Nadi, of New York  
Ari Nathan, of California  
James Patrick Neel, of Nevada  
Peter Neisuler, of Massachusetts  
Phillip B. Nervig, of New York  
David C. Ng, of Arizona  
Sadia Niazi, of Virginia  
Sean Patrick O'Hara, of Virginia  
Trevor R. Olson, of Idaho  
Adam Daniel Packer, of Indiana  
Christine D. Parker, of Illinois  
Walter Parrs III, of New York  
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Mary Elizabeth Rose Polley, of Virginia  
Jennifer Kathleen Purl, of California  
Sara M. Revell, of Texas

Jason Bradley Rieff, of the District of Columbia

Bernadette Eileen Roberts, of Michigan  
Benedict Robinette, of Virginia  
Scott Ashton Robinson, of California  
Jacquelyn Burke Rosholt, of Minnesota  
Adam Douglas Ross, of Connecticut  
Jeff Rotering, of North Dakota  
Ruth Ellen Rudzinski, of Colorado  
Emmett J. Ryan, Jr., of Montana  
Kirk Harris Samson, of Wisconsin  
Janet Nicole Sanders, of Arkansas  
Gabrielle Hayes Sarrano, of Virginia  
Briana L.M. Saunders, of Minnesota  
Karen P. Schinnerer, of Michigan  
J. Michelle Schohn, of North Carolina  
Dawn M. Schrepeel, of Texas  
Vanessa A. Schulz, of the District of Columbia  
Shelly A. Seaver, of Florida  
June A. Shin, of California  
John H. Silson, of Ohio  
Daniel E. Slaven, of Texas  
Patrick T. Lowinski, of Texas  
Beth Moser Smith, of Virginia  
Brian Kenneth Stimmler, of Florida  
Christy Melicia Watkins Stoner, of Virginia  
Amy L. Storrow, of Texas  
Bryan Richard Switzer, of California  
Matthew Alan Taylor, of Florida  
Paul S. Thomas, of Colorado  
Anthony Dean Tranchina, of New York  
Shawn Harris Tribe, of California  
Karen K. Tsai, of New York  
Frank F. Tu, of California  
Michael Turner, of California  
Susan Lea Unruh, of Texas  
Adam Richard Vogelzang, of Michigan  
Jason Vorderstrasse, of California  
Jocelyn Ann Vossler, of California  
Sharon Ann Weber-Rivera, of New York  
Helaena Wossum White, of Tennessee  
Scott Lee Whitmore, of New Hampshire  
John David Wilcock, of Virginia  
Emily L. Williams, of Minnesota  
Patrick C. Williams III, of West Virginia  
Rachel Elizabeth Wolfe, of Virginia  
Carson H. Wu, of Virginia  
Michael H. Young, of California  
Stacie Zerdecki, of Texas  
Melanie Anne Zimmerman, of Maryland  
Jim Zix, of Oregon

The following-named Members of the Foreign Service to be Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Lawrence G. Johnson, of California  
Tracy T. Perrelli, of the District of Columbia  
Lisa Rigoli, of Virginia

The following-named Career Members of the Foreign Service of the Department of State for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service, and for appointment as Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service, as indicated:

Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Counselor:

Kurt Walter Tong, of Virginia

Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, and Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Lonnie J. Price, of Virginia

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged of the following nominations: Mary Ann Glendon to be Ambassador to the Holy See, PN 1028; Charles Larson to be Ambassador to Latvia, PN 1087; 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

Mary Ann Glendon, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Holy See.

Charles W. Larson, Jr., of Iowa, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security Committee be discharged from the following nominations: Steven Murdock to be Director of the census, PN 660; Jeffrey Runge to be Assistant Secretary for the Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, PN 826; 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 COMMERCE

Steven H. Murdock, of Texas, to be Director of the Census.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee and the Banking Committee be discharged of the following nominations:

Scott Burns, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, PN692; Cynthia Dyer, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, PN827; Nathan Hochman, to be Assistant Attorney General, PN1052; Joseph Russoniello, to be U.S. attorney, PN1070; Alan Mendelowitz, to be Director of Federal Housing Finance Board, PN989; Christopher Padilla, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, PN861; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions 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 ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Christopher A. Padilla, of the district of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Cynthia Dyer, of Texas, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice.

Nathan J. Hochman, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Joseph P. Russoniello, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Scott M. Burns, of Utah, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

## FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged of the following nominations:

Tracy Justesen, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education, PN1051; Carol D'Amico, PN244; and Eric Hanusek, PN243, to be members of the board of directors of the National Board for Education Sciences; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislation session.

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

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Tracy Ralph Justesen, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

## NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES

Eric Alan Hanushek, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

Carol D'Amico, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged of the following nominations:

Howard Radzely, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, PN562; Stuart Ishimaru, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, PN845; Gregory Jacob, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor Statistics, PN944; Keith Hall, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, PN944; Douglas Webster, to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Labor, PN964; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Keith Hall, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Douglas W. Webster, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

## NOMINATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, as the first session of the 110th Congress concludes, we should note that the Senate has worked hard on executive nominations. In addition to confirming 40 lifetime appointments to the Federal bench, we confirmed 21 of this President's nominations for high-ranking executive branch positions, including the confirmations of nine U.S. attorneys, four U.S. marshals, and eight other important positions. We achieved these numbers in a year when our investigation into the mass firing of U.S. attorneys, which triggered a host of resignations by senior White House and Justice Department officials, led the Judiciary Committee to devote significant time to rebuilding the integrity and independence of the Justice Department.

We held hearings on nine executive nominations, including 2-day hearing on the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General of the United States and another hearing on the nomination of Judge Mark Filip to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States, the top two positions at the Justice Department. We also held hearings on the nominations of Michael J. Sullivan to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Ronald Jay Tenpas to be Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Ondray T. Harris to be Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice; David W. Hagy, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice; Scott M. Burns, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Cynthia Dyer, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice; and Nathan J. Hochman, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice.

We favorably reported 20 executive nominations, and the full Senate has proceeded to confirm 21 executive nominations, including 4 additional nominations discharged from the Judiciary Committee and confirmed today, those of Joseph P. Russoniello to be U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California, Cynthia Dyer to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Julie L. Myers to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Nathan J. Hochman, to be Assistant Attorney General of the Tax Division at the Justice Department.

I understand that Republican holds have prevented the confirmation of Michael J. Sullivan to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

I thank the members of the Judiciary Committee for their hard work all year in considering these important nominations. I especially thank those Senators who have given generously of their time to chair confirmation hearings throughout the year.

These nominations come at a critical time for the Nation. Over the course of this year, during which the Judiciary Committee investigated the firing of U.S. attorneys, we faced the most serious threat to the effectiveness and professionalism of the Justice Department since Watergate and the Saturday Night Massacre. Under this President, the Justice Department suffered a severe crisis of leadership that allowed our justice system to be corrupted by political influence. The crisis of leadership that led to numerous resignations and has taken a heavy toll on the tradition of independence that has long guided the Department and protected it from political influence. This crisis has also taken a heavy toll on morale at the Department and in confidence among the American people.

Our work to restore the Justice Department also including reporting nine U.S. attorney nominations: James Russell Dedrick to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Thomas P. O'Brien to be U.S. attorney for the Central District of California, Edward Meacham Yarbrough to be U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez to be U.S. attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Joe W. Stecher to be U.S. attorney for the District of Nebraska, John Wood to be U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri, Diane J. Humetewa to be U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona, Gregory A. Brower to be U.S. attorney for the District of Nevada, and Edmund A. Booth, Jr. to be U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. Some replace outstanding U.S. attorneys who were fired almost a year ago as part of the ill-advised, partisan plan to fire well-performing U.S. attorneys.

We also reported the nominations of four U.S. marshals: Michael David Credo for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Esteban Soto III for the District of Puerto Rico, John Roberts Hackman for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

We also reported the nominations of Julie L. Myers to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and Beryl A. Howell to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Just this week, with only a few legislative days left to us before the Christmas holidays and the end of this session, our committee held two hearings for executive nominations.

Our track record shows that the Judiciary Committee has been working hard to make progress. Of course, when the White House fails to timely send us nominations to fill vacancies, it makes it that much harder.

The White House has made an abysmal effort to send nominees to the Senate to replace the fired U.S. attorneys and to fill vacancies in those districts and many others. There are now 19 districts with acting or interim U.S. attorneys instead of Senate-confirmed



U.S. attorneys. That is nearly a quarter of all districts. Yet the White House has nominated only 3 people for these 19 spots. Of course, some of these could have been filled a year ago had the White House worked with the Senate.

I have urged the President to fill the remaining executive vacancies with nominees who will restore the independence of Federal law enforcement. Last month, the White House announced with great fanfare its intent to make nominations for key positions at the Department of Justice. It was only weeks later that several of these nominations were sent to the Senate. The delays in sending U.S. attorney nominees and others to the Senate follow the many months of delay where the White House failed to send nominees to fill vacancies that have been open since the summer, or before.

In the course of the committee's investigation into the unprecedented mass firing of U.S. attorneys by the President who appointed them, we uncovered an effort by officials at the White House and the Justice Department to exploit an obscure provision enacted during the PATRIOT Act reauthorization to do an end-run around the Senate's constitutional to confirm U.S. attorneys. The result was the firing of well-performing U.S. attorneys for not bending to the political will of political operatives at the White House.

I have repeatedly emphasized that when it comes to the Justice Department and to the U.S. attorneys in our home States, Senators have a say and a stake in ensuring fairness and independence in order to insulate Federal law enforcement function from untoward political influence. That is why the law and the practice has always been that these appointments require Senate confirmation. The advice and consent check on the appointment power for U.S. attorneys is a critical function of the Senate.

I had hoped when the Senate voted overwhelmingly to close the loophole created by the PATRIOT Act when we passed S.214, the Preserving United States Attorneys Independence Act of 2007, by a vote of 97 to 0, it would send a clear message to the administration to make nominations that could receive Senate support and begin to restore an important check on the partisan influence in law enforcement. Yet, even as we closed one loophole, the administration has been exploiting others to continue to avoid coming to the Senate. Under the guidance of an erroneous opinion of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, the administration has been, employing the Vacancies Act authority to use acting U.S. attorneys and the power to appoint interim U.S. attorneys sequentially. They have used this misguided approach to put somebody in place for 330 days without the advice and consent of the Senate. This approach runs afoul of congressional intent and the law.

By not providing us with the nominations to the highest ranking vacancies within the Justice Department and not providing the basic background materials needed to review such nominations before the Thanksgiving recess, the administration has once again foreclosed the opportunity to have these nominees considered by the Senate and in place this year. Those nominations will now necessarily carryover into the next session. That is unfortunate and was unnecessary.

We will continue to make progress when we can, and I will urge the White House to work with the Senate to fill these vacancies.

NOMINATION OF JON WELLINGHOFF AND JOE KELLIHER

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I will support the Senate moving forward on the confirmation of Jon Wellingshoff and Joe Kelliher to be members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. While I am pleased that FERC has been using its expanded authority granted by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to pursue manipulation in the electricity and natural gas markets, I think it is critically important to remind FERC of its statutory duty to oversee the energy markets and protect consumers.

In light of evidence of market manipulation in the Western electricity crisis in 2001, I fought hard to ban market manipulation in electricity and natural gas markets. My amendment, adopted by Congress as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, provided FERC new authority under the Federal Power Act and Natural Gas Act to investigate and punish market manipulation in electricity and natural gas markets.

I am pleased to see that FERC has used this expanded authority to conduct 64 investigations. According to FERC, 13 of these investigations have resulted in settlements involving the payment of civil penalties or other monetary remedies totaling over \$40 million. Two investigations have resulted in FERC bringing enforcement actions for alleged market manipulation against Amaranth Advisors LLC for \$291 million in civil penalties and Energy Trading Partners for \$167 million in civil penalties. Amaranth's shenanigans cost consumers upwards of \$9 billion dollars during the summer of 2006.

However, I want to remind FERC of its responsibilities relating to protecting consumers under the Federal Power Act's statutory "just and reasonable" standard. In section 1290 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which I authored, Congress directed FERC to exercise its Federal Power Act authority to enforce "just and reasonable" rates when it reviewed the validity of termination payment claims made by Enron during the Western energy crisis of 2000-2001.

After entering into power contracts in a market that Enron manipulated, several utilities, including the Snohomish Public Utility District in my

State, the Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company in Nevada, terminated their contracts with Enron or watched as Enron terminated them when the company's web of fraudulent accounting was revealed in late 2001. As a result, Enron tried to squeeze hundreds of millions of dollars of termination fee payments from the electricity consumers of these utilities. In my opinion, these payments demanded by Enron were certainly neither just nor reasonable.

After enactment of the Cantwell amendment, the Snohomish Public Utility District in my State and several other entities including the Nevada Power Company, asked FERC to exercise its Federal Power Act authority, which includes enforcing "just and reasonable" rates, and deny Enron the ability to charge the fraudulent termination payments.

Using the force of the Cantwell amendment, these Washington State and Nevada utilities were able to avoid protracted litigation and settle Enron's absurd termination fee claims, saving these utilities from paying hundreds of millions in unjust payments on contracts that Enron fraudulently induced. This has helped save electricity consumers of Washington and Nevada hundreds of millions of dollars.

This spring, the U.S. Supreme Court will review a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit which declared that FERC failed to use its authority under the Federal Power Act to enforce "just and reasonable" rates. In a brief to the Supreme Court in this matter, FERC recently took the position that it was free to approve long-term contracts arising out of the 2000-2001 Western power crisis notwithstanding evidence that, in the words of Stanford University energy economist Dr. Frank Wolak, suppliers to the Western markets during this period were "able to exercise market power at unprecedented levels" resulting in "prices vastly in excess of competitive levels."

As the Ninth Circuit's opinion makes clear, if FERC adopts market-based rates, it has an obligation to ensure that the markets operate properly and it cannot simply assume that a contract is just and reasonable even if the contract is the product of a manipulated market, such as the experienced in the West during 2000-2001.

It is troublesome that FERC continues to argue that it is free to ignore evidence of market manipulation and market power abuse when reviewing contracts affected by that abuse. Moreover, this position is inconsistent with its recent emphasis on enforcement of market standards. FERC's position in the Supreme Court essentially could allow market abusers to protect their ill-gotten gains by locking them up in contracts, undermining any incentive they might otherwise have to obey market rules and report abuses by other market participants.

While I am pleased that Commissioner Wellingshoff's response to my