

Capitol for a ceremony commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of the integration of the United States Armed Forces.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. LEVIN. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 377) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2007

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 443, H.R. 3564.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3564) to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States through fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a Coburn amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 5065) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the authorization of appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011)

On page 2, lines 6 through 8, strike "\$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2008, \$3,300,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$3,400,000 for fiscal year 2010, and \$3,500,000 for fiscal year 2011" and insert "\$3,200,000 for fiscal year 2009, \$3,200,000 for fiscal year 2010, and \$3,200,000 for fiscal year 2011".

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 3564), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees,

boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 474, 510, 517, 518, 582, 592, 594, 611, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 667 to and including 682, all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, NOAA, Marine Corps and Navy, and that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from consideration of PN 1815, Lyndon L. Olson, and the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of PN 568, Elizabeth A. Duke, and the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of PN 1501, Constance Barker, and the Senate proceed en bloc to their consideration; 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. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Gregory G. Katsas, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Simon Charles Gros, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Harvey E. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. (New Position)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (political-military Affairs).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

James B. Cunningham, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Israel.

T. Vance McMahan, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

T. Vance McMahan, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

IN THE NAVY

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. Donald E. Gaddis

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Liliana Ayalde, 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 Paraguay.

John R. Beyrle, of Michigan, 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 Russian Federation.

Asif J. Chaudhry, of Washington, 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 Moldova.

James Culbertson, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

David F. Girard-diCarlo, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Austria.

John Melvin Jones, 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 Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, 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 Republic of Kosovo.

Kristen Silverberg, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Lezlee J. Westine, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2009.

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Diplomatic Security).

Eric J. Boswell, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Foreign Missions, and to have the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Elisse Walter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2012.

Troy A. Paredes, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2013.

Luis Aguilar, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 5, 2010.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Michael E. Fryzel, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Susan D. Pepler, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Sheila McNamara Greenwood, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Neel T. Kashkari, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. (New Position)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Donald B. Marron, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Joseph J. Murin, of Pennsylvania, to be President, Government National Mortgage Association.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Christopher R. Wall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Kelly Harrison Rankin, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

Clyde R. Cook, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

Colonel William J. Bender
Colonel Bryan J. Benson
Colonel Christopher C. Bogdan
Colonel Darryl W. Burke
Colonel Joseph T. Callahan, III
Colonel Michael J. Carey
Colonel John B. Cooper
Colonel Samuel D. Cox
Colonel Teresa A.H. Djuric
Colonel Carlton D. Everhart, II
Colonel Terrence A. Feehan
Colonel Samuel A.R. Greaves
Colonel Russell J. Handy
Colonel Scott M. Hanson
Colonel Veralinn Jamieson
Colonel Jeffrey G. Lofgren
Colonel Earl D. Matthews
Colonel Kurt F. Neubauer
Colonel Robert C. Nolan, II
Colonel Craig S. Olson
Colonel John R. Ranck, Jr.
Colonel Darryl L. Roberson
Colonel Jeffry F. Smith
Colonel John F. Thompson
Colonel Gregory J. Touhill
Colonel Thomas J. Trask
Colonel Joseph S. Ward, Jr.
Colonel Scott D. West
Colonel Timothy M. Zadalis

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. Paul J. Selva

IN THE ARMY

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 brigadier general

Col. Kenny C. Montoya

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz

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

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Ricky Lynch

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 3064 and 3069(b):

To be major general

Col. Patricia D. Horoho

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 Timothy E. Albertson
Brigadier General Norman E. Arflack
Brigadier General Tod J. Carmony
Brigadier General William L. Enyart, Jr.
Brigadier General Dennis E. Jacobson
Brigadier General Kevin R. McBride
Brigadier General Olin O. Oedekoven

To be brigadier general

Colonel Dean W. Brown
Colonel Annette M. Denner
Colonel David B. Enyeart
Colonel Charles H. Gailles, Jr.
Colonel James R. Gorham
Colonel James J. Grant
Colonel Earnest L. Harrington, Jr.
Colonel Wayne M. Hayes
Colonel Reynold N. Hoover
Colonel Ward K. Johnson, III
Colonel Daniel R. Kern
Colonel Louis J. Landreth
Colonel Martin A. Leppert
Colonel Harry E. Miller, Jr.
Colonel Rafael O. Ferrall
Colonel Renwick L. Payne
Colonel Kendall W. Penn
Colonel Joseph M. Richie
Colonel William F. Roy
Colonel William L. Seekins
Colonel Norman E. Steen
Colonel Larry W. Triphahn

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John R. Allen

IN THE NAVY

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

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Moira N. Flanders

The following named officer 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) Karen A. Flaherty

The following named officer 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) Raymond P. English

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Scott A. Weikert

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Bruce A. Doll

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Steven M. Talson

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 (lower half)

Capt. Mark J. Belton

Capt. Nicholas T. Kalathas

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Navy Reserve, United States Navy, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5143:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Dirk J. Debbink

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1707 AIR FORCE nomination of Andrew P. Armacost, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1708 AIR FORCE nomination of Hans C. Bruntmyer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1709 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning DWIGHT PEAKE, and ending TREVOR S. PETROU, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1710 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning CHRISTINE CORNISH, and ending DAVID G. WATSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1723 AIR FORCE nomination of John L. Baekke, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1724 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning JOSEPH C. LEE, and ending BRAD A. NIESET, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1725 AIR FORCE nominations (5) beginning ROBERT B. KOHL, and ending ALVIN W. ROWELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1770 AIR FORCE nominations (87) beginning JAMES D. BARBER JR., and ending

MARK JOHN ZECHMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

IN THE ARMY

PN1293 ARMY nominations (32) beginning MARVIN P. ANDERSON, and ending MARK V. VAIL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 5, 2008.

PN1294 ARMY nominations (102) beginning JOHN P. ALBANO, and ending D060387, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 5, 2008.

PN1726 ARMY nomination of John Kissler, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1727 ARMY nominations (3) beginning MARK A. ARTURI, and ending DANA F. CAMPBELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1728 ARMY nominations (3) beginning KATHLEEN AGOGLIA, and ending JAMES R. TAYLOR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1729 ARMY nominations (6) beginning ROBERT J. EGIDIO, and ending ALAN Z. SIEDLECKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1771 ARMY nomination of Daisie D. Boettner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1772 ARMY nomination of Thomas C. Powell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1773 ARMY nomination of John M. Anderson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1774 ARMY nomination of Rowell A. Stanley Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1775 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MICHAEL E. DUNN, and ending KEVIN J. MURPHY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1776 ARMY nominations (2) beginning TODD D. KOSTELECKY, and ending LEESA J. PAPIER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1777 ARMY nomination of Christopher C. Everitt, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1778 ARMY nomination of Dennis P. Collins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1779 ARMY nominations (6) beginning CHRISTOPHER W. BAKER, and ending CHRISTINA M. LONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1780 ARMY nominations (44) beginning ERIC J. ALBERTSON, and ending D060628, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN1668 COAST GUARD nomination of Jeffrey R. Platt, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 13, 2008.

PN1669 COAST GUARD nomination of Eileen M. Lutkenhouse, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 13, 2008.

PN1752 COAST GUARD nomination of Nakeisha B. Hills, which was received by the

Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2008.

PN1753 COAST GUARD nomination of Elizabeth A. McNamara, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2008.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN877-2 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Russell Green, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 6, 2007.

PN1006-2 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Dawn M. Liberi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 23, 2007.

PN1690-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (217) beginning MATTHEW KAZUAKI ASADA, and ending ADAM ZERBINOPOULOS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 22, 2008.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1781 MARINE CORPS nominations (11) beginning JOHN E. BILAS, and ending ALAN R. SINGLETON II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1782 MARINE CORPS nominations (10) beginning JOSEPH R. CORNELL, and ending JOHN J. SWINCINSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN1691 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (51) beginning Mark H. Pickett, and ending Patrick M. Sweeney III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 22, 2008.

IN THE NAVY

PN1572 NAVY nomination of Adam J. Cohan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1573 NAVY nomination of John E. Pasch III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1574 NAVY nominations (2) beginning RICHARD C. BOEHM, and ending MICHAEL D. CONGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1575 NAVY nominations (7) beginning JAMES R. DUNWORTH, and ending MICHAEL A. SANO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1576 NAVY nominations (6) beginning WILLIAM K. DAVIS, and ending KATHLEEN R. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1577 NAVY nominations (3) beginning KATHLEEN GROMILOVITZ, and ending JAMES M. MANCHER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1578 NAVY nominations (3) beginning THOMAS E. FOLLO, and ending SARAH M. STANDARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1579 NAVY nominations (4) beginning DAVID J. HARACH, and ending PATRICK R. MULCAHY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1580 NAVY nominations (6) beginning DONALD R. BURNS, and ending WILLIAM D. MICHAEL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1581 NAVY nominations (10) beginning ROBERT J. BARTON II, and ending CHRIS-

TOPHER M. WAALER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1582 NAVY nominations (7) beginning DREW G. FLAVELL, and ending PAUL F. WECKMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1583 NAVY nominations (8) beginning TERI J. BARBER, and ending LORI A. YOST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1584 NAVY nominations (19) beginning ERIC B. ANDERSON, and ending GEORGE N. WHITBRED IV, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1585 NAVY nominations (107) beginning CLAYTON R. ALLEN, and ending ERIC F. ZANIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1586 NAVY nominations (30) beginning TAMMY M. BAKER, and ending LEONARD A. ZIMMERMANN I, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1620 NAVY nominations (4) beginning CHARLES E. A. BAKER, and ending RICHARD N. SOUCIE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1621 NAVY nominations (4) beginning RAYMOND E. CHARTIER JR., and ending ROBIN D. TYNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1622 NAVY nominations (6) beginning ROBERT C. BUZZELL, and ending EDUARDO E. WHEELER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1623 NAVY nominations (7) beginning KEVIN G. AANDAH, and ending DAVID E. WERNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1624 NAVY nominations (7) beginning DAVID A. BONDURA, and ending WILBURN T. J. STRICKLAND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1625 NAVY nominations (6) beginning JON D. ALBRIGHT, and ending MICHAEL W. ZARKOWSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1626 NAVY nominations (16) beginning JAMES E. AULL, and ending EDWARD B. WARFORD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1627 NAVY nominations (12) beginning CHRISTIAN D. BECKER, and ending DONALD L. ZWICK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1628 NAVY nominations (15) beginning WILLIAM J. BROUGHAM, and ending JEROME ZINNI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1629 NAVY nominations (11) beginning VORESA E. BOOKER, and ending PAT L. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1630 NAVY nominations (13) beginning DANIELLE M. BARRETT, and ending BOYD T. ZBINDEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1631 NAVY nominations (223) beginning CHRISTOPHER P. ANKLAM, and ending STEVEN J. YODER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 28, 2008.

PN1683 NAVY nominations (4) beginning JOHN L. FRANKLIN, and ending NORMAN C. PETTY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2008.

PN1711 NAVY nomination of Michael J. McCormack, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1712 NAVY nominations (2) beginning GREGG P. LOMBARDO, and ending CHARLES J. NEWBURY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1713 NAVY nominations (3) beginning DANIEL L. GARD, and ending WILLIAM A. WILDHACK III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1714 NAVY nominations (19) beginning MARK S. BELLIS, and ending STEVEN R. WOLFE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1715 NAVY nominations (14) beginning FREDERICK H. BOYLES, and ending ALLISON M. WELDON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1716 NAVY nominations (8) beginning ESTHER E. BURLINGAME, and ending KIMBERLY K. PELLACK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1717 NAVY nominations (5) beginning KENNETH D. LAPOLLA, and ending JOSEPH R. WILLIE II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1718 NAVY nominations (19) beginning BRUCE BENNETT, and ending SCOTT K. RINEER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1719 NAVY nominations (15) beginning DANIEL K. BEAN, and ending TED Y. YAMADA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1720 NAVY nominations (30) beginning GLORIA M. BAISEY, and ending PATRICIA L. WEST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2008.

PN1730 NAVY nomination of Michael J. Maselly, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1731 NAVY nominations (2) beginning HILLARY KING JR., and ending JAMES E. WATTS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1732 NAVY nominations (8) beginning ROOSEVELT H. BROWN, and ending DALE C. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1733 NAVY nominations (13) beginning DAVID R. BUSTAMANTE, and ending RODNEY O. WORDEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1734 NAVY nominations (15) beginning VIDA M. ANTOLINJENKINS, and ending JONATHAN S. THOW, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1735 NAVY nominations (20) beginning ANGELICA L. C. ALMONTE, and ending NANCY J. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1736 NAVY nominations (22) beginning SMITH C. E. BARONE, and ending CURTIS M. WERKING, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1737 NAVY nominations (25) beginning ROLAND E. ARELLANO, and ending MARVA L. WHEELER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1738 NAVY nominations (32) beginning CHRISTOPHER BOWER, and ending ANDREW F. WICKARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1739 NAVY nominations (64) beginning DEBRA A. ARSENAULT, and ending CLIFTON WOODFORD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1740 NAVY nominations (8) beginning MICHAEL L. BAKER, and ending CHAD G. WAHLIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1741 NAVY nominations (10) beginning BRENT T. CHANNELL, and ending MICHAEL J. SUPKO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1742 NAVY nominations (11) beginning ALLEN C. BLAXTON, and ending JOEL R. TESSIER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1743 NAVY nominations (11) beginning MARC E. BOYD, and ending ELISSA J. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1744 NAVY nominations (13) beginning TODD E. BARNHILL, and ending DOMINICK A. VINCENT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1745 NAVY nominations (17) beginning EDWARD F. BOSQUE, and ending KIM C. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1746 NAVY nominations (26) beginning JOHN D. BANDY, and ending JEFFREY L. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1747 NAVY nominations (21) beginning CLAUDE W. ARNOLD JR., and ending MICHELLE G. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1748 NAVY nominations (34) beginning TIMOTHY A. BARNEY, and ending VINCENT C. WATSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1749 NAVY nominations (35) beginning ALBERT ANGEL, and ending THOMAS P. WYPYSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1750 NAVY nominations (641) beginning JONATHAN Q. ADAMS, and ending MARK T. ZWOLSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 4, 2008.

PN1754 NAVY nominations (23) beginning MICHAEL A. BEMIS, and ending MICHAEL J. UYBOCO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2008.

PN1783 NAVY nomination of Paul E. Levy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1784 NAVY nomination of Robert N. Ladd, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

PN1785 NAVY nominations (2) beginning RAMON J. BERROCAL, and ending BRIAN A. MERRITT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2008.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Lyndon L. Olson, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Committee on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2011.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS, FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Elizabeth A. Duke, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 1998.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Constance S. Barker, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term expiring July 1, 2011.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today we confirmed three nominations for high level positions in the Department of Justice. The Senate is moving forward to confirm the nomination of Gregory Katsas to be Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division at the Department of Justice. This is a nomination that was set to be confirmed before the Easter recess until it was blocked by a last-minute, anonymous Republican hold and additional complications in our relationship with the Department of Justice arose. We have made sufficient progress to move forward today.

We also confirmed today two additional nominations, Kelly H. Rankin to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Wyoming and Clyde R. Cook to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Those are among the many presidential nominations that we have expedited through the Judiciary Committee. They were considered and reported by the Committee yesterday and being confirmed today.

With the confirmations today, we will have confirmed 35 executive nominations so far this Congress, including the confirmations of 12 U.S. attorneys, 7 U.S. marshals, and the top 3 positions at the Justice Department. When the President and Senate Republicans play to rightwing special interests with constant complaints about judicial nominations, they ignore the progress we have made to restock the leadership ranks at the Department of Justice that were decimated by the scandals of the Gonzales era.

Of course, the grumblings on judicial nominations from the other side of the aisle are nothing more than partisan, election-year rhetoric that rings particularly hollow in light of the progress we have made. With the 5 nominations for lifetime appointments to the Federal bench confirmed this week by the Senate, including 2 for circuit court vacancies, the Senate under Democratic leadership has already, before the Fourth of July recess, matched the total of 54 judicial confirmations reached in 2 full years of the last Congress. That was a Congress with a Republican chairman and Republican majority working to confirm the nominees of a Republican President. And we have already matched their total.

The 14 judicial confirmations so far this year compare to the zero registered by a Republican led Senate by

this juncture during the 1996 session, another presidential election year.

The fact that Senate Democrats have moved more of President Bush's nominees more quickly when we have been in the majority than the Republicans did working with a President of their own party have is nothing new, just unacknowledged. We confirmed 100 nominations in only 17 months in 2001 and 2002, while working with a most uncooperative White House, reducing the judicial vacancies I confronted when I became Judiciary Committee chairman in the summer of 2001 by 45 percent by the end of 2002. The 40 additional judicial nominations we confirmed when I became chairman, again, last year was more than in any of the previous 3 years with a Republican majority and Republican chairman.

It is ironic that the Senate's Republican minority is so focused on the number of judges, because the reduction in judicial vacancies is the one number that has improved during the Bush administration in an era of skyrocketing gas prices, unemployment, health care costs and deficits and plummeting consumer confidence and home values.

On July 1, 2000, when a Republican Senate majority was considering the judicial nominees of a Democratic President in a presidential election year, there were 60 judicial vacancies. Twenty-one were circuit court vacancies. Those vacancies were the result of years of Republican pocket filibusters of judicial nominations. In stark contrast, after the 2 nominations we confirmed yesterday and the circuit court judges we confirmed on Tuesday, there are just 40 total judicial vacancies throughout the country, with only 9 circuit court vacancies. By confirming Judge Helene White and Ray Kethledge to the last two vacancies on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, we reduced circuit court vacancies to single digits for the first time in decades—nine vacancies on our Nation's 13 circuit courts.

The Judiciary Committee and the Senate have continued to make progress filling judicial vacancies even while having to devote extensive time and attention to rebuilding the Department of Justice. At the beginning of this Congress, the Judiciary Committee began its oversight efforts. Over the next 9 months, our efforts revealed a Department of Justice gone awry. The leadership crisis came more and more into view as Senator SPECTER and I led a bipartisan group of concerned Senators to consider the U.S. attorney firing scandal, a confrontation over the legality of the administration's warrantless wiretapping program, the untoward political influence of the White House at the Department of Justice, and the secret legal memos excusing all manner of excess and subverting the rule of law.

What our efforts exposed was a crisis of leadership that took a heavy toll on the tradition of independence that has

long guided the Justice Department and provided it with safe harbor from political interference. It shook the confidence of the American people. Through bipartisan efforts among those from both sides of the aisle who care about Federal law enforcement and the Department of Justice, we joined together to press for accountability. That resulted in a change in leadership at the Department, with the resignations of the Attorney General and many high-ranking Department officials.

This week's troubling report from the Department's inspector general confirms what our oversight efforts in this Congress have uncovered about the politicization of hiring practices at the Department. It confirms our findings and our fears that the same senior Department officials involved with the firing of U.S. attorneys were injecting improper political motives into the process of hiring young attorneys. I suspect further reports from the inspector general will continue to shed light on the extent to which the Bush administration has allowed politics to affect—and infect—the Department's priorities, from law enforcement to the operation of the crucial Civil Rights Division to the Department's hiring practices.

This report and those to follow will serve as a reminder to future Presidents that never again should blatant partisanship be made the crux of the Justice Department's hiring practices. The Department of Justice is not the President's legal defense team. It houses our Nation's top law enforcement officers, and it has been crippled in the last 7 years. By beginning the first real oversight efforts of this administration, we have uncovered troubling truths about this administration's efforts to infuse partisan politics into our Nation's top law enforcement agency.

The oversight efforts did not complete our work. Any result of the mass resignations at the Justice Department in the wake of the scandals, the committee held seven hearings on high-ranking replacements to restock and restore the leadership of the Department of Justice between September of last year up through the spring, including confirmation hearings for the new Attorney General, the new Deputy Attorney General, the new Associate Attorney General, and so many others. I thank Senator WHITEHOUSE for chairing the hearings on the Katsas nomination. Today we continue that progress by confirming another nominee for an important leadership position at the Department.

It is vital that we ensure that we have a functioning, independent Justice Department, and that we ensure that this sad era in the history of the Department is not repeated. We have seen what happens when the rule of law plays second fiddle to a President's agenda and the partisan desires of political operatives and it is a disaster

for the American people. Both the President and the Nation are best served by a Justice Department that provides sound advice and takes responsible action, without regard to political considerations—not one that develops legalistic loopholes and ideological litmus tests to serve the ends of a particular administration.

I congratulate the nominees and their families on their confirmations today.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 30, AND MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Monday, June 30 for a pro forma session only; that following the pro forma session, the Senate stand adjourned under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 379, the adjournment resolution, until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 7; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany H.R. 3221, the housing reform legislation, as under the previous order; I further ask that the RECORD remain open until 2 p.m. for the introduction of statements, cosponsorships, introduction of bills, and committee reporting.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, under a previous order, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the motion to concur with respect to the housing reform legislation. As Senator REID stated earlier today, last night we were able to reach an agreement with respect to the FISA legislation. When we return from the Fourth of July recess, we will take up the FISA legislation and consider three amendments with limited debate time. Senators should be prepared to debate and vote on FISA on Tuesday, July 8.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M., MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2008

Mr. LEVIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:38 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 30, 2008, at 10 a.m.