

do is go look for them—for every job in America, there are five people looking for that job. It is better than it was. Just a short time ago, it was one job for every six job applicants.

So I understand and I think the American people understand what the Republicans are doing, and I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged en bloc of Foreign Service nominations beginning with Robin J. Brinkley Hadden and ending with Heather Louise Yorkson, which were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on February 24, 2010, PN1482, except for Hussein Waheed Iman; that the Senate proceed en bloc to their consideration; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

FOREIGN SERVICE

The following named persons of the agencies indicated for appointment as Foreign Service Officers of the classes stated.

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

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Robin J. Brinkley Hadden, of Maryland
Sharon Thams Carter, of Florida Haven G. Cruz-Hubbard, of California

Mary Pamela Foster, of Maryland Bruce Gelband, of Virginia

Mikaela Sawtelle Meredith, of Virginia

Leslie Ann Perry, of Colorado Roy Plucknett, of Virginia Gary Robbins, of Colorado

Sarah Wright, of the District of Columbia

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Joseph Ambrose Kenny, Jr., of Maryland
Eric Khant, of Florida

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

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Candace Harring Buzzard, of Washington

John Joseph Cardenas, of California
Holly Fluty Dempsey, of West Virginia
Peter William Duffy, of Massachusetts
Mustapha El Hamzaoui, of New Hampshire
Rebekah R. Eubanks, of Illinois
Christian William Hogen, of Virginia
Sheri-Nouane Bernadette Johnson, of New York

Jonathan T. Kamin, of Maryland
Karin A. Kolstrom, of Florida
William C. MacLaren, of Virginia
Veena Reddy, of California

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Daniel G. Brown, of Missouri

Kevin A. Weishar, of Missouri

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

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Randolph Henri Augustin, of Georgia
Shirley L. Baldwin, of Virginia
Michelle M. Barrett, of Michigan
James A. Berscheit, of Wyoming
David M. Bogan Schrewe, of Texas
Aaron S. Brownell, of Texas
Leslie-Ann A. Burnette, of California
Matthew Andrew Burton, of New Hampshire
Tamika Cameron, of Texas

Stanley A. Canton, of Maryland
James Christopher Carlson, of Colorado
Christina Eve Chappell, of Pennsylvania
Randy Chester, of Nevada
Blake A. Chrystal, of Oregon
Mary R. Cobb, of Ohio
Barry Collins, of New Hampshire
Ananta Hans Cook, of California
Bradley Cronk, of Florida
Walter Doetsch, of Texas
Myra Yumiko Emata-Stokes, of California
Lalarukh Faiz, of Virginia
Stephen Fitzpatrick, of New Hampshire
Karla Inez Fossand, of Minnesota
Melissa M. Francis, of Florida
Stephanie James Garvey, of Texas
Michael Glees, of California
Garret John Harries, of Minnesota
Angela Dawn Hogg, of California
Cory B. Johnston, of Maine
Taisha Mumtazi Jones, of the District of Columbia

Michael G. Junge, of Washington
Karen D. Klimowski, of California
Patrick J. Kollars, of South Dakota
Thomas J. Kress, of New York
Ronald Jay Kryk, of Texas
Christopher James La Fargue, of Louisiana
Philip Lamade, of Missouri
Dwayne Eriq Lee, of California
Alyssa Wilson Leggoe, of New Jersey
Jesse Adam Leggoe, of New Jersey
Ginger Edwards Longworth, of South Carolina

Leslie Marbury, of Georgia
Bruce Freeman McFarland, of Washington
Andrew Mckim, of California
Amy B. Meyer, of California
A. Aurelia Micko, of Florida
Tracy Jeanne Miller, of Oregon
Kerry Monaghan, of Texas
Diane B. Moore, of New York
Monique Mosolf, of Florida
Juniper M. Neill, of Alaska
Christopher D. O'Donnell, of Florida
Miriam Onivogui, of Georgia
Sean Joseph Osner, of Texas
Geoffrey Brooks Parish, of Texas
Jonathan Clayton Richter, of Florida
Michael Allan Ronning, of Minnesota
Michele A. Russell, of Virginia
Carl Andrew Seagrave, of the District of Columbia

Lorraine Sherman, of Florida
Cybill Sigler, of Texas
Robert J. Simmons, of the District of Columbia

R. Christian Smith, of Nevada
Poonam Smith-Sreen, of Florida
Francisco Ricardo Somarrriba, of Florida
Sandra Anna Stajka, of Virginia
Jennifer J. Tikka, of Washington
Doanh Q. Van, of Washington
Carol L. Vasquez, of Virginia
Jorge E. Velasco, of Maryland
Stephanie Ann Wilcock, of Washington
George Zarycky, of Virginia

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Anthony P. Kujawa, of Maryland
Kristi J. Mietzner, of Virginia

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

Jeffrey R. Allen, of the District of Columbia
Todd Anderson, of Kentucky
James D. Applegate, of Michigan
Maha Angelina Armush, of Texas
Chuka Asike, of Texas
William D. Baker, of Texas
Richard C. Blackwood, of Virginia
Stephanie Elizabeth Boscaino, of Texas
Thomas S. Brown, of Washington
Christienne Carroll, of California
Jeffrey John Cary, of the District of Columbia

Michael G. Cathey, of California
Perry Yang Chen, of Virginia
Christina M. Cheshier, of Arizona
Martha Ann Crunkleton, of Florida
Christopher P. Curran, of New Hampshire
Roberto Custodio, of Florida
Gregory D'Alesandro, of Maryland
Joye L. Davis-Kirchner, of Missouri
Anne B. Debevoise, of California
Jaffar A. Diab, of Massachusetts
Christopher R. Dilworth, of Virginia
David Joseph Drinkard, of Missouri
Marialice Burford Eperiam, of Illinois
Jason D. Evans, of Washington
Kathleen Fox, of California
Kathey-Lee Galvin, of Oregon
Corey Matthew Gonzalez, of the District of Columbia

Grant S. Guthrie, of California
Anaida K. Haas, of Alaska
Adam J. Hantman, of Maryland
Sara Ruth Harriger, of Alaska
James Holtsnider, of Iowa
Aaron D. Honn, of Texas
Ludovic L. Hood, of the District of Columbia
Erika Lorel Hosking, of Virginia
Charles L. Jarrett III, of Tennessee
Hormazd J. Kanga, of Kentucky
David Kristian Kvols, of Florida
Felicia D. Lynch, of Florida
Mika McBride, of Texas
Matthew C. McNeil, of Virginia
Karen N. Mims, of Pennsylvania
Judith H. Monson, of New York
Roshni Mona Nirody, of Alaska
Sheila Sophia O'Donnell, of Illinois
Juan Carlos Ospina, of Florida
Benjamin Nelson Reames, of Texas
Charles Wilson Ruark III, of Georgia
Sarah A. Schmidt, of Maine
Heidi E. Smith, of Michigan
Marc Alan Snider, of Illinois
Virgil B. Strohmeier, of California
Adrienne Beck Taylor, of Virginia
Rebecca S. Phelps Thurmond, of Michigan
Andres Valdes, of Florida
Sovandara Yin, of Oregon
Madelina M. Young, of Florida

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

Vince H. Suneja, of Virginia

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Kristen E. Aanstoos, of Mississippi

Kathleen Elizabeth Abner, of Maryland
 Hatim Nelson Ahmed, of Virginia
 Zia Ahmed, of Massachusetts
 Andrew R. Alberts, of Virginia
 Syed Mujtaba Andrabi, of Washington
 Alison Marie Ashwell, of Virginia
 Mark David Aubrecht, of Washington
 Michelle E. Azevedo, of the District of Columbia
 Jari D. Barnett, of Oklahoma
 Jacob Barrett, of Virginia
 Jonathan M. Barrow, of Maryland
 Carrie Lynn Basnight, of Kentucky
 Amanda K. Beck, of California
 Michelle Nicole Bennett, of California
 Andrew Berdy, of New Jersey
 Dustin Reeve Bickel, of Georgia
 Ashwin E. Bijanki, of Virginia
 Natalie Irene Bonjoc, of California
 Steven R. Bonsall, of Virginia
 Kathleen E. Borgess, of Virginia
 Ariela Borgia, of Virginia
 Michael D. Boven, of Michigan
 Benjamin Kirk Bowman, of Colorado
 Ryan G. Bradeen, of Maine
 Diedre T. Bradshaw, of Virginia
 Katie C. Brasic, of Virginia
 Steven Arthur Connett Bremner, of Minnesota
 Mary K. Brezin, of Colorado
 Matthew McMahon Briggs, of the District of Columbia
 Christopher M. Britton, of Maryland
 Sarah A. Budds, of South Carolina
 Evan J. Burns, of Pennsylvania
 John Patrick Callan, of Washington
 Joseph Christopher Carnes, of Ohio
 Melanie Rose Carter, of Illinois
 Christopher P. Casas, of Virginia
 Chris M. Celestino, of the District of Columbia
 Brian M. Charnatz, of Maryland
 Christopher A. Chauncey, of Virginia
 David R. Chee, of Virginia
 Geoffrey Kamen Choy, of Virginia
 Marjorie Christian, of Virginia
 Heather L. Churchill, of Virginia
 Melanie L. Clark, of Virginia
 Amy Laurence Conroy, of the District of Columbia
 Jason A. Cook, of Virginia
 William R. Cook, of California
 William T. Coombs, of Maryland
 Emilio Cortes, of Virginia
 Gregory Roy Cowan, of Texas
 Christen Lane Decker, of New Hampshire
 Jonathan Morris Dennehy, of Massachusetts
 Phillip Anthony de Souza, of Maryland
 Jill Wisniewski Dietrich, of the District of Columbia
 Julia Sampson Dillard, of California
 Noah A. Donadieu, of Pennsylvania
 Melissa Ann Dorsey, of Illinois
 James E. Duckett, of Virginia
 Ruth Lillian Dowe, of New York
 William Echols, of Washington
 Jessica D. Eicher, of Colorado
 Jeffrey Gordon Eisen, of Wisconsin
 Howard E. Ennaco, of Virginia
 Ronald L. Etter, of Virginia
 Kathryn Lindsay Fisher, of Virginia
 Howard A. Frey, of Virginia
 Marc Brandon Gartner, of California
 Casey Thomas Getz, of Virginia
 Richard D. Gopaul, of Maryland
 Mark Ostapovych Gul, of Virginia
 Amanda Gunton, of New York
 James J. Hamblin, of Virginia
 Zennia D. Hancock, of New York
 Christine L. Harper, of Alabama
 Tara L. Harrison, of Utah
 Jennifer M. Heath, of Virginia
 Annaliese J. Heiligenstein, of Texas
 Laura Heimann, of Virginia
 James Michael Henry, of Massachusetts
 Benjamin E. Hettinga, of Virginia
 Michael D. Hight, of Virginia
 Sirli Hill, of Virginia

Duane Martin Hillegas, of Maryland
 Thomas Martin Hochstetler, of Virginia
 Ellen M. Hoffman, of Virginia
 Jennifer Holmes, of Utah
 Jacqueline Philyaw Hoskins, of Virginia
 Margo Marie Huennekens, of California
 Christian Brian Hummel, of Virginia
 William Hunt, Jr., of Maryland
 Casey Iorg, of California
 Jennifer J. Isakoff, of Virginia
 Charles L. Jewell, Jr., of Virginia
 Michael D. Johnstone, of Virginia
 Alex Jones, of Wisconsin
 John Boyce Jones, of Virginia
 Leon V. Jones II, of Virginia
 Lisa Kalajian, of New Jersey
 Marjon E. Kamrani, of Ohio
 Ji Hong Kang, of Virginia
 Katherine A. Keegan, of Virginia
 Kathryn Kane Keeley, of the District of Columbia
 Alishia Kontor, of Virginia
 Marc N. Kroeper, of Virginia
 Klaudia G. Krueger, of Florida
 Corinne M. Kuhar, of Virginia
 Tammy L. Lake, of Florida
 Kristina Law, of Virginia
 Pui-Yung Law, of Virginia
 Michael A. Leon, of Virginia
 Steven Howard Lerda, of Virginia
 John T. Lewis, of Virginia
 Pierre Antoine Louis, of Florida
 Mike Lurie, of Virginia
 Matthew K. Maggard, of Virginia
 Andrew J. Malandrino, of Virginia
 Jeffrey M. Martin, of Rhode Island
 Leonard Frederick Martin, of Maryland
 Tracy L. Masuda, of Virginia
 Billy F. McAllister, Jr., of Virginia
 Bradley Thomas McGuire, of Virginia
 William H. McHenry II, of Virginia
 Charlotte I. McWilliams, of Texas
 Candice R. Means, of Virginia
 Henry Wyatt Measells IV, of Virginia
 Michael A. Middleton, of Virginia
 Amy J. Mills, of Virginia
 Kyle G. Mills, of Virginia
 Eric K. Montague, of Virginia
 Grant Hanley Morrow, of Pennsylvania
 David Jeffrey Mouritsen, of Utah
 Peter D. Mucha, of Virginia
 Amy P. Mullin, of Virginia
 Paul W. Neville, of the District of Columbia
 Albert Francisco Ofrecio, of California
 Jung Oh, of Virginia
 Stephanie Nicole Padgett, of Virginia
 Benjamin Parsell, of the District of Columbia
 Vikas C. Paruchuri, of Pennsylvania
 Michael Pennell, of Tennessee
 Severin J. Perez, of Virginia
 Robert A. Perls, of New Mexico
 Andrea Lyn Peterson, of the District of Columbia
 Charles Saunders Port, of Virginia
 Kern R. Provencio, of Virginia
 Michael Joseph Pryor, of California
 Michael G. Ramsey, of Virginia
 Charles Anthony Raymond, of Virginia
 Amy Nicole Reichert, of Colorado
 Anthony S. Ridgeway, of Virginia
 Edward Lewis Robinson III, of Maryland
 Seth R. Rogers, of South Carolina
 Jared D. Ross, of Maryland
 Alison Roth, of Virginia
 Craig Anthony Rychel, of the District of Columbia
 Anne G. Saunders, of Virginia
 Tamara L. Scott, of Maryland
 Timothy James Scovin, of the District of Columbia
 Elizabeth Sellen, of the District of Columbia
 Michael R. Shaw, of Virginia
 Roger Lanier Shields, of Virginia
 Craig M. Singleton, of Florida
 Thomas Michael Slayton, of the District of Columbia
 John Thomas Woodruff Slover, of Colorado

Paulette C. Small, of North Carolina
 Barry Daniel Smith, of Oregon
 Don J. Smith, of Virginia
 Jason A. Smith, of Virginia
 Scott M. Smith, of Virginia
 William Catlett Solley, of Virginia
 Michelle Sosa, of California
 Judith C. Spanberger, of Maryland
 Kenneth Sturrock, of Florida
 Rudranath Sudama, of Maryland
 Janel Lynn Sutton, of Colorado
 Peter J. Sweeney, of New Jersey
 Drew Tanzman, of California
 Alper A. Tunca, of the District of Columbia
 Tommy Vargas, of Virginia
 Gareth John Vaughan, of the District of Columbia
 Eric Vela, of Virginia
 Christopher Volpicelli, of Virginia
 John Phillips Waterman, of Massachusetts
 Mark A. Wilkins, of Virginia
 Christal G. Winford, of Virginia
 Joanna K. Wojcik, of Virginia
 Hsueh-Ting Wu, of California
 Heather Louise Yorkston, of Maryland

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

REMEMBERING SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, the Senate has lost its most talented, dedicated, and best-informed Member about the precedents, rules, and customs of the Senate, when the distinguished President pro tempore, ROBERT BYRD, passed away to join his beloved wife Erma in the heaven he was confident existed for those who were true believers.

I had the good fortune to work closely with ROBERT BYRD as a fellow member of the Appropriations Committee for 30 years. I served as the ranking minority member when he was chairman and as chairman when he was the ranking minority member. I preferred being chairman. But I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities to conduct the hearings, schedule the committee markups, and negotiate with our House colleagues to formulate and pass the bills that funded the departments of the executive branch, the judiciary, and the Congress.

One of the highlights of my experience with ROBERT BYRD was a trip we took to several European capitals. He was comfortable discussing our mutual interests and differences with the leaders of other nations. His mastery of European history and politics was as impressive as his well-informed understanding of American history and politics.

On one leg of our trip, Senator BYRD asked my wife Rose to come sit by him.