

Inspector General, Department of State; Robert David Gioia, of New York, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada; Laura Stone, of Utah, 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 the Marshall Islands; Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, of Connecticut, 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 Indonesia; Jennifer M. Adams, of Virginia, 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 the Republic of Cabo Verde; Arthur W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador; Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, 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 Federal Republic of Nigeria; Lisa Peterson, 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 Burundi; Richard H. Riley IV, of California, 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 Federal Republic of Somalia; Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan; Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Liberia; and Pamela M. Tremont, 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 Zimbabwe?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos: 381, 612 through 619, 624 through 629, 631 through 633, 634, excepting Col. Catherine V. Barrington, and 635 through 646; and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, and Foreign Service, excepting PN 587; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

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

Rear Adm. (lh) Jeffrey J. Czerewko

IN THE COAST GUARD

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Joanna K. Hiigel

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under Title 14 U.S.C., section 2121(d):

To be rear admiral

Sean P. Regan
Joseph R. Buzzella
Wayne R. Arguin
Michael E. Platt
David C. Barata
Jo-Ann F. Burdian

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

To be rear admiral

Franklin Schaefer
Tiffany Danko

The following named officer for appointment as Deputy Commandant for Mission Support in the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated pursuant to the authority of title 14, U.S.C., section 305:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Thomas G. Allan, Jr.

The following named officer for appointment as Commander, Atlantic Area, in the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated pursuant to the authority of title 14, U.S.C., section 305:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Nathan A. Moore

The following named officer for appointment to serve as the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve in the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 309(b):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Tiffany G. Danko

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 2121(d):

To be rear admiral

Rebecca E. Ore

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Commandant in the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated pursuant to the authority of title 14, U.S.C., section 304:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. Kevin E. Lunday

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 (lower half)

Capt. Kevin J. Brown

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Jorge R. Cuadros

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) Jeffrey J. Kilian

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. James F. Glynn

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) Joseph B. Hornbuckle

IN THE ARMY

The following named officers 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. Brian T. Cashman
Brig. Gen. Susie S. Kuilan

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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Stephen F. Jost

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. Case A. Cunningham

The following named 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. John A. Cluck

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

Col. Jack R. Arthaud

Col. Anthony D. Babcock
 Col. Ariel G. Batungbacal
 Col. Cassius T. Bentley, III
 Col. Michael D. Curry
 Col. Lindsay C. Droz
 Col. Mason R. Dula
 Col. Todd R. Dyer
 Col. Travis L. Edwards
 Col. Chad R. Ellsworth
 Col. Paul G. Filcek
 Col. Brian A. Filler
 Col. John B. Gallemore
 Col. Timothy A. Heritage
 Col. James V. Hewitt
 Col. Jay A. Johnson
 Col. Matthew E. Jones
 Col. Michele A. Lobianco
 Col. Sean E. Lowe
 Col. Robert P. Lyons, III
 Col. Mark A. Massaro
 Col. Craig D. Prather
 Col. Joseph L. Sheffield
 Col. Andrew J. Steffen
 Col. Kristen D. Thompson
 Col. Shane S. Vesely
 Col. Douglas P. Wickert

The following named 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. Brian E. Vaughn

IN THE ARMY

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, and for appointment as a Senior Member of the Military Staff Committee of the United Nations under title 10, U.S.C., section 711:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Joseph P. McGee

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Michael J. Borgschulte

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Roberta L. Shea

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps 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. Rock, Jr.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Dennis O. Bythewood
 Brig. Gen. James E. Smith

IN THE ARMY

The following named 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 major general

Brig. Gen. Robert T. Wooldridge, II

The following named 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 major general

Brig. Gen. Timothy L. Rieger

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

To be brigadier general

Col. Grant S. Fawcett

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

To be brigadier general

Col. Michael D. Rose

IN THE NAVY

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

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Dion D. English

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 E. Boyle

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1508 AIR FORCE nomination of April B. Stahl, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1509 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning RICHARD G. BARFIELD, and ending FRANTZ PIERRE-LOUIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1510 AIR FORCE nomination of Jill E. Hopkins, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1544 AIR FORCE nomination of Tucker R. Hamilton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1545 AIR FORCE nomination of Jason D. Walker, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1546 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning Andrew H. Black, and ending Ryan M. Kehoe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1547 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning Jeffrey A. Banks, and ending Jonathan D. Heavey, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1548 AIR FORCE nomination of Vanessa A. Gasswint, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1549 AIR FORCE nomination of Brett J. Cooper, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1550 AIR FORCE nomination of Jacob J. Dalrymple, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1551 AIR FORCE nomination of Mark E. Delory, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1560 AIR FORCE nomination of Robert U. Wright, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2024.

PN1561 AIR FORCE nomination of Kristin N. Conti, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2024.

PN1591 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning EDWARD F. HWANG, and ending JAKE M. MILLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1592 AIR FORCE nominations (15) beginning BARRY J. BURTON, and ending DOUGLAS N. WREN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1593 AIR FORCE nominations (45) beginning JENNIFER DAVENPORT ALMONTE, and ending KIMBERLY D. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1596 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning JESSICA J. GRIMM, and ending EMILY E. RUCKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1604 AIR FORCE nominations (8) beginning JESSICA DUCUSIN ARCILLA, and ending NORCISE L. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1605 AIR FORCE nominations (10) beginning CASSANDRA NOEL AYOTT, and ending RUTH A. TURNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1606 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning LISA A. BROWN, and ending TIMOTHY J. STRIGENZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1607 AIR FORCE nominations (9) beginning CHRISTOPHER L. ALLEN, and ending MARVIN H. SINEATH, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1608 AIR FORCE nomination of Jennifer M. Depew, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1609 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning MICHAEL J. CHUNG, and ending DIEP H. LE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1610 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning DAVID M. DAUS, and ending MATTHEW C. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1611 AIR FORCE nominations (12) beginning RYAN J. ALBRECHT, and ending KATHERINE C. SETO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1612 AIR FORCE nomination of Willie J. Brown, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1613 AIR FORCE nominations (34) beginning ULRIC A. ADAMS, JR., and ending CHRISTOPHER A. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1614 AIR FORCE nominations (6) beginning NATHAN A. CASE, and ending OMAR A. PEREA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1615 AIR FORCE nominations (66) beginning NICOLAS SOLOMON ALCOCER, and ending ROBERT CONWELL ZEESE, which

nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1616 AIR FORCE nomination of Scott W. Hurrelbrink, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1636 AIR FORCE nomination of Michelle G. Stucky, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

IN THE ARMY

PN1511 ARMY nomination of Justin J. Dupree, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1512 ARMY nomination of Matthew J. Barnes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1513 ARMY nomination of Raymond T. Gillen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1514 ARMY nomination of Daniel L. Petterson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1515 ARMY nomination of Justin L. Sanders, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1516 ARMY nominations (7) beginning TIMOTHY W. BLATTER, and ending ELIZABETH A. ROXWORTHY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1517 ARMY nomination of Serena T. Mukai, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1518 ARMY nominations (11) beginning HAROLD B. BENDER, and ending YORLONDO S. WORTHAM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1519 ARMY nominations (6) beginning RUSSELL D. BOYD, and ending MICHAEL J. WILLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1520 ARMY nominations (3) beginning ROBERT M. FARMER, and ending STEPHEN B. YARBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1521 ARMY nomination of Timothy L. Mitchell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1522 ARMY nomination of Raymond J. Ramos, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1553 ARMY nomination of Reza H. Heshmati, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1554 ARMY nomination of William C. Perry, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1555 ARMY nomination of Todd P. Balog, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1556 ARMY nomination of Edgar A. Gonzalez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1562 ARMY nomination of Rance A. Lee, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2024.

PN1563 ARMY nomination of Kourtney C. Slaughter, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2024.

PN1564 ARMY nomination of Kevin J. Barry, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2024.

PN1597 ARMY nomination of Mark D. Buzzelli, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1600 ARMY nomination of Andrew R. Morgan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1602 ARMY nominations (49) beginning AARON V. ALLEN, and ending KRISTY M. WOLTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1603-1 ARMY nominations (212) beginning CARL N. ADAMS, and ending EDWARD O. ZIEMBINSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 9, 2024.

PN1637 ARMY nomination of Eve C. Cremers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

PN1638 ARMY nominations (4) beginning DANIEL J. ALLEN, and ending DARREN L. KOBERLEIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

PN1639 ARMY nominations (6) beginning PAUL M. DYER, and ending JOEL N. STAMP, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

PN1640 ARMY nomination of Davis L. Spurlock, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

PN1641 ARMY nomination of Morgan M. Griffin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

PN1642 ARMY nomination of Bryan K. Walker, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

PN1643 ARMY nomination of Julissa J. Myers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

IN THE COAST GUARD

*PN1148 COAST GUARD nominations (335) beginning DANTE ADAMS, and ending GEORGE O. ZIWORITIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 6, 2023.

*PN1288 COAST GUARD nominations (2) beginning VICTORIA C. FUTCH, and ending NICHOLAS C. CUSTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

*PN1289 COAST GUARD nomination of Adam R. Williamson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 8, 2024.

*PN1394 COAST GUARD nominations (3) beginning KEEDAH N. RAY, and ending GREGORY W. PECK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2024.

*PN1395 COAST GUARD nomination of Daniel J. Reilly, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2024.

*PN1507 COAST GUARD nomination of Linden M. Dahlkemper, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

*PN1532 COAST GUARD nomination of Tammy Bolin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

*PN1533 COAST GUARD nomination of Derek D. Wilson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

*PN1534-1 COAST GUARD nominations (77) beginning JENNIFER J. ANDREW, and ending CHRISTOPHER J. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN285-2 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Laura E. Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 26, 2023.

PN497 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (7) beginning William Czajkowski, and ending Everett Wakai, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 30, 2023.

PN1128 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (3) beginning John C. Brewer, and ending William Johann Schmonsees, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 1, 2023.

PN1396 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (137) beginning Jean E. Akers, and ending Stephen Ziegenfuss, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2024.

PN1397 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (3) beginning Donald A. Blome, and ending Donald Lu, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2024.

PN1398 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (59) beginning Eliza F. Al-Laham, and ending Richard Tsutomu Yoneoka, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 25, 2024.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1522 MARINE CORPS nomination of Douglas R. Burian, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1523 MARINE CORPS nomination of Romeo P. Cubas, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

IN THE NAVY

PN1525 NAVY nomination of Leslie L. Hubbell, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1526 NAVY nomination of George L. Bright, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1527 NAVY nominations (33) beginning SCOTT M. BIRKEMEIER, and ending JOHN L. VINCENT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1528 NAVY nominations (2) beginning Bryan P. Clayton, and ending George M. Johnson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1530 NAVY nominations (53) beginning DANIEL M. ARAKI, and ending JENNA M. WESTERBERG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1531 NAVY nominations (32) beginning ANDRES J. AVILES, and ending ADAM I. ZAKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 14, 2024.

PN1557 NAVY nomination of Breyer M. Houston, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2024.

PN1648 NAVY nomination of Craig R. Bottoni, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 18, 2024.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN1200 SPACE FORCE nomination of Angela C. Angelini, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 7, 2023.

PN1565 SPACE FORCE nominations (2) beginning JABB B. BUMANGLAG, and ending CHRISTIAN J. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2024.

PN1566 SPACE FORCE nomination of Branden E. Buffalo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

MORNING BUSINESS

REFORMING INTELLIGENCE AND SECURING AMERICA ACT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, this explanatory statement memorializes the understanding of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence regarding the implementation of section 25 of Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act.

I ask unanimous consent that the explanatory statement be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT ON THE REFORMING INTELLIGENCE AND SECURING AMERICA ACT

The following is the Explanatory Statement to accompany the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, Public Law 118-49 ("the Act"). This Explanatory Statement memorializes the intent of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence regarding the implementation of Section 25 of the Act.

Section 25 of the Act includes a technical modification to the definition of "electronic communication service provider" (ECSP) in Title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) to address unforeseen changes in electronic communications technology in the sixteen years since Section 702 of FISA was first enacted.

The technical modification is intended to fill a critical intelligence gap regarding the types of communications services used by non-U.S. persons outside the United States that arose following litigation before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review (FISC-R).

Section 25 does not affect the overall structure of Section 702, or the protections codified in the statute. It remains unlawful under Section 702 for the government to target any entity inside the United States including, for example, any business, home, school, recreational facility, or place of worship. Further, it remains unlawful under Section 702 to compel any service provider to target the communications of Americans or any person inside the United States.

Congress intends that the amended ECSP definition will be used exclusively to cover the type of service provider at issue in the litigation before the FISC—that is, those

technology companies providing the service the FISC concluded (and the FISC-R affirmed) fell outside the then-existing statutory definition. As of the enactment of this legislation, the number of technology companies providing such a service from which the government intends to seek compelled assistance under Section 702 is extremely small. In a letter dated April 18, 2024, and placed into the Congressional Record the same day, the Department of Justice committed to provide, and Congress intends to receive, a list of such technology companies in classified form.

To facilitate appropriate oversight of the government's commitment to apply the updated definition of ECSP for the limited purposes described above, the Department will also report to Congress every six months regarding any application of the updated definition. This additional reporting will allow Congress to ensure the government adheres to its commitment regarding the application of this narrow definition. Further, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will work to ensure that application of this revised definition is circumscribed to the specific services at issue in the litigation before the FISC and FISC-R in the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025.

REFORMING INTELLIGENCE AND SECURING AMERICA ACT

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying letter from the presiding judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

UNITED STATES FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE COURT, Washington, DC, April 16, 2024.

Hon. RICHARD J. DURBIN,
Chair, Committee on the Judiciary,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.
Hon. MARK R. WARNER,
Chair, Select Committee on Intelligence,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIR DURBIN AND CHAIR WARNER: On behalf of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), I am writing to express concerns regarding a provision of H.R. 7888, the "Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act," that could seriously disrupt FISC operations without increasing the effectiveness of the FISC in reviewing government surveillance applications. Section 5(a) of H.R. 7888 would require the FISC, "to the extent practicable and absent exigent circumstances," to assign applications to renew Title I surveillance orders for U.S.-person targets to the "judge who issued the original order."

Steering renewal applications for U.S.-person targets to a specific judge would be burdensome and disruptive and would not improve the quality of FISC review or enhance privacy protections. Moreover, and despite best efforts to implement such a requirement, there may be many cases in which it is not "practicable" for the initial judge to entertain a renewal application.

On December 8, 2023, I expressed concerns regarding comparable provisions in H.R. 6570 and H.R. 6611. (Enclosed are copies of my letter to the leadership of the House of Representatives of that date and a memorandum that was transmitted therewith, including enclosures that outline the concerns in greater detail.) Section 5(a) of H.R. 7888 is similarly worded and presents the same concerns.

For U.S.-person targets whom the government wants to monitor over time, the FISC is often called upon to review a series of applications at intervals of no longer than 90 days, and potentially more frequently in fast-moving investigations. The "impracticability" of presenting each such application to the same judge is inherent in the statutory structure and composition of the FISC. As established by Congress in 1978, the FISC is a single national court comprised of United States District Judges from at least seven circuits around the country. As a part-time duty, these judges travel to a secure federal court facility in Washington, DC, to hear FISC cases under a rotating duty-week schedule. Currently, their dockets consist of applications the government submits for that week, without regard to which judges approved prior orders. Traveling to Washington, DC, more frequently to entertain renewals earmarked for their individual review would substantially impinge FISC judges' capacity to perform their district-court work.

We understand some in Congress may intend this provision to reduce government judge-shopping; however, presenting renewal applications to the judge who ruled favorably on the first one would not improve on the anti-judge-shopping procedures that Congress and the FISC have already put in place. FISA currently requires that, if the government resubmits a previously denied surveillance application, it must be presented to the judge who issued the denial. 50 U.S.C. §1803(a)(1). In addition, the FISC sets and implements the judges' duty schedule independently of the government. In order to forestall judge-shopping, the FISC withholds from the government the identity of the judge who is on duty during a given week until after the government is required by Court rule to have submitted the applications it proposes to be heard that week. By law, renewal applications must be reviewed *de novo* with the same scrutiny as an original application; in practice renewal applications often benefit from even more information than was available initially (e.g., results of previously authorized surveillance). Accordingly, the FISC robustly ensures that each judge who considers a renewal application is fully informed about prior applications for the target, including facts proffered by the government, reports on implementation, and internal analysis and observations by the FISC judge(s) who previously ruled and staff attorneys.

The Court recognizes that it is within the province of the political branches of government to determine policy on national security, personal privacy, and other such matters. However, federal judges do consult with Congress regarding the effects of certain legislation on court operations. I am restating concerns about this judge assignment provision because the record does not reflect that all members of Congress have received and fully considered information about the FISC's unique structure and mode of operations in evaluating it. If the timetable for reauthorizing Section 702 of FISA does not permit a thorough examination of this provision prior to legislative action, I hope that Congress considers revisiting the provision in the near future. I also wish to be clear that it may not often be "practicable" to steer renewal applications to the judge who granted the original order, due to the serious burdens and inefficiencies that fuller implementation would impose on judges in their FISC and district-court capacities.

To the extent that you believe it would assist Congress's current or future deliberations, I encourage you to place this letter and the enclosures in the Congressional Record.