

time developing afterschool programs to help at-risk youth discover and realize their potential.

Mr. Mayorkas has also worked directly on dozens of cases and overseen hundreds of attorneys relating to immigration during his tenure as a U.S. attorney. These cases included the prosecution of individuals and rings producing false immigration documents, illegal reentry cases, and alien smuggling conspiracies, among others.

For example, in 1999, at the very beginning of his career as U.S. attorney, Mr. Mayorkas prosecuted the ring-leader of an Iranian visa forgery operation connected to terrorism. Bahram Tabatabai pleaded guilty to providing material assistance with immigration papers to members of the People's Mujahadeen, a group that the State Department considers a terrorist group. Tabatabai helped overseas foreign nationals obtain fake birth certificates and records to apply for benefits and created false persecution stories for Iranians in the United States to apply for asylum.

Mr. Mayorkas also prosecuted Jesse Gardona who at the time was a 15-year veteran of INS—for his role in moving 10 undocumented immigrants from an INS detention facility to an East Los Angeles drop house and demanding as much as \$1,800 in ransom from their relatives.

The mission of Citizenship and Immigration Services is to establish immigration services, policies, and priorities to preserve America's legacy as a nation of immigrants while ensuring that no one is admitted who is a threat to public safety. Mr. Mayorkas has a record of working to secure our Nation's criminal and immigration laws in the face of increasing gang and border violence—and as travel documents have become less secure, to work to ensure that fraud is no longer prevalent in our immigration system.

I am confident that under Mr. Mayorkas' leadership, this administration will work to preserve and increase the integrity of our immigration laws by decreasing fraud and bringing accountability to our immigration system.

It is also my belief that Mr. Mayorkas has the vision to lead Citizenship and Immigration Services in the other half of its mission—to preserve the role of America as a compassionate Nation that treats families and children at our shores humanely and with an eye toward the potential they bring to our Nation. In 1960, Mr. Mayorkas and his family fled Cuba and came to the United States as refugees. Since then, he has lived the American dream and has done so by working on behalf of the American people.

Mr. President, with the nomination of Mr. Mayorkas the administration has taken a significant step toward rebuilding public confidence in the secure, fair, and effective administration of our Nation's immigration laws. I urge my colleagues to confirm Mr.

Mayorkas today so that DHS will have the leadership in place to get to work on behalf of the American people.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to Calendar Nos. 415 and 418 and that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, no further motions be in order, and any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD and 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:

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

David J. Kappos, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, vice Jonathan W. Dudas, resigned.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

David Edward Demag, of Vermont, to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont for the term of four years, vice John R. Edwards.

### NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of PN-499 and that the Senate then proceed to the consideration of the nomination; that the nomination be confirmed and the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, and no further motions be in order, any statements relating to the nomination 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 nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Deborah Matz, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring April 10, 2015.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Veterans' Affairs Committee be discharged from PN-647; that the Senate proceed to the nomination; that the nomination be confirmed and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joan M. Evans, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional and Legislative Affairs).

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from PN-823 and that the Senate then proceed to the nomination; that the nomination be confirmed and the motions to recon-

sider be laid upon the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Kelvin James Cochran, of Louisiana, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged en bloc of PN-819, PN-528, and PN-529; that the Senate proceed en bloc to the nominations; that the nominations be confirmed and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Alexander G. Garza, of Missouri, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

#### FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

Julia Akins Clark, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Ernest W. Dubester, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2012.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### NOMINATION OF CASS R. SUNSTEIN TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 167, the nomination of Cass Sunstein to be the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

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

The clerk will report the nomination. The bill clerk read the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I have a cloture motion at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The bill clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Harry Reid, Joseph I. Lieberman, Mark Udall, Patrick J. Leahy, Daniel K. Akaka, Richard Durbin, Sherrod Brown, Patty Murray, Jeanne Shaheen, John F. Kerry, Robert Menendez, Jack Reed, Mark Begich, Tom Harkin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Ron Wyden, Kirsten E. Gillibrand.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the pro forma session on Monday, August 10, not count as the intervening day and that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session.

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

#### JACQUES PURVIS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have had the good fortune of having people to work with me and with us, and one of my prizes over these years has been a young man by the name of Jacques Purvis who has worked on my personal staff. He is, of course, an integral part of the cloakroom. We see him here every day. He helps send to me every day on my e-mail account what is taking place each day. I read faithfully what is taking place because I am not here all the time on the Senate floor. He is bright, hardworking, and so nice. He is going to be leaving the Senate to go to the London School of Economics for an advanced degree. I have tried to talk him out of it, but not really, because he has various goals in mind. He is going to complete his studies in London, come back and go to law school. I hope after that time he will consider coming back and working in the Senate. We will all miss him. He is a wonderful young man, and I consider him a friend.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 1 p.m. on Monday, August 10, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted; that following the pro forma session, the Senate adjourn under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 172 until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired,

the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period of morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1023, the Travel Promotion Act, with the time equally divided and controlled until 5:30 p.m. between the two leaders or their designees.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Under a previous order, at approximately 5:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Dorgan amendment to the travel promotion legislation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
AUGUST 10, 2009, AT 1 P.M.

Mr. REID. That being the case, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I ask unanimous consent it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:16 p.m., adjourned until Monday, August 10, 2009, at 1 p.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BARRY B. WHITE, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO NORWAY.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

DEBORAH MATZ, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 10, 2015.

The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

JOAN M. EVANS, OF OREGON, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS).

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations by unanimous consent and the nominations were confirmed:

JULIA AKINS CLARK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

ERNEST W. DUBESTER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JULY 29, 2012.

ALEXANDER G. GARZA, OF MISSOURI, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

KELVIN JAMES COCHRAN, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Friday, August 7, 2009:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEFFREY D. FELTMAN, OF OHIO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (NEAR EASTERN AFFAIRS).

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JO-ELLEN DARCY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

COLIN SCOTT COLE FULTON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PHILIP L. VERVEER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION POLICY IN THE BUREAU OF ECONOMIC, ENERGY, AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND U.S. COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION POLICY.

MARIA OTERO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (DEMOCRACY AND GLOBAL AFFAIRS).

##### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

CRAIG E. HOOKS, OF KANSAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CARLOS PASCUAL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MEXICO.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WILMA A. LEWIS, OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

ROBERT V. ABBEY, OF NEVADA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

FRANCIS S. COLLINS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.

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

JAMES A. LEACH, OF IOWA, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ROCCO LANDESMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

##### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

RAYMOND M. JEFFERSON, OF HAWAII, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERTHARIN COUSIN, OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

KERRI-ANN JONES, OF MAINE, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS.

DAVID KILLION, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

GLYN T. DAVIES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE VIENNA OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

GLYN T. DAVIES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

##### PEACE CORPS

AARON S. WILLIAMS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL ANTHONY BATTLE, SR., OF GEORGIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE AFRICAN UNION, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

MARTHA LARZELERE CAMPBELL, OF MICHIGAN, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

JOHN R. BASS, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR,