

the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Joseph R. Castillo, 0000
Capt. Daniel R. May, 0000
Capt. Peter V. Neffenger, 0000
Capt. Charles W. Ray, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) William D. Baumgartner, 0000
Rear Adm. (1h) Manson K. Brown, 0000
Rear Adm. (1h) Cynthia A. Coogan, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Robert D. Jamison, of Virginia, to be an Under Secretary of Homeland Security.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1121 AIR FORCE nomination of Joseph V. Treanor III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1122 AIR FORCE nomination of Pamala L. Browngrayson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1123 AIR FORCE nomination of Alicia J. Edwards, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1124 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning THERESA D. BROWNDONQUAH, and ending CHERYL A. JOHNSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1125 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning JEFFREY J. HOFFMANN, and ending GERALD B. WHISLER III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1126 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning KELLEY A. BROWN, and ending MARK A. NIELSEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1144 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning JOHN R. SHAW, and ending NATALIE L. RESTIVO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

IN THE ARMY

PN1056 ARMY nominations (40) beginning WILLIAM E. ACKERMAN, and ending MARK A. VAITKUS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1057 ARMY nominations (22) beginning RACHEL A. ARMSTRONG, and ending VERONICA A. THURMOND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1058 ARMY nominations (6) beginning VIVIAN T. HUTSON, and ending LAURIE E. SWEET, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1059 ARMY nominations (7) beginning GARY D. COLEMAN, and ending PAUL E. WHIPPO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1060 ARMY nomination of Lillian L. Landrigan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1093 ARMY nominations (2) beginning SARAH B. GOLDMAN, and ending MICHEAL B. MOORE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1094 ARMY nominations (3) beginning RICKY A. THOMAS, and ending JOSEPH PUSKAR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1095 ARMY nomination of Tarnjit S. Saini, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1096 ARMY nomination of Bockarie Sesay, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1097 ARMY nomination of Deborah Minnickshearin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1098 ARMY nomination of Stephen L. Franco, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1099 ARMY nomination of George Quiroa, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1100 ARMY nominations (4) beginning DAVID N. GERESKI, and ending CLINT E. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1101 ARMY nomination of Kimberly K. Johnson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1102 ARMY nominations (4) beginning ALAN JONES, and ending CHANTAY P. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1103 ARMY nominations (18) beginning MARIAN AMREIN, and ending D060583, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1127 ARMY nomination of Daniel J. Judge, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1128 ARMY nominations (2) beginning RICHARD HARRISON, and ending GREGORY W. WALTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1129 ARMY nominations (3) beginning JOE R. WARDLAW, and ending NICKOLAS KARAJOHN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1130 ARMY nominations (2) beginning VANESSA M. MEYER, and ending JAMES E. ADAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1145 ARMY nomination of Quindola M. Crowley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

PN1146 ARMY nominations (3) beginning PAUL A. MABRY, and ending ROBERT PERITO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

PN1147 ARMY nominations (147) beginning JOSEPH M. ADAMS, and ending D060256, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

PN1148 ARMY nominations (241) beginning ANTHONY J. ABATI, and ending D060260, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

PN1149 ARMY nominations (142) beginning DAVID P. ACEVEDO, and ending X1408, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

COAST GUARD

PN1119 COAST GUARD nomination of Robert A. Stohlmán, which was received by the

Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

PN1120 COAST GUARD nomination of Raymond S. Kingsley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 6, 2007.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN1014 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (16) beginning Llian G. K. Breen, and ending Anna-Elizabeth B. Villard-Howe, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 1, 2007.

IN THE NAVY

PN1061 NAVY nomination of Horace E. Gilchrist, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2007.

PN1106 NAVY nominations (15) beginning RICHARD W. SISK, and ending JOHN T. SCHOFIELD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 3, 2007.

PN1150 NAVY nominations (23) beginning STEPHEN W. ALDRIDGE, and ending KRISTOFER J. WESTPHAL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 11, 2007.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged of the following nominations: foreign service nominations listed as follows: PN 877, PN 955, PN 1006, PN 1007, PN 1015, PN 1034; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cedra Danielle Eaton, of Maryland

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

S. Nausher M. Ali, of California
Christopher Charles Ashe, of Pennsylvania
Kimberly K. Atkinson, of South Dakota
Deidra Di Anne Avendasora, of Minnesota
Tiffany M. Bartish, of Illinois
Christopher Graydon Beard, of Florida
Jennifer L. Becker, of Kansas
Nancy R. Biasi, of Oregon
Sheryl J. Bistransky, of Virginia
Michael A. Bradecamp, of Virginia
Cheryl R. Bruner, of South Dakota
Mark Colbourne Carlson, of Washington
Landry Joseph Carr, of Louisiana
Michael Albert Chung, of Washington
Sara M. Cobb, of Florida
Kathleen Marie Corey, of Washington
John C. Corrao, of Indiana
Sonata N. Coulter, of Washington
Joanne Held Cummings, of Texas
Paul Michael Cunningham, of Connecticut
Christopher M. Deutsch, of Virginia
Janet E. Deutsch, of Illinois
Beverli J. DeWalt, of Washington
Sarah A. Duffy, of Illinois
David Clifford Edginton, of Iowa
Ellen Beth Eisman, of New York
Jill Foster, of California
Eric Geelan, of New York

Kathleen D. Gibilisco, of California
 John H. Gimbel IV, of Nevada
 Carla A. Gonneville, of California
 Christopher R. Green, of Texas
 John R. Groch, of Texas
 H. Rebecca Grutz, of Texas
 Traver Gudie, of Florida
 Richard F. Hanrahan, Jr., of Illinois
 Cash A. Herbolich, of Arizona
 Anny Chi-Jin Ho, of Virginia
 Robert F. Hommowun, of California
 Amy J. Hood, of Virginia
 Jessica Marie Franz Huaracayo, of California
 Dorian Hurtado, of Florida
 Mollie Jax Jackson, of Oregon
 Theodore Evan Jasik, of New York
 Alma Musanovic Johnson, of New Hampshire
 Tiffney J. Johnson, of Texas
 Wendy Annette Kahler, of Virginia
 Deborah J. Kanarek, of California
 Mary Virginia Kane, of Maryland
 Wendy A. Kennedy, of Washington
 Jason B. Khile, of Illinois
 Julie Kim-Johnson, of Washington
 Emily L. King, of Virginia
 Brian P. Klein, of Pennsylvania
 Richard W. La Roche, Jr., of California
 Guy M. Lawson, of Texas
 Paula I. L'Ecuyer, of Virginia
 Paul A. Loh, of New York
 Leon C. Lowder III, of New York
 Laura deNelle Lucas, of Idaho
 Mary Elizabeth Madden, of Oregon
 Guy Margalith, of New York
 Berenice Mariscal, of Texas
 Robert M. Marks, of Florida
 Hagen Davis Maroney, of New York
 Melissa E. Martinecz, of New Mexico
 Partha Mazumdar, of Pennsylvania
 Lissa Mei-lin McAtee, of Washington
 P. Christopher McCabe, of Colorado
 Nancy Hillery McCarthy, of Texas
 Catherine E. McGeary, of Florida
 Aud-Frances McKernan, of California
 Cristina Marie Marko Meaney, of Arizona
 Ann Meceda, of California
 Sara M. Mercado, of California
 Kristian G. Moore, of Colorado
 John K. Moyer, of Pennsylvania
 Eshel William Murad, of Virginia
 Kevin T. Murakami, of Virginia
 Megan Thana Myers, of Minnesota
 Jeremy Nathan, of Illinois
 Jenifer Lynn Neidhart de Ortiz, of Florida
 Thu M. Nguyen, of Virginia
 Briana L. Olsen, of Washington
 Douglas S. O'Neill, of Florida
 Swati Mansukh Patel, of Alabama
 Coney Patterson, of Florida
 Timothy Eugene Peltier, of Virginia
 Steven Perry, of Virginia
 Brian R. Peterson, of Washington
 Christopher R. Reynolds, of New Jersey
 Christine Riehl, of Maryland
 Michael R. Roberts, of New Jersey
 Richard W. Roesing III, of Pennsylvania
 Meredith Leigh Rubin, of Virginia
 Joseph H. Runyon, of Florida
 Trina D. Saha, of California
 Anne Lee Seshadri, of New Hampshire
 Charles H. Sewall, of Florida
 Preeti Vikas Shah, of Michigan
 Kim Shaw, of California
 Patrick Isamu Smeller, of Maryland
 Jeffrey Brian Smith, of Texas
 Steven T. Smith, of New Hampshire
 John Thomas Speaks III, of Texas
 Debra A. Steigerwalt, of Virginia
 Scott Adam Sternberg, of Florida
 Stephen Bruce Stewart, of California
 Erinn C. Stott, of Texas
 Andrea V. Strano, of New York
 Paul M. Stronski, of New York
 Joseph A. Strzalka, of Michigan
 Rachel Sunden, of Texas
 Kathleen S. Szpila, of Massachusetts
 Debra Taylor, of Washington
 Victoria Jean Taylor, of Missouri

Chad Alan Thornberry, of California
 Jennifer L. Vieira, of Texas
 Thomas Joseph Wallis, of Virginia
 Drake A. Weisert, of Texas
 Adam P. West, of Illinois
 Joel Robert Wiegert, of Nebraska
 Patrick R. Wingate, of Texas
 Ellen Wong, of Missouri
 Danielle K. Wood, of Oregon
 Jean Thomas Woynicki, of Pennsylvania
 Daniela Zadrozny, of Texas

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Wendy P. Lyle, of Virginia
 Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the
 United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Christopher Adams, of California
 Consular Officers and Secretaries in the
 Diplomatic Service of the United States of
 America:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Peter D. Liston, of Florida

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mary E. Alexander, of Texas
 Logan Alschbach, of Virginia
 Robert T. Alter, of the District of Columbia
 Sandra E. Ambrose-Shem, of Virginia
 Robert Anderson, of Oregon
 Asha B. Andrews, of California
 David Avery, of New Mexico
 D. Heath Bailey, of Nevada
 Debra A. Barbessi, of Virginia
 Alexandra Lara Baumgartner, of West Vir-
 ginia
 Shari Alyson Berke, of the District of Co-
 lumbia
 Rachel E. Birthisel, of Virginia
 Brandon L. Borkowicz, of Illinois
 Donald A. Brown, of Louisiana
 Leslie E. Brown, of the District of Columbia
 Lindsay H. Bush, of Virginia
 Daniel J. Byrne, of Virginia
 Eric Camus, of Oregon
 Steven W. Carroll, of California
 Charles Coxwell Carson, of Virginia
 Christopher Ronald Carver, of Oregon
 Michael D. Christie, of Virginia
 Daniel Y. Chu, of California
 Daniel R. Cisek, of Illinois
 Alfonso Cortes, of New York
 John Edward Crippen, of Arkansas
 Ramona S. Crippen, of Arkansas
 Thomas P. Dalton, of Texas
 Susan V. Dankovich, of Pennsylvania
 Nathalie Jordan Davis, of Maryland
 Wayne Charles Davis, of Virginia
 Nathaniel P. Delemarre, of Virginia
 Lawanda B. Dixon, of Maryland
 Michael Stephen Doumitt, of Virginia
 Monique A. Downs, of Maryland
 Scott Driskel, of Virginia
 Janet Marie Elbert, of Virginia
 David Aaron Epstein, of New York
 Nancy Ann Eyde, of Michigan
 Kellee A. Farmer, of Kansas
 David Kip Francis, of Georgia
 Kevin W. Friloux, of Texas
 Edward A. Gallagher, of Virginia
 Nicole E. Gallagher, of Maryland
 Juan Jaime Gamboa, of Texas
 James C. Gessler, of Virginia
 Kristin Michele Gilmore, of California
 Stephen Glaser, of California
 Barry S. Greenberg, of Maryland
 Lawrence James Grossback, of Virginia
 Rebecca Haas, of Pennsylvania
 Greg A. Hall, of Maryland
 Mercedes Ruth Hammer, of Virginia
 Sarah J. Hansen, of Virginia
 Robert W. Harelant, of Nevada
 Anthony P. Harman, of Maryland
 S. Evan Harper, of the District of Columbia
 Megan Alice Harris, of Virginia
 Justin Matthew Hekel, of New York
 Paul E. Hickernell, of Virginia

Rebecca Katherine Hunter, of Florida
 Kareem N. Jamjoom, of Missouri
 James J. Jay, Jr., of Illinois
 Michael H. Johnson, Jr., of Virginia
 Nicole G. Johnson, of Wisconsin
 Eric A. Jordan, of Kansas
 Przemyslaw Robert Kaczorowski, of Mary-
 land
 George R. Kanekkeberg, of Virginia
 Megan M. Katin, of Virginia
 Elizabeth C. Kaufman, of Virginia
 James Brennan Kelly, of the District of Co-
 lumbia
 Keely Zwart Kilburg, of Texas
 Eric Michael Kline, of Virginia
 Scott O. Koenig, of California
 Timothy R. Kraemer, of Virginia
 Jeanne Brennan Land, of Virginia
 Susan P. Larson, of Virginia
 Elizabeth K. Lee, of California
 Leslie A. Linnemeier, of Virginia
 Mary LoFrisco-McClure, of Maryland
 Billy Malone, of Virginia
 Bruce G. Mangum, of Maryland
 David Matthew Mark, of Virginia
 Charles Martin, of Kentucky
 Paul J. Martinek, of Massachusetts
 Marjorie A. Mathelus, of Virginia
 George D. Mathews, of Virginia
 Catherine Jean McFarland, of Florida
 Grant L. McMurran, of Virginia
 Richard Bruce Middlebrooks, of Virginia
 Benjamin Edward Miller, of California
 Thomas Miniaci, of Virginia
 Blake W. Mobley, of the District of Columbia
 Kimberlee Moore, of Virginia
 Matthew Abraham Myers, Sr., of Florida
 William R. Nelson, of Wisconsin
 Nicole A. Nucelli, of Virginia
 Aaron P. Ong, of Virginia
 Robert C. Palmer, of California
 Brandy L. Pankau, of West Virginia
 Megan M. Phaneuf, of the District of Colum-
 bia
 Justin A. Ponchak, of Virginia
 Michael Hugh Quinn, of Alaska
 Jamie William Ravetz, of Pennsylvania
 Robin Reichenbach, of Virginia
 Christopher Rhoton, of Virginia
 Meredith Robertson, of Virginia
 Carolyn Rodal, of Virginia
 Timothy R. Roman, of Maryland
 Aaron John Rupert, of Ohio
 Manju K. Sadarangani, of New York
 Marco G. Sailors, of Pennsylvania
 Susan M. Sakraida, of Pennsylvania
 Marcelyn E. Sanchez, of California
 Cheryl Anderson Saus, of Virginia
 Kevi E. Sechrest, of Virginia
 David P. Segalini, of Virginia
 Anjalina Sen, of New York
 D. Alexandra Shuey, of the District of Co-
 lumbia
 Richard R. Silver, of California
 Theodora S. Smith, of Maryland
 Timothy J. Smith, of Maryland
 Andrew D. Snodgrass, of Virginia
 Jimmi Nicole Sommer, of Idaho
 Jorge Patrick Sowers, of Virginia
 Paul Glen Stahle, of Maryland
 Wade B. Stanton, of Virginia
 Sharla Stephenson, of Virginia
 Sarah C. Stewart, of Arizona
 Erin C. Stuart, of Virginia
 Mary E. Stuessy, of Ohio
 Huguette Thornton, of Florida
 Peter J. Thrapp, of Illinois
 Benjamin Tietz, of Virginia
 Joseph Anthony Tordella, of Florida
 Rubani I. Trimiew, of New Jersey
 Nguyen C. Trinh, of Maryland
 Kristine M. Tuori, of Maryland
 Cynthia Jean Turner, of Florida
 Ariel Rebecca Vaagen, of Texas
 Michelle R. Vassar, of Virginia
 Jessica R. Vielhuber, of Virginia
 Heidi B. Vierow, of Virginia

Timothy S. Wade, of the District of Columbia

Kerry Merkl Wald, of Connecticut
Michele Wells, of California
Richard Whitten, of Florida
Whitney Scott Wiedeman, of Texas
Stewart A.S. Wight, of Virginia
Todd Andrew Wilder, of Washington
Michelle Marie Wildman, of Indiana
Suzanne M. Yountchi, of California

The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture/APHIS for promotion within and into the Senior Foreign Service to the classes indicated: Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister:

Danny J. Sheesley, of Colorado

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Julia A. Stewart, of Virginia

The following-named Members of the Foreign Service to be Consular Officers and/or Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America, as indicated:

Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Paul S. Cushman, of Florida

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Jessica Lynn Adams, of Ohio
Gregory David Aurit, of Nevada
Mark J. Bosse, of California
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Lydia Beth Butts, of Texas
Lisa Arunee Buzenas, of the District of Columbia
Daniel C. Callahan, of Virginia
Thomas L. Card, of Virginia
Michael Carney, of Georgia
Mary Karol Cline, of the District of Columbia

Marc S. Cook, of the District of Columbia
Michael Albert Daschbach, of Arizona
Thomas R. De Bor, of Pennsylvania
Kristen Fresonke, of New York
Lawrence H. Gemmell, of Maine
Lewis Gitter, of Pennsylvania
Kristofer E. Graf, of Texas
Sean S. Greenley, of South Carolina
Michael William Hale, of Virginia
Paul Allen Hinshaw, of Mississippi
A. Diane Holcombe, of Maryland
Richard B. Johns, of Virginia
Steve M. Kenoyer, of California
Richard Morris, of Colorado
Andrea Jane Parsons, of the District of Columbia

Miranda A. Rinaldi, of the District of Columbia

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Erik Martin Ryan, of Arkansas
Denise Shen, of Virginia
Joan Renee Sinclair, of California
Diana Maria Sitt, of California
Elizabeth A. Sunday, of Pennsylvania
Mary C. Thompson, of Texas
Laura A. Till, of Colorado
Miriam Elise Tokumasu, of Washington
Nyree Tripptree, of Georgia
Christopher Van Bebber, of California
Angela Raye Ventling, of New York
Vaida Vidugiris, of New York
Zebulun Q. Weeks, of Nevada
Diane Whitten, of Nebraska
Brandon L. Wilson, of Virginia
Deborah Winters, of the District of Columbia

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Hilda Marie Arellano, of Texas
Karen Dene-Turner, of the District of Columbia

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Deborah K. Kennedy-Iraheta, of Virginia
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Dona M. Dinkler, of Virginia
Gary Flynn Fuller, of California
Lawence Hardy II, of Washington
Michael T. Harvey, of Texas
James M. Harmon, of Maryland
Edith Fayssoux-Jones Humphreys, of Florida
Brooke Andrea Isham, of Washington
David Leong, of Virginia
Bobbie E. Myers, of Florida
Charles Eric North, of Virginia
Martha Erin Solo, of Virginia
Dennis J. Weller, of Illinois
Melissa Ann Williams, of Virginia

Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:

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Jeremy F. Curtin, of Maryland
Daniel Fried, of California
Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of New Hampshire

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Bernadette Mary Allen, of Maryland
Betsy Lynn Anderson, of Virginia
Claudia E. Anyaso, of the District of Columbia
Edmund Earl Atkins, of California
Joyce A. Barr, of Washington
Kevin Michael Barry, of Virginia
Leslie Ann Bassett, of California
Donna M. Blair, of Louisiana
Anne Taylor Callaghan, of Virginia
Arnold A. Chac, of New York
Michael Hugh Corbin, of California
Gene Allan Cretz, of New York
Michael Joseph Darmiento, of Virginia
Jonathan D. Farrar, of California
Philip S. Goldberg, of New York
Gary A. Grappo, of Florida
Charles H. Grover, of New Hampshire
David M. Hale, of New Jersey
Robert Porter Jackson, of Virginia
Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia

Stuart E. Jones, of Pennsylvania
Peter Graham Kaestner, of Florida
Susan E. Keogh, of California
Nabeel A. Khoury, of New York
Lisa Jean Kubiske, of Virginia
Joseph Estey MacManus, of New York
Haynes Richardson Mahoney III, of Massachusetts

M. Lee McClenny, of Washington
Nancy E. McEldowney, of Florida
Christopher J. McMullen, of the District of Columbia

James Desmond Melville, Jr., of New Jersey
William H. Moser, of Florida
Sandra M. Muench, of Florida
Anthony Muse, of Tennessee
Geraldine H. O'Brien, of Massachusetts
James A. Paige, of Ohio
Isiah L. Parnell, of Florida
Michael Bernard Regan, of New Jersey
Paul Edward Rowe, of Virginia
Larry Schwartz, of Washington
Justine M. Sincavage, of Pennsylvania
Jay Thomas Smith, of Indiana
Barbara J. Stephenson, of Florida

Agu Suvári, of Rhode Island
Teddy B. Taylor, of Maryland
Donald Gene Teitelbaum, of Virginia
Margaret A. Uyehara, of Virginia
James B. Warlick, Jr., of California
Kevin Michael Whitaker, of Virginia
Mary Jo Wills, of Virginia
Marie L. Yovanovitch, of Connecticut

Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Counselor:

Gregory Adams, of Arizona
Susan Elaine Alexander, of Washington
Richard Hanson Appleton, of California
Michael Lee Bajek, of Texas
Robert David Banks, of Virginia
John R. Bass II, of New York
Robert Stephen Beecroft, of California
Robert I. Blau, of Virginia
Thurmond H. Borden, of Texas
Philip Jackson Breeden, Jr., of California
Matthew J. Bryza, of California
Piper Anne-Wind Campbell, of New York
Thomas H. Casey, Jr., of New Jersey
Karen Lise Christensen, of Virginia
Robert John Clarke, of Florida
John Alan Connerley, of California
Thomas Frederick Daughton, of New York
Robert Richard Downes, of Texas
Susan Marsh Elliott, of Virginia
Laura Patricia Faux-Gable, of Virginia
Julie A. Furuta-Toy, of California
Gonzalo Rolando Gallegos, of Texas
Peggy Ann Gennatiempo, of Washington
Thomas Henry Goldberger, of New Jersey
Robert Daniel Griffiths, of Nevada
Eva Jane Groening, of New Jersey
Ted William Halstead, of Virginia
D. Brent Hardt, of Florida
Clifford Awtrey Hart, Jr., of Virginia
Francisca Thomas Helmer, of California
Simon Henshaw, of Massachusetts
Leslie C. High, of Pennsylvania
Anthony Alonzo Hutchinson, of Washington
Dorothy Senger Imwold, of Florida
Tina S. Kaidanow, of New York
Ann N. Kambara, of California
David Joel Katz, of Washington
Neil R. Klopfenstein, of Iowa
Christopher A. Lambert, of Virginia
John Charles Law, of Virginia
Frank Joseph Ledahawsky, of New Jersey
Lewis Alan Lukens, of Vermont
Carol Lynn MacCurdy, of Virginia
Kevin K. Maher, of Virginia
John A. Matel, of Washington
Robin Hill Matthewman, of Washington
Matthew John Matthews, of Virginia
Louis Mazel, of New Hampshire
Michael William McClellan, of Kentucky
Kenneth H. Merten, of Virginia
Lawrence Mire, of California
Michael Chase Mullins, of New Hampshire
Richard Walter Nelson, of California
Virginia E. Palmer, of Virginia
Robert Patterson, of Pennsylvania
Claire A. Pierangelo, of California
H. Dean Pittman, of Mississippi
Robert Glenn Rapson, of New Hampshire
Philip Thomas Reeker, of New York
Gary D. Robbins, of Washington
Todd David Robinson, of New Jersey
Matthew M. Rooney, of Texas
Dorothea-Maria Rosen, of California
Andrew T. Simkin, of Washington
Pamela Leora Spratlen, of California
William Ralph Stewart, of Texas
Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland
Susan M. Sutton, of Virginia
Alaina Teplitz, of the District of Columbia
Heather Ann Townsend, of the District of Columbia
Jeffrey Stewart Alexander Tunis, of Florida
Thomas E. Williams, Jr., of Virginia
Bisa Williams-Manigault, of Texas
Mary Hillers Witt, of Pennsylvania
Robert A. Wood, of New York

Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, and Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Cheryl L. Alston, of Texas
Robert Douglas Barton, of Texas
Kevin W. Bauer, of Virginia
Stephen P. Brunette, of Virginia
Scott P. Bultrowicz, of Ohio
Kenneth B. Dekleva, of Texas
Loren F. File, Jr., of Virginia
Gregory V. Gavagan, of Florida
Joseph G. Hays III, of Virginia
John F. Hernly, of Maryland
Kibby Felecia Jorgensen, of Florida
George G. Lambert, of Indiana
Phillip S. Louh, of New Jersey
James P. McDermott, of Maryland
Bill A. Miller, of Georgia
Richard A. Nicholas, of Colorado
Robert A. Riley, of Florida
Michael H. Ross, of Virginia
Eric N. Rumpf, of Washington
Donald A. Schenck, of Virginia
John W. Schilling, of Virginia
Conrad V. Schmitt, of Texas
James E. Vanderpool, of California
Frontis B. Wiggins, of Virginia

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jeffery A. Lifur, of Nevada

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

Sabinus Fyne Anaele, of Texas
Yohannes A. Araya, of Virginia
Jeff Richard Bryan, of Florida
Samuel Carter, Jr., of Virginia
Thaddeus S. Corley, of Nevada
Linda S. Crawford, of Florida
Matthew R. Drake, of California
Steven DeVane Edminster, of Maryland
Steven M. Fondriest, of the District of Columbia
Wayne A. Frank, of Hawaii
Jeffery T. Goebel, of the District of Columbia
David Gosney, of California
Stephen F. Herbaly, of Montana
Nicholas B. Higgins, of the District of Columbia
Michelle A. Jennings, of California
Melissa A. Jones, of California
Terence Ernest Jones, of Florida
Jessica J. Jordan, of Florida
Erin Austin Krasik, of Ohio
Akua N. Kwateng-Addo, of Maryland
Lisa Magno, of Virginia
Michael Richard McCord, of Maryland
Erin Nicholson Pacific, of the District of Columbia
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Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, and Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

Lonnie J. Price, of Virginia

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged of the following nominations: Mary Ann Glendon to be Ambassador to the Holy See, PN 1028; Charles Larson to be Ambassador to Latvia, PN 1087; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table,

the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mary Ann Glendon, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Holy See.

Charles W. Larson, Jr., of Iowa, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Latvia.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security Committee be discharged from the following nominations: Steven Murdock to be Director of the census, PN 660; Jeffrey Runge to be Assistant Secretary for the Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, PN 826; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Steven H. Murdock, of Texas, to be Director of the Census.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Jeffrey William Runge, of North Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee and the Banking Committee be discharged of the following nominations:

Scott Burns, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, PN692; Cynthia Dyer, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, PN827; Nathan Hochman, to be Assistant Attorney General, PN1052; Joseph Russoniello, to be U.S. attorney, PN1070; Alan Mendelowitz, to be Director of Federal Housing Finance Board, PN989; Christopher Padilla, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, PN861; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Christopher A. Padilla, of the district of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Cynthia Dyer, of Texas, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice.

Nathan J. Hochman, of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Joseph P. Russoniello, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of California.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Scott M. Burns, of Utah, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged of the following nominations:

Tracy Justesen, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education, PN1051; Carol D'Amico, PN244; and Eric Hanusek, PN243, to be members of the board of directors of the National Board for Education Sciences; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislation session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Tracy Ralph Justesen, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES

Eric Alan Hanushek, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

Carol D'Amico, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged of the following nominations:

Howard Radzely, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor, PN562; Stuart Ishimaru, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, PN845; Gregory Jacob, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor Statistics, PN944; Keith Hall, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, PN944; Douglas Webster, to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Labor, PN964; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Gregory F. Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

Keith Hall, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Douglas W. Webster, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Labor.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Stuart Ishimaru, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, as the first session of the 110th Congress concludes, we should note that the Senate has worked hard on executive nominations. In addition to confirming 40 lifetime appointments to the Federal bench, we confirmed 21 of this President's nominations for high-ranking executive branch positions, including the confirmations of nine U.S. attorneys, four U.S. marshals, and eight other important positions. We achieved these numbers in a year when our investigation into the mass firing of U.S. attorneys, which triggered a host of resignations by senior White House and Justice Department officials, led the Judiciary Committee to devote significant time to rebuilding the integrity and independence of the Justice Department.

We held hearings on nine executive nominations, including 2-day hearing on the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General of the United States and another hearing on the nomination of Judge Mark Filip to be Deputy Attorney General of the United States, the top two positions at the Justice Department. We also held hearings on the nominations of Michael J. Sullivan to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Ronald Jay Tenpas to be Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice; Ondray T. Harris to be Director, Community Relations Service, Department of Justice; David W. Hagy, to be Director of the National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice; Scott M. Burns, to be Deputy Director of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President; Cynthia Dyer, to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Department of Justice; and Nathan J. Hochman, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice.

We favorably reported 20 executive nominations, and the full Senate has proceeded to confirm 21 executive nominations, including 4 additional nominations discharged from the Judiciary Committee and confirmed today, those of Joseph P. Russoniello to be U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California, Cynthia Dyer to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office, Julie L. Myers to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, and Nathan J. Hochman, to be Assistant Attorney General of the Tax Division at the Justice Department.

I understand that Republican holds have prevented the confirmation of Michael J. Sullivan to be Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.

I thank the members of the Judiciary Committee for their hard work all year in considering these important nominations. I especially thank those Senators who have given generously of their time to chair confirmation hearings throughout the year.

These nominations come at a critical time for the Nation. Over the course of this year, during which the Judiciary Committee investigated the firing of U.S. attorneys, we faced the most serious threat to the effectiveness and professionalism of the Justice Department since Watergate and the Saturday Night Massacre. Under this President, the Justice Department suffered a severe crisis of leadership that allowed our justice system to be corrupted by political influence. The crisis of leadership that led to numerous resignations and has taken a heavy toll on the tradition of independence that has long guided the Department and protected it from political influence. This crisis has also taken a heavy toll on morale at the Department and in confidence among the American people.

Our work to restore the Justice Department also including reporting nine U.S. attorney nominations: James Russell Dedrick to be U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Thomas P. O'Brien to be U.S. attorney for the Central District of California, Edward Meacham Yarbrough to be U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez to be U.S. attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Joe W. Stecher to be U.S. attorney for the District of Nebraska, John Wood to be U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri, Diane J. Humetewa to be U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona, Gregory A. Brower to be U.S. attorney for the District of Nevada, and Edmund A. Booth, Jr. to be U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Georgia. Some replace outstanding U.S. attorneys who were fired almost a year ago as part of the ill-advised, partisan plan to fire well-performing U.S. attorneys.

We also reported the nominations of four U.S. marshals: Michael David Credo for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Esteban Soto III for the District of Puerto Rico, John Roberts Hackman for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

We also reported the nominations of Julie L. Myers to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Dabney Langhorne Friedrich to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, and Beryl A. Howell to be a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Just this week, with only a few legislative days left to us before the Christmas holidays and the end of this session, our committee held two hearings for executive nominations.

Our track record shows that the Judiciary Committee has been working hard to make progress. Of course, when the White House fails to timely send us nominations to fill vacancies, it makes it that much harder.

The White House has made an abysmal effort to send nominees to the Senate to replace the fired U.S. attorneys and to fill vacancies in those districts and many others. There are now 19 districts with acting or interim U.S. attorneys instead of Senate-confirmed

U.S. attorneys. That is nearly a quarter of all districts. Yet the White House has nominated only 3 people for these 19 spots. Of course, some of these could have been filled a year ago had the White House worked with the Senate.

I have urged the President to fill the remaining executive vacancies with nominees who will restore the independence of Federal law enforcement. Last month, the White House announced with great fanfare its intent to make nominations for key positions at the Department of Justice. It was only weeks later that several of these nominations were sent to the Senate. The delays in sending U.S. attorney nominees and others to the Senate follow the many months of delay where the White House failed to send nominees to fill vacancies that have been open since the summer, or before.

In the course of the committee's investigation into the unprecedented mass firing of U.S. attorneys by the President who appointed them, we uncovered an effort by officials at the White House and the Justice Department to exploit an obscure provision enacted during the PATRIOT Act reauthorization to do an end-run around the Senate's constitutional to confirm U.S. attorneys. The result was the firing of well-performing U.S. attorneys for not bending to the political will of political operatives at the White House.

I have repeatedly emphasized that when it comes to the Justice Department and to the U.S. attorneys in our home States, Senators have a say and a stake in ensuring fairness and independence in order to insulate Federal law enforcement function from untoward political influence. That is why the law and the practice has always been that these appointments require Senate confirmation. The advice and consent check on the appointment power for U.S. attorneys is a critical function of the Senate.

I had hoped when the Senate voted overwhelmingly to close the loophole created by the PATRIOT Act when we passed S.214, the Preserving United States Attorneys Independence Act of 2007, by a vote of 97 to 0, it would send a clear message to the administration to make nominations that could receive Senate support and begin to restore an important check on the partisan influence in law enforcement. Yet, even as we closed one loophole, the administration has been exploiting others to continue to avoid coming to the Senate. Under the guidance of an erroneous opinion of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, the administration has been, employing the Vacancies Act authority to use acting U.S. attorneys and the power to appoint interim U.S. attorneys sequentially. They have used this misguided approach to put somebody in place for 330 days without the advice and consent of the Senate. This approach runs afoul of congressional intent and the law.

By not providing us with the nominations to the highest ranking vacancies within the Justice Department and not providing the basic background materials needed to review such nominations before the Thanksgiving recess, the administration has once again foreclosed the opportunity to have these nominees considered by the Senate and in place this year. Those nominations will now necessarily carryover into the next session. That is unfortunate and was unnecessary.

We will continue to make progress when we can, and I will urge the White House to work with the Senate to fill these vacancies.

NOMINATION OF JON WELLINGHOFF AND JOE KELLIHER

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I will support the Senate moving forward on the confirmation of Jon Wellingshoff and Joe Kelliher to be members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. While I am pleased that FERC has been using its expanded authority granted by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to pursue manipulation in the electricity and natural gas markets, I think it is critically important to remind FERC of its statutory duty to oversee the energy markets and protect consumers.

In light of evidence of market manipulation in the Western electricity crisis in 2001, I fought hard to ban market manipulation in electricity and natural gas markets. My amendment, adopted by Congress as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, provided FERC new authority under the Federal Power Act and Natural Gas Act to investigate and punish market manipulation in electricity and natural gas markets.

I am pleased to see that FERC has used this expanded authority to conduct 64 investigations. According to FERC, 13 of these investigations have resulted in settlements involving the payment of civil penalties or other monetary remedies totaling over \$40 million. Two investigations have resulted in FERC bringing enforcement actions for alleged market manipulation against Amaranth Advisors LLC for \$291 million in civil penalties and Energy Trading Partners for \$167 million in civil penalties. Amaranth's shenanigans cost consumers upwards of \$9 billion dollars during the summer of 2006.

However, I want to remind FERC of its responsibilities relating to protecting consumers under the Federal Power Act's statutory "just and reasonable" standard. In section 1290 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which I authored, Congress directed FERC to exercise its Federal Power Act authority to enforce "just and reasonable" rates when it reviewed the validity of termination payment claims made by Enron during the Western energy crisis of 2000-2001.

After entering into power contracts in a market that Enron manipulated, several utilities, including the Snohomish Public Utility District in my

State, the Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company in Nevada, terminated their contracts with Enron or watched as Enron terminated them when the company's web of fraudulent accounting was revealed in late 2001. As a result, Enron tried to squeeze hundreds of millions of dollars of termination fee payments from the electricity consumers of these utilities. In my opinion, these payments demanded by Enron were certainly neither just nor reasonable.

After enactment of the Cantwell amendment, the Snohomish Public Utility District in my State and several other entities including the Nevada Power Company, asked FERC to exercise its Federal Power Act authority, which includes enforcing "just and reasonable" rates, and deny Enron the ability to charge the fraudulent termination payments.

Using the force of the Cantwell amendment, these Washington State and Nevada utilities were able to avoid protracted litigation and settle Enron's absurd termination fee claims, saving these utilities from paying hundreds of millions in unjust payments on contracts that Enron fraudulently induced. This has helped save electricity consumers of Washington and Nevada hundreds of millions of dollars.

This spring, the U.S. Supreme Court will review a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit which declared that FERC failed to use its authority under the Federal Power Act to enforce "just and reasonable" rates. In a brief to the Supreme Court in this matter, FERC recently took the position that it was free to approve long-term contracts arising out of the 2000-2001 Western power crisis notwithstanding evidence that, in the words of Stanford University energy economist Dr. Frank Wolak, suppliers to the Western markets during this period were "able to exercise market power at unprecedented levels" resulting in "prices vastly in excess of competitive levels."

As the Ninth Circuit's opinion makes clear, if FERC adopts market-based rates, it has an obligation to ensure that the markets operate properly and it cannot simply assume that a contract is just and reasonable even if the contract is the product of a manipulated market, such as the experienced in the West during 2000-2001.

It is troublesome that FERC continues to argue that it is free to ignore evidence of market manipulation and market power abuse when reviewing contracts affected by that abuse. Moreover, this position is inconsistent with its recent emphasis on enforcement of market standards. FERC's position in the Supreme Court essentially could allow market abusers to protect their ill-gotten gains by locking them up in contracts, undermining any incentive they might otherwise have to obey market rules and report abuses by other market participants.

While I am pleased that Commissioner Wellingshoff's response to my