

had hearings by this time. We have also reported 61 percent of the judicial nominees, which is comparable to President Bush's nominees.

I support these nominations and congratulate each of them. I would like to say a few words about each one of the nominees.

Sara Lynn Darrow is nominated to be U.S. district judge for the Central District of Illinois. Ms. Darrow graduated from Marquette University in 1992 and received her J.D. degree from St. Louis University School of Law in 1997. From 1997 to 1998, Mrs. Darrow worked in the law offices of Clarence Darrow, a small general practice firm in Rock Island, IL. She became an assistant State's attorney in 1999, where she handled juvenile, misdemeanor, and felony traffic cases. Upon promotion in 2000, she handled felony cases and serious juvenile abuse cases. In 2003, Mrs. Darrow began work as an assistant U.S. attorney, prosecuting Federal crimes including drug conspiracy, gun, racketeering, child exploitation, fraud, and bankruptcy. She has prosecuted approximately 300 defendants and tried 10 cases to verdict before a jury.

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has given Ms. Darrow a unanimous "Qualified" rating.

Nelva Gonzales Ramos is nominated to be U.S. district judge for the Southern District of Texas. After graduation from the University of Texas School of Law in 1991, Judge Ramos began her career as an attorney at Meredith & Donnelly in Corpus Christi. She worked primarily in personal injury litigation, employment litigation, and insurance defense. In 1997, she resigned from the firm to enter duty as a municipal court judge. During her campaign for district court judge during 1999 to 2000, she briefly worked as a solo practitioner. During this time, she practiced primarily personal injury but also family and criminal law. While in private practice, she tried approximately 17 cases to judgment or verdict.

Judge Ramos was appointed as a municipal court judge for Corpus Christi in 1997 where she had a criminal docket. She presided over 500 cases that went to verdict or judgment. When she announced her candidacy for district court judge in 1999, she resigned from this position as required by the city charter. In 2001 she was elected as district court judge for the 347th Judicial District. She was reelected in 2004 and in 2008. As district court judge, she has presided over 1,200 cases that went to verdict or judgment. While serving as a district court judge she helped establish a domestic violence court, and served as the local administrative judge for the Nueces County district courts. In this capacity she presided over meetings of the district court judges, ensured compliance with local rules, appointed committees regarding court management, and handled assorted other administrative tasks regarding the court.

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary gave her a split rating of "Qualified"—substantial majority—and "Well Qualified"—minority.

Kathleen M. Williams is nominated to be U.S. district judge for the Southern District of Florida. She received her B.A. in 1978 and her J.D. in 1982 from the University of Miami School of Law. Ms. Williams began her legal career in 1982 as an associate attorney at Fowler, White, Burnett, Hurley, Banick & Strickroot. At Fowler White, she participated in insurance defense litigation defending insurance companies, city and county interests, hospital trusts and corporations.

From 1984 to 1988, Ms. Williams served as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of Florida. While an assistant U.S. attorney, she prosecuted individuals on charges ranging from simple narcotics and weapons matters to complex money-laundering and RICO Litigation. In 1988, Ms. Williams returned to the private sector as an associate attorney for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. While at Morgan, Lewis, & Bockius, she represented financial institutions, government contractors, and multinational corporations in labor litigation and white collar criminal defense matters.

In 1990, Ms. Williams joined the Federal Public Defender's office as the chief assistant public defender, where she represented persons accused of violating Federal criminal statutes but who cannot afford to retain an attorney. In 1995, she was appointed to be the public defender for the Southern District of Florida, where she continues to serve. As a Federal public defender she has litigated a wide range of matters including immigration, complex fraud, and national security. She was also appointed to be the acting Federal public defender for the Middle District of Florida from 1999 to 2000.

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has given her the rating of majority "Well Qualified" and Minority "Qualified."

Richard Brooke Jackson is nominated to be U.S. district judge for the District of Colorado. Judge Jackson received his A.B., magna cum laude, from Dartmouth College in 1969 and his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School in 1972. Following law school, Judge Jackson joined the firm of Holland & Hart as an associate, where he focused on a combination of commercial litigation and personal injury litigation. In 1978, he became a partner and opened the Washington, DC, office of the firm. Additionally, he served on a number of committees within the firm and was chairperson of the litigation department. His pro bono work focused on personal injury claims and occasional representation in criminal defense and family law matters.

In 1998, he was appointed to serve as district judge for the First Judicial District of Colorado. As a district judge, he handled a mixed docket of criminal, civil, and domestic relations

cases. In 2003, he was appointed chief judge.

The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary has given Judge Jackson the rating of unanimous "Well Qualified."

#### NOMINATION OF SARA DARROW

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I rise in strong support of the nomination of Sara Darrow to serve as a district court judge for the Central District of Illinois.

Sara Darrow is a superb nominee, and she will make an excellent addition to the Federal bench.

Her nomination is not controversial. She had her hearing before the Judiciary Committee in April and was reported out of the committee by unanimous voice vote on May 12.

Sara Darrow's name was recommended to me by a bipartisan merit selection committee that I established to consider applicants for judicial vacancies.

I was proud to recommend her name to the President last year, and I was pleased to see the President nominate her to fill the Central District judgeship that was vacated when Judge Joe Billy McDade took senior status last year.

I want to thank Chairman PAT LEAHY of the Judiciary Committee for moving Ms. Darrow's nomination through the committee. I also want to thank Senator MARK KIRK for his support of this nomination.

Once the Senate confirms Sara Darrow, we will finally have a full complement of judges for the Central District of Illinois. Last year there was only one judge in this district—Chief Judge Mike McCuskey—and three judgeships were vacant.

These vacancies left the Central District in a dire situation. Cases were grinding to a halt, and Judge McCuskey had to drive all across the State to try to keep the dockets moving.

Fortunately, earlier this year the Senate confirmed Judge Jim Shadid and Judge Sue Myerscough to serve in the Central District. They are serving on the bench now.

And with Sara Darrow on the bench as well, the Central District will finally be operating at full strength. That is good news for the people who live in the 46 Illinois counties that make up the Central District.

Sara Darrow has a distinguished record, including her service as a prosecutor both at the State and Federal level.

She currently serves as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Illinois Central District, where she has worked since 2003. She works out of the Rock Island branch of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

She has investigated and prosecuted hundreds of defendants for various Federal crimes including gang offenses, drug conspiracies, gun crimes, bank robbery, money laundering, and fraud. She has also written and argued numerous appeals.

Since 2007, Ms. Darrow has served as the violent crimes chief for the U.S. Attorney's Office. She has also served as the office's project safe neighborhoods coordinator.

Before becoming a Federal prosecutor, Ms. Darrow worked in private practice in Rock Island, and she also worked as a prosecutor in the Henry County State's Attorney's Office.

She served as an assistant State's attorney in Henry County from 1999 to 2000, and then as first assistant State's attorney from 2000 to 2003.

While serving at the State's Attorney's Office she prosecuted a wide range of State felony cases. She also was responsible for supervising staff attorneys and managing the office's caseload.

Ms. Darrow enjoys an excellent reputation among the legal community in the Central District. She will serve the people of Illinois well in her new capacity as a Federal judge.

In addition to her impressive professional accomplishments, Sara Darrow is an impressive person with a wonderful family.

She is a graduate of Marquette University and Saint Louis University School of Law.

While a college student at Marquette, she interned in Washington, DC, for Senator CARL LEVIN. It was on Capitol Hill where Sara met and began dating her husband Clarence, who was then working for Congressman Lane Evans.

Sara and Clarence are now blessed to be the proud parents of six children: Connor, age 14; Lilia, 13; Augie, 12; Anna Grace, 10; Ella, 8; and Danny, 5.

And Sara Darrow also has an impressive record of service in the community of Rock Island, IL. She is truly a credit to this community.

In short, Ms. Darrow has the experience, qualifications and temperament to be an excellent Federal judge.

I enthusiastically support her nomination and urge my colleagues to do the same.

#### NOMINATION OF GARY LOCKE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure to congratulate and pay tribute to Gary Locke, who has been the Secretary of Commerce since March 2009 and was recently confirmed by the Senate to be the U.S. Ambassador to China. Secretary Locke has been a truly outstanding public servant, and I applaud him as he continues his service to our country in China. His service truly makes our country a better place.

As Secretary of Commerce, Gary Locke has been an aggressive leader at the Department of Commerce, and has earned a reputation as a strong manager and an innovator.

Among his many successes at Commerce, he has helped innovators by pushing the Patent and Trademark Office to streamline the process to get a patent.

Secretary Locke worked with the Economic Development Administration to streamline its approval process.

The EDA is a crucial program, which makes business-development grants to distressed communities. Programs such as EDA help ordinary Americans and small businesses and will help move the economy forward. I appreciate Secretary Locke's commitment to programs such as EDA and helping these communities.

In this time of fiscal austerity, he brought the 2010 census in 25 percent under budget, saving taxpayers \$1.9 billion. He led an organization that still got the census information that we need to get a true picture of the makeup of our Nation.

I also appreciate his hard work to meet the Obama administration's goal to double exports within 5 years. Currently, only 1 percent of American companies export, and Secretary Locke understands the crucial need for expanded U.S. exports as part of our economic recovery.

I know we will look back and say that Secretary Locke's time at the Department of Commerce was the beginning of America's return to prominence as an export nation. As he said, "It is almost like [we're] building the foundation of a house or an office tower. All the foundation work takes a long, long time. You don't really see it. It is all happening below the street level. . . . After that, then things really begin to take off"

Thank you, again, Gary, now Ambassador Locke. You are a true public servant, and that is one of the highest compliments I can convey. I wish you luck as you continue to serve this great Nation in your new post.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

David Bruce Shear, 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 Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Jennifer A. Di Toro, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Yvonne M. Williams, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

#### STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

David V. Brewer, of Oregon, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2013.

#### INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

Barbara Jeanne Ells, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2016.

Deborah Downing Goodman, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2014.

Cynthia Chavez Lamar, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Na-

tive Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2016.

#### NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Dan Arvizu, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

Alan I. Leshner, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

William Carl Lineberger, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

#### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Aaron Paul Dworkin, of Michigan, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2014.

#### UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Clayton D. Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Derek J. Mitchell, of Connecticut, to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Jeffrey DeLaurentis, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, 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 Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

David S. Adams, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Frankie Annette Reed, of Maryland, 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 the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

Paul D. Wohlers, of Washington, 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 Macedonia.

William H. Moser, of North Carolina, 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.

Earl Anthony Wayne, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mexico.

Arnold A. Chacon, 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 Guatemala.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Matthew G. Olsen, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

*To be general*

Gen. William M. Fraser, III

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Donald P. Dunbar

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. Stephen L. Hoog

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*

Lt. Gen. Janet C. Wolfenbarger

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Verle L. Johnston, Jr.

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

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Leonard A. Patrick

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be major general*

Brigadier General Trulan A. Eyre  
Brigadier General Mark R. Johnson  
Brigadier General Bruce W. Prunk  
Brigadier General Harold E. Reed  
Brigadier General Roy E. Uptegraff, III

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Patrick D. Aiello  
Colonel Aaron J. Booher  
Colonel Kevin W. Bradley  
Colonel David T. Buckalew  
Colonel Peter J. Byrne  
Colonel Paul D. Cummings  
Colonel Vyas Deshpande  
Colonel Brian T. Dravis  
Colonel Brent J. Feick  
Colonel Mark K. Foreman  
Colonel David R. Fountain  
Colonel Timothy L. Frye  
Colonel Paul D. Gruver  
Colonel Michael A. Hudson

Colonel Salvatore J. Lombardi  
Colonel Stephen E. Markovich  
Colonel Richard L. Martin  
Colonel Brian A. Miller  
Colonel William W. Pond  
Colonel Jonathan T. Wall  
Colonel Jennifer L. Walter

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 152 and 601:

*To be general*

Gen. Martin E. Dempsey

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Staff, United States Army, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 3033:

*To be general*

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno

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. Keith C. Walker

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. Charles T. Cleveland

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

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter

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

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, 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*

Maj. Gen. David G. Perkins

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., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Brian R. Copes

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

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Bert K. Mizusawa

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., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Fred W. Allen

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 general*

Lt. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby, 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., section 12203 and 12211:

*To be major general*

Brigadier General Stephen E. Bogle  
Brigadier General Dominic A. Cariello  
Brigadier General David J. Elicerio  
Brigadier General Sheryl E. Gordon  
Brigadier General Ronald W. Huff  
Brigadier General Gerald W. Ketchum  
Brigadier General William L. Seekins  
Brigadier General Richard E. Swan  
Brigadier General Joe M. Wells

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Matthew P. Beevers  
Colonel Joel E. Best  
Colonel Michael E. Bobeck  
Colonel Joseph M. Bongiovanni  
Colonel Brent E. Bracewell  
Colonel Allen E. Brewer  
Colonel Leon M. Bridges  
Colonel Eric C. Bush  
Colonel Scott A. Campbell  
Colonel William R. Coats  
Colonel Albert L. Cox  
Colonel Sylvia R. Crockett  
Colonel Terry A. Ethridge  
Colonel Kevin R. Griese  
Colonel John J. Jansen  
Colonel Donald O. Lagace, Jr.  
Colonel Louis J. Landreth  
Colonel William S. Lee  
Colonel Jerry H. Martin  
Colonel Robert A. Mason  
Colonel Craig M. McGalliard  
Colonel Christopher J. Morgan  
Colonel Todd M. Nehls  
Colonel Kevin L. Neumann  
Colonel Michael J. Osburn  
Colonel Lannie D. Runck  
Colonel George M. Schwartz  
Colonel Terence P. Sullivan  
Colonel Alicia A. Tate-Nadeau  
Colonel Thomas P. Wilkinson  
Colonel Wilbur E. Wolf, III  
Colonel David C. Wood

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 David B. Enyeart

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Randy A. Alewel  
Colonel Karen D. Gattis  
Colonel Catherine F. Jorgensen  
Colonel Blake C. Ortner  
Colonel Timothy P. Williams  
Colonel David E. Wilmot

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., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Gina D. Seiler

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., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Michael A. Calhoun

The following named 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. Kaffia Jones

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Operations, 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 5033:

*To be admiral*

Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert

The following named officer for appointment as the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 154:

*To be admiral*

Adm. James A. Winnefeld, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Personnel, 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 5141:

*To be vice admiral*

Vice Adm. Scott R. Van Buskirk

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Chief of Naval Operations, 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 5035:

*To be admiral*

Vice Adm. Mark E. Ferguson, III

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. Scott H. Swift

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. Harry B. Harris, 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*

Vice Adm. Michael A. LeFever

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. Luke M. McCollum

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S  
DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN497 AIR FORCE nominations (79) beginning LAUREN F. AASE, and ending DEBRA S. ZINSMEYER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 4, 2011.

PN787 AIR FORCE nomination of Mary F. Hart-Gallagher, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN788 AIR FORCE nomination of Raymond S. Collins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN790 AIR FORCE nominations (50) beginning WADE B. ADAIR, and ending ELIJIO J.

VENEGAS, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN791 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning JOHNNATHAN M. COMPTON, and ending BENJAMIN J. MITCHELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

IN THE ARMY

PN719 ARMY nomination of Thomas B. Murphree, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 22, 2011.

PN720 ARMY nominations (3) beginning PEDRO T. RAGA, and ending MATTHEW H. VINNING, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 22, 2011.

PN765 ARMY nominations (2) beginning Nicholas M. Cruzgarcia, and ending Joseph P. Lynn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN766 ARMY nomination of Luisa G. Santiago, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN767 ARMY nominations (4) beginning TROY W. ROSS, and ending CARLOS E. QUEZADA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN768 ARMY nominations (6) beginning JAMES L. ADAMS, JR., and ending ROBERT M. THELEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN769 ARMY nominations (36) beginning MATTHEW B. AHN, and ending GREGORY S. THOGMARTIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN793 ARMY nomination of Cindy B. Katz, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN794 ARMY nomination of Wiley C. Thompson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN795 ARMY nomination of Marshall S. Humes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN796 ARMY nomination of Cyruss A. Tsurgeon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN797 ARMY nominations (2) beginning COLLEEN F. BLAILES, and ending CURTIS T. CHUN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN798 ARMY nominations (2) beginning BRAD M. EVANS, and ending JAY S. KOST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN799 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MATTHEW J. BAKER, and ending RUSSELL B. CHAMBERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN800 ARMY nominations (6) beginning JOSEPH B. RUSINKO, and ending PAULA S. OLIVER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN801 ARMY nominations (55) beginning CHARLES PAUL T. ANONUEVO, and ending TRACY E. WALTERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN802 ARMY nominations (12) beginning DAVID H. BURNHAM, and ending RAN-

received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN803 ARMY nominations (326) beginning MICHAEL A. ADAMS, and ending PAULA YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN804 ARMY nominations (582) beginning GEOFFREY R. ADAMS, and ending D005579, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN805 ARMY nominations (347) beginning ALISSA R. ACKLEY, and ending D003185, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN806 ARMY nominations (284) beginning THOMAS H. AARSEN, and ending D010899, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN421 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (275) beginning Ross Ellis Hagan, and ending Willem H. Brakel, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 8, 2011.

PN756 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (160) beginning Timothy C. Cannon, and ending Mark Jeffrey Hipp, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN369 MARINE CORPS nomination of Carroll J. Connelley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 30, 2011.

PN370 MARINE CORPS nomination of Samuel H. Carrasco, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 30, 2011.

IN THE NAVY

PN721 NAVY nomination of Troy D. Carr, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 22, 2011.

PN722 NAVY nominations (32) beginning DAWN C. ALLEN, and ending JENNIFER L. TIETZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 22, 2011.

PN770 NAVY nominations (3) beginning JAMES S. BROWN, and ending HEATHER J. WALTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN771 NAVY nominations (98) beginning CHRISTOPHER A. ALFONZO, and ending SARA B. ZIMMER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN772 NAVY nominations (23) beginning RAUL L. BARRIENTOS, and ending HAROLD S. ZALD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN773 NAVY nominations (67) beginning DAVID L. AGEY, and ending LAURA L. V. WEGEMANN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN774 NAVY nominations (12) beginning ROBERT P. ANSELM, and ending PAUL A. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN775 NAVY nominations (29) beginning RANDY E. ASHMAN, and ending TAMMY L. WEINZATL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN776 NAVY nominations (45) beginning DEANGELO ASHBY, and ending LAGENA K. G. YARBROUGH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN777 NAVY nominations (20) beginning DENNIS K. ANDREWS, and ending BRIAN K. WAITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN778 NAVY nominations (26) beginning ROBERTO M. ALVARADO, and ending JOSEPH W. YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN807 NAVY nomination of Mathew R. Loe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN808 NAVY nomination of Michael J. O'Donnell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN809 NAVY nomination of Lawrence Brandon, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN810 NAVY nominations (2) beginning Robert A. Slaughter, and ending Robert Thomas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN811 NAVY nominations (5) beginning ANTHONY DIAZ, and ending JANE E. MCNEELY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN812 NAVY nominations (3) beginning CARISSA L. GAREY, and ending DANIEL G. NICASTRI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN813 NAVY nominations (8) beginning TIMOTHY M. DERBYSHIRE, and ending CHRISTINA J. WONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN814 NAVY nominations (17) beginning JEREMIAH E. CHAPLIN, and ending PAMELA A. TELLADO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN815 NAVY nominations (21) beginning PAIGE H. ADAMS, and ending ANDREW F. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN816 NAVY nominations (17) beginning ROBERT S. BAIR, and ending PATRICIA R. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN817 NAVY nominations (58) beginning KIRKLAND M. ANDERSON, and ending MARTHA A. WITTOSCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN818 NAVY nominations (202) beginning CHERYL E. AIMESTILLMAN, and ending JON E. ZATLOKOWICZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN819 NAVY nominations (24) beginning ARCHIE L. BARBER, and ending ZAVEAN V. WARE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN820 NAVY nominations (42) beginning MYLENE R. ARVIZO, and ending ASHLEY S. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN821 NAVY nominations (4) beginning AMELIA F. DUDLEY, and ending BRANDON D. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN822 NAVY nominations (18) beginning RICHFIELD F. AGULLANA, and ending CHIEH YANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN823 NAVY nominations (4) beginning CHARITY C. HARDISON, and ending

STEPHANIE B. MURDOCK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 114, 115, 116, and 117; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### THE JUDICIARY

Sara Lynn Darrow, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

Richard Brooke Jackson, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Kathleen M. Williams, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Nelva Gonzales Ramos, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

#### NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of PN-741, which is Deborah A. P. Hersman of Virginia to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for 2 years.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the nomination to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to this matter 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 nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

#### REPORTING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the Senate's recess, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Tuesday, August 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

#### APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. 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.

#### SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that from Tuesday, August 2, through Tuesday, September 6, the majority leader and Senator ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 THROUGH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess and convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate recess until the following pro forma session:

Friday, August 5, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, August 9, at 11 a.m.; Friday, August 12, 12 p.m.; Tuesday, August 16, 11 a.m.; Friday, August 19, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, August 23, 2:30 p.m.; Friday, August 26, at 11:15 a.m.; Tuesday, August 30, at 10 a.m.; Friday, September 2, at 10 a.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, September 2, until 2 p.m., Tuesday, September 6; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; finally, that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, under the previous order.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the next rollcall vote will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6. The first vote will be on the confirmation of Bernice Bouie Donald to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and the second vote will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 1249, the patent reform bill.