

some things about him that I thought went too far because I guess we were involved in some big important issues and we are all a little bit tense about that.

Mr. REID. I want to be careful. It is late tonight. I certainly do not want to get involved in any friction. I appreciate what my friend said because even though he and I disagree on a lot of things, I do not know of a Member of the Senate who is more sincere in what he does than the Senator from Alabama.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Can I ask a question, and maybe we can make some progress here? If we can schedule some of these I think completely non-controversial district judges—the chairman of the Judiciary Committee is here. We would like to move the nominations package.

Mr. REID. Let me say to my friend the Republican leader—

Mr. MCCONNELL. We are not talking about clearing the judges in connection with this package, we are talking about scheduling votes, and the man you have to clear it with is right there.

Mr. REID. They are on the calendar. Let me say this one thing to my friend. We have a Judiciary Committee member here. I pride myself in not running my committees. Some leaders have tried to do that; I do not do that. I want to do the best I can in moving circuit court judges, and we have done fairly well in very trying circumstances.

So I say to my friend the Senator from Alabama, I have made a commitment to do three circuit court judges. I will live up to that to the best of my ability. I said prior to the May recess: I cannot guarantee that, but I am going to do my best. I think that it is something Senator LEAHY and I have to move forward on.

I ask my friend and I say to the Republican leader, trust us on this. I said publicly here that we will do something to try to schedule these within the next week. We have a few important things, but that does not take long to do that—an hour, an hour and a half.

I ask my friend the Judiciary Committee chairman whether we can work to try to get some votes scheduled on these three whom I noted in the next week.

Mr. LEAHY. Well, Mr. President, to answer the distinguished leader, as I always assume the Republican leader to do because this has been the practice, certainly as long as he has been in the Senate—perhaps he has forgotten—is that the chairman of these committees sets a time for a vote, and it is almost always, as a matter of courtesy, at least, discussed with the ranking minority member. I realize the hour is late and the Republican leader may have forgotten that. But it has been my practice to always discuss the time of the vote with the ranking member, as he did with me when he was chairman.

To answer the majority leader's question, of course I will be happy to talk with the distinguished ranking member of the committee and find time when they might be scheduled. I might point out, each one of those was expedited.

I would ask two brief questions—and then I will leave—of the distinguished majority leader. Was he aware that, when talking statistics, I committed not to follow the precedent of the Republicans when President Clinton was the President, their precedent of pocket filibustering over 60 of President Clinton's nominees? Was the distinguished majority leader aware that I will not follow that precedent and we will not pocket filibuster 60 or anywhere near that?

Mr. REID. I would answer my friend in addition to that, the Thurmond Rule is after June 1. There is no Thurmond Rule, is there?

Mr. LEAHY. He is right.

I ask the leader one last question on why I mentioned the Washington Times story about the motivation for this. Was he aware that one of the circuit court nominees whom we held up for a number of appropriate reasons—that even after that nominee was convicted of criminal fraud that occurred while his nomination was pending, we were still criticized for holding up that nominee? It is kind of you are damned if you do and damned if you don't.

Mr. REID. I say, we will get this done.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I think we are close to an understanding here that allows us to clear this nominations package. You have your chairman here, and I am authorized to speak for the ranking member on this issue.

Did the majority leader say, in consultation with his chairman, that we could expect to schedule these votes within the next week or so on these noncontroversial district court judges?

Mr. REID. That is what I said.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Then I think we have reached an understanding that would certainly lead me to think we ought to go forward with the nominations package you have been working on with the administration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 376, 405, 462, 571, 572, 573, 575–581, 583–591, 593, 595–598, 600–601, except BG Thomas Lawing; 602–611, except CPT Donald E. Gaddis; 612–623; that the Banking Committee be discharged of the nomination of Steven C. Preston to be Secretary of HUD, PN1646; that the following be discharged from the HELP Committee; Institute of Peace: Stephen Krasner, PN1450; Dr. Ikram Khan, PN1449; J. Robinson West, PN1447; Nancy Zirkin, PN1446; and Kerry Kennedy, PN1448.

Corporation for National and Community Service: Eric Tannenblatt,

PN1033; Layshae Ward, PN1322; and Hyepin Christine Im, PN1321; the nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc, that no further motions be in order; provided further that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. MCCONNELL. Can I have a brief quorum call?

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, difficult day. Tomorrow is not going to be that easy either. We are almost into the morrow, in another minute or so. Hopefully, tomorrow will be less contentious. There are some difficult things we have to work through tomorrow. But hopefully we will get the farm bill passed again, we will have some good debate on global warming.

Everyone knows I have moved to the Energy bill to see what is with that. I would hope we can move forward—we have 3 more weeks left in this work period—and get some things done. We have some extremely important things to get done, not only the global warming thing, we have the bill that the Democrats and Republicans want to do extending a number of tax extensions which has to be done. Part of it includes things related to global warming and renewable energy. We have a doctor's Medicare fix and some other things that are extremely important we have to do this work period. Senators SHELBY and DODD have worked out an agreement on housing and reported it out of the Banking Committee on a 9-to-2 vote. So I would hope we can move forward. I am disappointed in today. But I have learned, being in the Senate, to put today behind you and move on to tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is a unanimous consent request on the floor. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Ellen K. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy with the rank of Ambassador.

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

William J. Brennan, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Lily Fu Claffee, of Illinois, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Marianne Matuzic Myles, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Liberia.

Joseph Evan LeBaron, of Oregon, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Qatar.

Stephen James Nolan, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zambia.

Gillian Arlette Milovanovic, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mali.

Donald Gene Teitelbaum, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ghana.

Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malawi.

Patricia McMahon Hawkins, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Togolese Republic.

Richard A. Boucher, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of espe-

cially distinguished service over a sustained period.

William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

C. David Welch, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period.

Janice L. Jacobs, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Bureau of Consular Affairs), vice Maura Ann Hart, resigned.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 8069:

To be major general

Col. Kimberly A. Siniscalchi

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. Mark D. Shackelford

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. Philip M. Breedlove

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Air Force Reserve and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8038:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Charles E. Stenner, Jr.

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

Brig. Gen. John F. Mulholland, Jr.

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be major general

Brigadier General Stephen E. Bogle
Brigadier General James G. Champion
Brigadier General Joseph J. Chaves
Brigadier General Myles L. Deering
Brigadier General Mark E. Zirkelbach

To be brigadier general

Colonel Roma J. Amundson
Colonel Mark E. Anderson
Colonel Ernest C. Audino
Colonel David A. Carrion-Baralt
Colonel Jeffrey E. Bertrang
Colonel Timothy B. Britt
Colonel Lawrence W. Brock, III
Colonel Melvin L. Burch
Colonel Scott E. Chambers
Colonel Donald J. Carrier

Colonel Cecilia I. Flores
Colonel Sheryl E. Gordon
Colonel Peter C. Hinz
Colonel Robert A. Mason
Colonel Bruce E. Oliveira
Colonel David C. Petersen
Colonel Charles W. Rhoads
Colonel Rufus J. Smith
Colonel James B. Todd
Colonel Joe M. Wells

The following named officer for appointment as the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 3034:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Harry B. Harris, Jr.

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Julius S. Caesar
Rear Adm. (lh) Wendi B. Carpenter
Rear Adm. (lh) Garland P. Wright

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. William H. McRaven

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Michael C. Vitale

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

Rear Adm. (lh) Raymond E. Berube

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

Rear Adm. (lh) Richard R. Jeffries
Rear Adm. (lh) David 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)

Capt. David F. Baucom
Capt. Vincent L. Griffith

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)

Capt. David C. Johnson
Capt. Thomas J. Moore

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)

Capt. Maude E. Young

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)

Capt. Michael H. Anderson

Capt. William R. Kiser

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. Norman R. Hayes

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. William E. Leigher

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. William E. Gortney

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. Melvin G. Williams, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. David J. Dorsett

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Kevin M. McCoy

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Vice Adm. William D. Crowder

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Peter H. Daly

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

William Walter Wilkins, III, of South Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Stephen D. Krasner, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Ikram U. Khan, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2009.

J. Robinson West, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Nancy M. Zirkin, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the

United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

Kerry Kennedy, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2011.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Eric J. Tanenblatt, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

Layshae Ward, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 27, 2012.

Hyepin Christine Im, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2013.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1465 AIR FORCE nominations (5) beginning LONNIE B. BARKER, and ending JERRY P. PITTS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 11, 2008.

PN1615 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning ERIC L. BLOOMFIELD, and ending DEBORAH L. MUELLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1670 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning MARY J. BERNHEIM, and ending KELLI C. MACK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 13, 2008.

PN1671 AIR FORCE nominations (8) beginning JAMES E. OSTRANDER, and ending FRANK J. NOCILLA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 13, 2008.

IN THE ARMY

PN1603 ARMY nomination of Cheryl Amyx, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 23, 2008.

PN1604 ARMY nomination of Deborah K. Sirtatt, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 23, 2008.

PN1605 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MARK A. CANNON, and ending MICHAEL J. MILLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 23, 2008.

PN1606 ARMY nominations (2) beginning GENE KAHN, and ending JAMES D. TOWNSEND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 23, 2008.

PN1607 ARMY nominations (7) beginning LOZAY FOOTS III, and ending MARGARET L. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 23, 2008.

PN1608 ARMY nominations (5) beginning PHILLIP J. CARAVELLA, and ending PAUL S. LAJOS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 23, 2008.

PN1616 ARMY nomination of Jimmy D. Swanson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1617 ARMY nomination of Ronald J. Sheldon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1663 ARMY nominations (11) beginning BRIAN M. BOLDT, and ending CHRISTOPHER L. TRACY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2008.

PN1672 ARMY nomination of James K. McNeely, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 13, 2008.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1563 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (300) beginning Craig Lewis Cloud, and ending Kimberly K. Ottwell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1594 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (7) beginning Carmine G. D'Aloisio, and ending Judy R. Reinke, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 23, 2008.

IN THE NAVY

PN1613 NAVY nominations (21) beginning STANLEY A. OKORO, and ending DAVID B. ROSENBERG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 24, 2008.

PN1618 NAVY nomination of Robert S. McMaster, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1619 NAVY nomination of Christopher S. Kaplafka, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1673 NAVY nomination of David R. Eggleston, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 13, 2008.

PN1674 NAVY nominations (6) beginning KATHERINE A. ISGRIG, and ending JASON C. KEDZIERSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 13, 2008.

PN1675 NAVY nominations (6) beginning ROBERT D. YOUNGER, and ending JEFFREY W. WILLIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 13, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

The Senator from California.

CLIMATE SECURITY

Mrs. BOXER. I was hoping that I could engage my friend the majority leader as the chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee. He has entrusted me, and my colleagues have, and I do not think we should leave here without me asking you a couple of questions because I think people who were watching this debate were very confused. I wanted to make sure I ask a series of questions to my friend, and then we will all go home because it is time to go home.

We expected to have a robust debate on the global warming bill and finally get this country off of fossil fuel, off of foreign oil, off of big oil. And we found that although my understanding was the majority leader had no idea about this, the Republican side, of course, forced the clerks to read the amendment, which took us 6 to 7 hours or so and took us all the way into the night; is that correct?

Mr. REID. I say to my friend, I have had the good fortune to be chairman of your committee twice; one of them was a very short period of time because we were in the majority for a little while. It is a wonderful committee, and I do