

been waiting for the administration to take action to ensure that the composition of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health is adjusted so that it will more fairly examine workers' claims, but the administration has failed to act. Sadly, I fear that, to a great extent, these actions are the result of conscious decisions by certain agency officials.

Since the Department of Labor's mission is to foster and promote the welfare of American workers, I hoped to work with the Department to ensure that the quiet heroes of the Rocky Flats petition were compensated. However, I have struggled to find common ground, and for some of these workers, time is running out. Moreover, hearings held by the House Judiciary Committee have left me with serious questions regarding their efforts to undermine the Rocky Flats and other SEC petitions in the name of cost containment and other shameful actions.

I hope to discuss these questions with Mr. Sequeira and other administration officials and to get some firm commitments about cleaning up this process, moving forward fairly, and getting the Rocky Flats petition approved. Until then, I cannot in good faith allow this nomination to proceed.

INDIAN HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2006

Mr. DORGAN, Mr. President, earlier today I spoke on the Senate floor about the need to pass the Indian Health Care Improvement Reauthorization bill. My colleagues, Senator MCCAIN and Senator ENZI, have worked long and hard over the past several weeks to address the many objections that have been raised by the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Those negotiations have brought clarity to the positions of the administration and have helped to define how legislation can best address the health crisis in Indian country. In an effort to memorialize those discussions, I am joining Senators MCCAIN and ENZI in cosponsoring the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2006. The bill being introduced tonight reflects, to a significant extent, the bill that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs approved in October 2005. It also reflects the many hours of negotiations and meetings with the administration, the Indian Affairs Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. In spite of the dedication of all those involved, however, the bill reflects progress but not perfection.

I have talked to the tribal leaders who are advocates for Indian health care improvements about this bill. They, too, are pleased that we have made some progress. But they, too, feel there have been too many compromises and we must begin with a fresh view of how to improve the health care of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

When the 110th Congress convenes in January, I intend to work with Indian Country and my colleagues in the Senate and in the House to produce a bill that will put solutions for Indian people front and center. We have spent far too much time these past 8 years focusing on legalistic issues rather than on human needs. I thank Senator MCCAIN and Senator ENZI for their leadership in bringing us to this important juncture and I look forward to working with them over the next 2 years to reauthorize the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PRIVATE DEBT COLLECTION PROGRAM

Mr. BAUCUS. The American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 authorized the IRS to hire private debt collection agencies to collect delinquent taxes. An IRS pilot program was initiated this year, and the IRS expects to expand the program in early 2007.

It is important that the program be administered by the IRS in a fair and responsible manner. Senator NELSON has proposed legislation, already unanimously passed by the Senate, which would ensure 10 percent of the employees assigned to the IRS contract by the private agencies are persons with disabilities. This will not affect the ability of the private contractors to collect delinquent taxes, but it will greatly affect the ability of persons with disabilities to find gainful employment that will promote their independence and well-being.

I commend Senator NELSON for his commitment to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities. I pledge to work with both of my good friends, Senator NELSON and Senator GRASSLEY, in the next session of Congress to support his efforts.

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. I thank my good friend, Senator BAUCUS.

As my colleague knows, this legislation passed the Senate unanimously in November 2005 but unfortunately failed to be included in a conference report. It will create meaningful employment for persons with disabilities and disabled veterans in the field of third-party debt collection.

Especially with the large numbers of returning disabled veterans, employment opportunities are urgently needed. Generally, the employment opportunities for persons with disabilities are not great—1 in 10 Americans has a disability and the rate of unemployment is 70 to 80 percent. These private debt collection jobs are essentially highly paid call center jobs with annual incomes averaging \$40,000 and often come with good health benefits and 401(k) plans.

This legislation is necessary since in letters and conversations with the Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service they have stated that under existing GSA rules, they cannot set a specific number of awards aside

for contractors employing significant numbers of persons with disabilities. My understanding is the GSA currently allows a preference for a business that is owned by a disabled veteran, but it does not also allow a preference for a business that employs several persons with disabilities. This is an oversight which needs to be corrected.

This legislation is supported by the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Association of People With Disabilities, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Mr. BAUCUS. I support Senator NELSON's efforts to create opportunities that will employ persons with disabilities and am hopeful that these efforts can be in place before the IRS issues the next Request for Quotes in March 2007. I look forward to working with my colleagues and with the relevant agencies on this important matter.

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. I thank my colleague and good friend from Montana for his commitment to such an important effort.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 62, 63, 407, 670, 783, 900, 901, 904, 1000, 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005 through 1008, 1010, 1011, 1012, 1013, 1014, 1017, 1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023, 1024, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask consent that the following committees be discharged from further consideration of listed nominations and the Senate proceed to their consideration en bloc:

Judiciary Committee, Rachel Paulose PN1905; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Paul Schneider PN2127; Foreign Relations, Dianne Moss PN1846, foreign service promotion lists PN 2097, PN 2130, and PN 2085.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask continued unanimous consent for the Commerce Committee, Steven Chealander PN2062; Charles Dorkey III, PN2112; Rear Admiral Coogan PN 2086; Raymond Slagle PN 2093; NOAA promotion list, PN2094, Gregg Versaw, PN2131; Coast Guard promotion list 2154; Coast Guard officer list, PN2185; Agriculture Committee, Mark Keenum, PN2110 and PN 2109; Leland Strom, PN1864; the following nominations from the HELP Committee with PN numbers as designated: PN2126, PN2095, PN2096, PN2084, PN2165, PN2166, PN1762, PN1921, PN1732, PN2119, PN2120, PN2121, PN2122, PN2123, PN 2124,

PN1904, which is then to be referred to the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee; further, that the Homeland Security Committee then immediately be discharged from further consideration of PN1904. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

D. Michael Rappoport, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008. (Reappointment)

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

Michael Butler, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2008.

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

A.J. Eggenberger, of Montana, to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2008. (Reappointment)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Kimberly Terese Nelson.

NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2008. (Reappointment)

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

Stephen M. Prescott, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring April 15, 2011.

Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2010. (Reappointment)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

John M. R. Kneuer, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2015. (Reappointment)

Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2011.

POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

Dan Gregory Blair, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2012.

THE JUDICIARY

Margaret A. Ryan, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals

for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Scott Wallace Stucky, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

IN THE ARMY

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12, 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Thomas G. Sellars, 0000

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

To be brigadier general

Donald C. Leins, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., Section 12203:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT T. BRAY, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL RAYMOND W. CARPENTER,
BRIGADIER GENERAL HUNTINGTON B. DOWNER, JR., 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES W. NUTTALL, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL DARREN G. OWENS, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES I. PYLANT, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN D. SAUNDERS, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL RANDAL E. THOMAS, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL PATRICK D. WILSON, 0000

To be brigadier general

COLONEL ROMA J. AMUNDSON, 0000
COLONEL VIRGINIA G. BARHAM, 0000
COLONEL ROLAND L. CANDEE, 0000
COLONEL ALLEN M. HARRELL, 0000
COLONEL JAMES A. HOYER, 0000
COLONEL STEVEN P. HUBER, 0000
COLONEL RONALD W. HUFF, 0000
COLONEL DAVID F. IRWIN, 0000
COLONEL SCOTT W. JOHNSON, 0000
COLONEL THEODORE D. JOHNSON, 0000
COLONEL JEFFERY D. KINARD, 0000
COLONEL SCOTT D. LEGWOLD, 0000
COLONEL WALTER E. LIPPINCOTT, 0000
COLONEL WILLIAM M. MALOAN, 0000
COLONEL RANDALL R. MARCHI, 0000
COLONEL CRUZ M. MEDINA, 0000
COLONEL RICHARD S. MILLER, 0000
COLONEL STUART C. PIKE, 0000
COLONEL DANNY K. SPEIGNER, 0000
COLONEL STANLEY M. STRICKLEN, 0000
COLONEL MARGARET S. WASHBURN, 0000
COLONEL TONY N. WINGO, 0000

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 admiral

ADM. ROBERT F. WILLARD, 0000

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

Diane Humetewa, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring August 25, 2012.

Eric D. Eberhard, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Paul Cherecwich, Jr., of Utah, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2010.

Deorah L. Winice-Smith, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2010.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2008.

Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2012.

Dana K. Bilyeu, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board for a term expiring September 30, 2010.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Phillip L. Swagel, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Anthony W. Ryan, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert F. Hoyt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

Eric Solomon, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN2133 AIR FORCE nomination of Jeffrey C. Carstens, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2134 AIR FORCE nomination of Stephen R. Geringer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2135 AIR FORCE nomination of Paul M. Roberts, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2155 AIR FORCE nominations (21) beginning NEVANNA I. KOICHEFF, and ending PERLITA K. TAM, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2006.

PN2186 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning JERZY J. CHACHAJ, and ending GREG GORDON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2006.

PN2187 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning NORMAN B. DIMOND, and ending MARK A. DEATON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2006.

IN THE ARMY

PN2136 ARMY nomination of Willie G. Barnes, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2138 ARMY nomination of Daniel P. McLemore, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2139 ARMY nominations (2) beginning JOSEF R. SMITH, and ending MICHAEL D. TAYLOR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2140 ARMY nominations (2) beginning ROBERT M. BLACKMON, and ending BRADLEY M. VOORHEES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2141 ARMY nominations (2) beginning NICHOLAS C. BAKRIS, and ending ANDREW D. MAGNET, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2142 ARMY nominations (3) beginning DAVID E. GREEN, and ending MARTIN L. LADWIG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2143 ARMY nominations (3) beginning Moon H. Lee, and ending PHILLIP C. ZINNI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2144 ARMY nominations (7) beginning TERRELL W. BLANCHARD, and ending ROBERT L. VOGELSANG III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2145 ARMY nomination of Victoria L. Smith, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2146 ARMY nomination of Ira S. Derick, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2147 ARMY nomination of Joseph W. Brown, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2148 ARMY nomination of Rebecca L. Blankenship, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2149 ARMY nomination of Mark M. Kuba, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2150 ARMY nomination of Craig H. Rhyne Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2151 ARMY nominations (5) beginning LORRAINE T. BREEN, and ending THOMAS G. SUTLIVE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2156 ARMY nominations (125) beginning DEBRA L. COHEN, and ending KYLE J. ZABLOCKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2006.

PN2157 ARMY nominations (17) beginning NORMAN F. ALLEN, and ending DARIA P. WOLLSCHLAEGGER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2006.

PN2158-1 ARMY nominations (632) beginning MICHAEL R. ABERLE, and ending MARC L. ZUFFA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2006.

PN2159 ARMY nominations (31) beginning ROBIN B. ALLEN, and ending ARTHUR D. WELLMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2006.

PN2160 ARMY nominations (37) beginning JOHN G. ALVAREZ, and ending TRACY O. WYATT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2006.

PN2161 ARMY nominations (18) beginning JEFFREY S. ASHLEY, and ending THOMAS G. WINTHROP, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2006.

PN2188 ARMY nomination of Shelly M. Taylor, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2006.

PN2189 ARMY nominations (2) beginning OMAR L. HAMADA, and ending SETH W. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2006.

IN THE NAVY

PN2152 NAVY nominations (6) beginning KIMBERLY S. EVANS, and ending JOHN E. LEE III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2153 NAVY nomination of David J. Allen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 13, 2006.

PN2162 NAVY nominations (6) beginning HARRY T. WHELAN, and ending WILLIAM

G. RHEA III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 14, 2006.

PN2190 NAVY nominations (54) beginning KEITH T. ADKINS, and ending DORSEY WISOTSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 15, 2006.

NOMINATION REFERENCE AND REPORT

Rachel K. Paulose, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security.

Dianne I. Moss, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2007.

The following-named persons of the agencies indicated for appointment as Foreign Service Officers of the classes stated. For appointment as Foreign Service Officers of Class Four, Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

James A. Jimenez, of Florida

Nathaniel Sekou Turner, of Maryland

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

Thomas J. Brennan, of Missouri

Laura A. Gimenez, of California

Jane Kitson, of Maryland

Eric P. Olson, of Colorado

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Jeffrey D. Adler, of Massachusetts

Katherine Arcieri, of New Jersey

Mark Ernest Azua, of Illinois

Kristin Helene Bahnsen, of the District of Columbia

Sherri Baker, of Virginia

Brian T. Bedell, of Wisconsin

Shannon D. Behaj, of Delaware

Lynette M. Behnke, of the District of Columbia

Daniel M. Bell III, of Virginia

Stephen Black, of New York

Caren A. Brown, of Arizona

Joel Todd Bullock, of Alabama

Daniel N. Callister, of Virginia

Angela Caulfield, of Virginia

Andrew Hun Choi, of Virginia

John Michael Coyle, of Virginia

Jonathan Joel Crawford, of Virginia

Patrick Everett Crunkleton, of Virginia

Jonathan M. Cullen, of Virginia

Valeri A. Davies, of Virginia

Kimberly J. Deichert, of Ohio

Ainsley Yohann deSilva, of Virginia

Pradnya Pradhan Deshpande, of Virginia

Hester Kerkisiek Dredge, of Texas

Eric Eilskov, of Texas

Aaron Feit, of Michigan

Emily S. Fertik, of Massachusetts

Patrick J. Fischer, of Pennsylvania

Ann Clementi Flynn, of California

Jillian Frumkin, of Virginia

Jane K. Gamble, of Washington

Leah George, of New York

Peter H. Gillette, of Virginia

Steven F. Grabowski, of Virginia

Kristi L. Gruizenga, of Michigan

Carrie A. Gryskiewicz, of Minnesota

Michael D. Guinan, of Virginia

Reva Gupta, of Maryland

Caroline Adair Hamilton, of Texas

Kenneth C. Han, of Virginia

Elizabeth E. Hanny, of Virginia

Alexander Hawkes, of California

Lynda J. Hinds, of California

Elizabeth M. Hoffman, of New York

John Thomas Ice, of Kentucky

Kenneth Wayne Jackman II, of the District of Columbia

Jennifer Marie Jaskel, of Virginia

Jennifer A. Jones, of California

Blaine Kaltman, of Florida

Daniel Seth Katz, of Washington

Julie L. Kelly, of Virginia

Brian E. Kennedy, of the District of Columbia

William E. Kirby, of Virginia

Karen E. Kirchgasser, of the District of Columbia

Shawn A. Kobb, of Virginia

Elizabeth A. Kolojek, of Ohio

Steven W. Koop, of Virginia

Diana L. Kramer, of the District of Columbia

Simon Kim Lee, of Virginia

Marion D. Leveskas, of Ohio

King San Lien, of Massachusetts

Alma London, of Virginia

Edward V. Marshall, of Virginia

Amir Masliyah, of California

Kimberly L. McClain, of Texas

Susan N. McFee, of New Jersey

McKenzie A. Milanowski, of Pennsylvania

Carolyn A. Mills, of Virginia

Vincent R. Moore, of South Carolina

Matthew J. Morrill, of Virginia

Adam D. Murray, of Michigan

Menaka M. Nayyar, of New York

Jaimee Macanas Neel, of Nevada

Mariana L. Neisuler, of Virginia

Richard C. Nicholson, of Florida

Aaron Adrian Nuutinen, of Texas

Angela Jane Palazzolo, of Virginia

Katrisa Bohne Peffley, of Minnesota

Kimberly G. Phelan, of California

Anthony V. Pirnot, of Pennsylvania

Jennifer L. Proulx, of Virginia

Steven M. Riches, of Tennessee

Dale M. Richter, of Virginia

Rene A. Rivera-Santiago, of Virginia

Silvana Del Valle Rodriguez, of the District of Columbia

Michael James Scharding, of the District of Columbia

Sarah Goldfeder Schmidt, of Maine

Erik J. Schnotala, of Illinois

Susan T. Serna, of Texas

Amit S. Sheth, of Virginia

Craig C. Shipley, of Virginia

Spencer Carryn Shipman, of Maryland

Scott M. Simpson, of Texas

Katherine Parks Skarsten, of Colorado

Virginia Lee Stern, of Illinois

Rachel M. Strein, of Virginia

Jennifer Skousen Sudweeks, of Virginia

Barbara R. Szczepaniak, of Florida

Marc Taranto, of Virginia

Jaime L. Teahen, of Virginia

Hamish B. Teasdale, of Virginia

James Tira, of New York

Danielle Marie Traylor, of the District of Columbia

Matthew E. Wall, of Alabama

Daniel Karl Walter, of Virginia

Mary Walz, of Washington

David Earl Williams, of North Carolina

Susan A. Wilson, of Virginia

Howell J. Winters, of Virginia

Mireille L. Ziesenis, of the District of Columbia

The following-named persons of the agencies indicated for appointment as Foreign Service Officers of the classes stated. For appointment as Foreign Service Officers of Class Three, Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurie Jeanne Meininger, of California

For appointment as Foreign Service Officers of Class Four, Consular Officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Marshall C. Derks, 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

Heather Byrnes, of Alaska

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Patrick M. Agents, of Virginia

James D. Applegate, of Michigan
Maha Angelina Armush, of Texas
Chuka Nnonso Asike, of Maryland
Jayshree Balasubramanian, of North Carolina
Jason J. Beck, of Utah
Richard Cleveland Blackwood, of Virginia
Patrick A. Bogue, of Virginia
Stephanie Elizabeth Boscaino, of Virginia
Jeffrey D. Bowan, of Washington
Thomas Scott Brown, of Washington
Christienne Carroll, of California
Jeffrey John Cary, of the District of Columbia
Michael G. Cathey, of California
James A. Catto, of South Carolina
Perry Yang Chen, of Virginia
Gabrielle Ann Collins, of the District of Columbia
William Evan Couch, of Alabama
Cornelius C. Cremin, of California
Chris Curran, of North Carolina
Roberto Custodio, of Florida
T.A. Dadisman III, of Virginia
Amy Elizabeth Dahm, of Texas
Gregory D'Alesandro, of Maryland
Mark S. Davies, of New Mexico
Joye L. Davis-Kirchner, of Missouri
Anne B. Debevoise, of California
Jaffar A. Diab, of Massachusetts
Christopher R. Dilworth, of Virginia
Diana P. Dragon, of Virginia
Theresa L. Dunn, of Virginia
Jason D. Evans, of Hawaii
David Fabrycky, of Virginia
Richard P. Feldman, of the District of Columbia
Richard A. Fisher, of Virginia
Kathleen Fox, of California
Elaine C. Glasenapp, of Virginia
Corey M. Gonzalez, of the District of Columbia
Veronika Grayless, of Virginia
George H. Green, of Virginia
Paula Greenlee, of Virginia
Grant S. Guthrie, of California
Andrew S. Hamrick, of Georgia
Carolyn F. Handy, of Virginia
Alison C. Hannah, of Massachusetts
Adam J. Hantman, of Maryland
Sara Ruth Harriger, of Alaska
Natalie A. Henry, of Virginia
Ralan Lucas Hill, of California
Alice Ladene Holder, of California
Barbara A. Holston, of Virginia
James W. Holtsnider, of Colorado
Aaron D. Honn, of Texas
Ludovic Hood, of the District of Columbia
Erika Lorel Hosking, of Virginia
Elizabeth J. Howard, of Maryland
William P. Humnicky, of California
Brett T. Hunt, of Arizona
Stephanie J. Hutchison, of Massachusetts
Samuel Hyon, of Maryland
Larry M. Jackson, of Virginia
John Clark Jacobs, of Texas
Amanda Schrader Jacobsen, of Washington
Charles L. Jarrett III, of Tennessee
Kim H. Jordan, of California

Hormazd J. Kanga, of Kentucky
Audra A. Keagle, of Virginia
Tammy Crittenden Kenyatta, of Virginia
Amy D. Kuehl, of Virginia
D. Kristian Kvols, of Florida
Denise D. Lamoureux, of Virginia
Lawrence Paul Lane, of California
Lola A. Lecerf, of Virginia
Irma M. Lopez, of Virginia
Diana Lynch, of Maryland
Felicia D. Lynch, of Florida
Darrin William Stuart MacKinnon, of Virginia
Brent Aaron Maier, of Texas
Meredith Maneri, of New Jersey
Mika McBride, of Texas
Margaret M. McLaughlin, of the District of Columbia
Matthew C. McNeil, of Ohio
Joel Mendez, of Alabama
Joshua J. Miller, of Virginia
Karen N. Mims, of Pennsylvania
Judith H. Monson, of New York
Kelly E. Murnane, of Virginia
Roshni Mona Nirody, of New Jersey
Leslie Silvia Nunez, of Florida
Daniel Onstad, of the District of Columbia
Juan Carlos Ospina, of Florida
Ronald D. Owles, of Florida
Nick Parikh, of Washington
Rebecca Suzanne Phelps, of Michigan
Laura Eloise Pyeatt, of Tennessee
Neveen N. Ramirez, of New Jersey
Benjamin Nelson Reames, of Texas
Justin Elbert Reynolds, of Iowa
David J. Roehn, of Virginia
George G. Sarmiento, of Texas
Julia Reid Schiff, of Ohio
Ashley M. Scholl, of Ohio
Melissa Schubert, of Missouri
Vera B. Searles, of Maryland
Annie M. Simpkins, of Florida
Adam L. Smith, of Utah
Heidi E. Smith, of Michigan
Marc Alan Snider, of Illinois
Peter Ricardo Solano, of Minnesota
Adrienne Beck Taylor, of Virginia
Eric L. Thornton, of the District of Columbia
Hunter Treseder, of California
William Fay von Zagorski, of Virginia
Lillian Catherine Wahl-Tuco, of New Hampshire
Chanin T. Webb, of Virginia
William Stephen Wells, of the District of Columbia
Gary W. Westfall, of Florida
Matthew Wright, of Texas
Chadwick Jackson Wykle, of West Virginia
Hansang Yi, of California
Sovandara Yin, of Oregon
Madelina M. Young, of New York
Melissa S. Zadnik, of Pennsylvania
The following-named Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the Department of State for promotion in the Senior Foreign Service to the classes indicated:
Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister.
William R. Brownfield, of Texas
Katherine H. Canavan, of California
Christopher Robert Hill, of Rhode Island
Cameron R. Hume, of Connecticut
George McDade Staples, of Kentucky
Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Minister Counselor:
Elizabeth Jamieson Agnew, of Virginia
Edward M. Alford, of Virginia
Peter K. Augustine, of Texas
Clyde Bishop, of Pennsylvania
Michele Thoren Bond, of New Jersey
Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of the District of Columbia
David M. Buss, of Texas
Martha Larzelere Campbell, of New Hampshire

Judith Ann Chammas, of Virginia
Thomas More Countryman, of Washington
Barbara Cecelia Cummings, of Illinois
Elizabeth Link Dibble, of Virginia
Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia
Larry Miles Dinger, of Virginia
Janice J. Fedak, of Pennsylvania
Gerald Michael Feierstein, of Virginia
Jeffrey David Feltman, of California
Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia
Judith G. Garber, of California
Robert F. Godec, Jr., of Virginia
Llewellyn H. Hedgbeth, of California
James Thomas Heg, of Washington
Paul Wayne Jones, of New York
Sandra Lynn Kaiser, of Washington
Hans George Klemm, of Indiana
Thomas Charles Krajieski, of Virginia
Charlene Rae Lamb, of Florida
An Thanh Le, of the District of Columbia
Jeffrey David Levine, of California
Patrick Joseph Linehan, of Connecticut
Mary Bland Marshall, of Virginia
Terence Patrick McCulley, of Oregon
Kevin Cort Milas, of California
Patrick S. Moon, of Maryland
James Robert Moore, of Florida
Dan W. Mozena, of Maryland
Adrienne S. O'Neal, of Maryland
Phyllis Marie Powers, of Texas
Christopher R. Riche, of Virginia
Thomas Bolling Robertson, of Virginia
Josie Shumake, of Mississippi
Madelyn Elizabeth Spirnak, of the District of Columbia
Steven C. Taylor, of Alaska
Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana
Thomas Joseph Tiernan, of Illinois
Mark A. Tokola, of Washington
Paul A. Trivelli, of Connecticut
The following-named Career Members of the Foreign Service for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service, and for appointment as Consular officers and Secretaries in the Diplomatic Service, as indicated:
Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Counselor:
Cynthia Helen Akutteh, of Maryland
Raymond R. Baca, of Florida
Christopher J. Beede, of Virginia
Jennifer V. Bonner, of Virginia
Michael J. Boyle, of Wyoming
Roberto Gonzales Brady, of California
Ann Kathleen Breiter, of California
Peter Meier Brennan, of Oregon
Fletcher Martin Burton, of Tennessee
Duane Clemens Butcher, Jr., of California
Lawrence N. Corwin, of Texas
Christopher Richard Davis, of Virginia
Kimberly J. DeBlauw, of Missouri
D. Purnell Deily, of Virginia
Marc Langley Desjardins, of Virginia
Evelyn Aleene Early, of Texas
Joseph Adam Erel, of the District of Columbia
John D. Feeley, of New York
Zandra I. Flemister, of Maryland
Paul A. Folmsbee, of Texas
Alfred F. Fonteneau, of Texas
Thomas R. Genton, of New Jersey
Tatiana Catherine GfoellerVolkoff, of the District of Columbia
David R. Gilmour, of Texas
Brian L. Goldbeck, of Nevada
Douglas C. Greene, of Virginia
Douglas M. Griffiths, of Texas
Kenneth E. Gross, Jr., of Virginia
Sheila S. Gwaltney, of California
Richard Dale Haynes, of Virginia
Christopher J. Hoh, of Pennsylvania
Martin P. Hohe, of Florida
Mary Virginia Jeffers, of Maryland
Sylvia Dolores Johnson, of South Carolina
Mark Raymond Kennon, of Virginia
James Alcorn Knight, of New York

Leonard James Korycki, of Washington
 Barbara Anne Leaf, of Virginia
 Michelle Rabayda Logsdon, of Florida
 Sharon E. Ludan, of Virginia
 Robert Sanford Luke, of Florida
 Deborah Ruth Malac, of Virginia
 Theodore Albert Mann, of New York
 Dundas C. McCullough, of Virginia
 Raymond Gerard McGrath, of Virginia
 Kenneth Alan Messner, of Oregon
 Anthony C. Newton, of Virginia
 Harry John O'Hara, of Texas
 John Olson, of California
 Andrew W. Oltyan, of Texas
 Andrew A. Passen, of Pennsylvania
 Mark A. Pekala, of the District of Columbia
 Michael P. Pelletier, of Maine
 Marjorie R. Phillips, of Virginia
 Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California
 Pamela G. Quanrud, of Virginia
 Eric Seth Rubin, of New York
 Daniel H. Rubinstein, of California
 Robert Joel Silverman, of California
 Robin Angela Smith, of the District of Columbia
 Michael A. Spangler, of Maryland
 Andrew Walter Steinfeld, of New Jersey
 Karl Stoltz, of Virginia
 Mark Charles Storella, of New Hampshire
 Paul Randall Sutphin, of Virginia
 Mary Thompson-Jones, of Virginia
 Michael Embach Thurston, of Washington
 William Weinstein, of California
 Robert Earl Whitehead, of California
 Rebecca Ruth Winchester, of Virginia
 Dean B. Wooden, of the District of Columbia
 Steven Edward Zate, of Florida

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:

Wayne B. Ashberry, of Virginia
 Cynthia Anne Borys, of Maryland
 Dan Blane Christenson, of Washington
 Eduardo R. Gaarder, of Virginia
 Jerry Duane Helmick, of Florida
 Kenneth J. Hoeft, of Michigan
 Raymond W. Horning, of Missouri
 Todd M. Keil, of Wisconsin
 Stephen J. Klein, of Virginia
 Brian R. Majewski, of Virginia
 Georges F. McCormick, of California
 Earl R. Miller, of Virginia
 Peter J. Molberg, of Missouri
 Edgar P. Moreno, of Florida
 James C. Norton, of Michigan
 Thomas J. Quinzio, of Virginia
 Douglas P. Quiram, of California
 Nancy C. Rolph-O'Donnell, of Virginia
 Larry Dean Salmon, of Missouri
 Anne M. Saloom, of Virginia
 Gentry O. Smith, of Virginia
 Stephen F. Smith, of Virginia
 William J. Swift, of Wisconsin
 John L. Whitney, of Tennessee
 David M. Yeutter, of California
 Steven R. Chealander, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2007.

Charles E. Dorkey III, of New York, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

The following named officer for appointment as the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve pursuant to Title 14, U.S.C., section 53 in the grade indicated:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Rear Adm. (select) Cynthia A. Coogan, 0000

Subject to qualifications provided by law, the following for permanent appointment to the grade indicated in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

To be captain

Raymond C. Slagle

Subject to qualifications provided by law, the following for permanent appointment to the grade indicated in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

To be ensign

Caryn M. Arnold
 Matthew T. Burton
 James T. Falkner
 Mark K. Frydrych
 Justin T. Keesee
 Jennifer L. King
 Benjamin M. Lacour
 Chad M. Meckley
 Megan A. Nadeau
 Carl G. Rhodes
 Christopher S. Skapin
 Joshua J. Slater
 Timothy M. Smith
 Ryan C. Wattam
 Marc E. Weekley
 Phoebe A. Woodworth

The following named individual for appointment as a permanent commissioned regular officer in the United States Coast Guard in the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., section 211:

To be lieutenant

Greg E. Versaw, 0000

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

To be lieutenant commander

Ricardo M. Alonso, 0000
 Dirk N. Ames, 0000
 Thomas B. Bailey, 0000
 Augustus J. Bannan, 0000
 Matthew P. Barker, 0000
 Che J. Barnes, 0000
 Ian A. Bastek, 0000
 Michael W. Batchelder, 0000
 Michael E. Bennett, 0000
 Adam G. Bentley, 0000
 Kenneth E. Blair, 0000
 Amy L. Bloyd, 0000
 Jed R. Boba, 0000
 Kenneth J. Boda, 0000
 Scott G. Borgerson, 0000
 Camilla B. Bosanquet, 0000
 Donald C. Boyer, 0000
 David L. Bradley, 0000
 Randy L. Bradley, 0000
 Nelson J. Brandt, 0000
 Matthew T. Brown, 0000
 James W. Bunn, 0000
 Joann F. Burdian, 0000
 Karen S. Cagle, 0000
 Richard F. Calvert, 0000
 Andrew T. Campen, 0000
 Michael J. Capelli, 0000
 Willie L. Carmichael, 0000
 Scott S. Casad, 0000
 Rene X. Casarez, 0000
 Christopher R. Cederholm, 0000
 John R. Cole, 0000
 Teali G. Coley, 0000
 Robert C. Compher, 0000
 Daniel A. Connolly, 0000
 Chad W. Cooper, 0000
 Nathan E. Coulter, 0000
 Gregory L. Crettol, 0000
 Cornelius E. Cummings, 0000
 Shawn E. Decker, 0000
 Michael E. Delury, 0000
 John T. Dewey, 0000
 Steven J. Dohman, 0000
 Jeffrey T. Dolan, 0000
 Keith M. Donohue, 0000
 Eric D. Drey, 0000
 Jerome E. Dubay, 0000
 Brent N. Durbin, 0000
 Reino G. Ecklord, 0000
 Arthur J. Edwards, 0000
 Damon C. Edwards, 0000
 Jeffrey Eldridge, 0000
 Rahshaan Engrum, 0000

Janet D. Espinoyoung, 0000
 Matthew R. Farnen, 0000
 Francesann B. Fazio, 0000
 Sarah K. Felger, 0000
 Christine Fern, 0000
 Kevin B. Ferrie, 0000
 Jason B. Flennoy, 0000
 Ted R. Fowles, 0000
 Joseph Franklin, 0000
 Michael E. Frawley, 0000
 Christopher R. Friese, 0000
 Glenn J. Galman, 0000
 Pamela P. Garcia, 0000
 Robert G. Gardali, 0000
 Christofer L. German, 0000
 Tanya L. Giles, 0000
 Petre S. Gilliam, 0000
 Errol M. Glenn, 0000
 Michael J. Goldschmidt, 0000
 David V. Gomez, 0000
 Richard Gonzalez, 0000
 Michael D. Good, 0000
 Hans C. Govertsen, 0000
 Robert T. Griffin, 0000
 Charles M. Guerrero, 0000
 Fay J. Guerrero, 0000
 Tim A. Gunter, 0000
 Robert E. Hart, 0000
 Heath A. Hartley, 0000
 James F. Hedrick, 0000
 Jonathan N. Hellberg, 0000
 John Hennigan, 0000
 Scott C. Herman, 0000
 Michael L. Herring, 0000
 Anna W. Hickey, 0000
 Darren A. Hopper, 0000
 Christy L. Howard, 0000
 Christopher M. Huberty, 0000
 Joel A. Huggins, 0000
 Christopher J. Hulser, 0000
 Tangela F. Hummons, 0000
 Austin R. Ives, 0000
 David M. Johnston, 0000
 Daniel C. Jones, 0000
 Peter B. Jones, 0000
 Jonathan P. Jorgensen, 0000
 Warren D. Judge, 0000
 Kerry G. Karwan, 0000
 Sean R. Katz, 0000
 Jared E. King, 0000
 Lonnie T. Kishiyama, 0000
 Bradley J. Klimek, 0000
 Brian G. Knapp, 0000
 Michael S. Krause, 0000
 Charles F. Kuebler, 0000
 Kurt R. Kupersmith, 0000
 Ken Kusano, 0000
 Paul E. Lafond, 0000
 Andrew A. Lawrence, 0000
 Erin M. Ledford, 0000
 Christian A. Lee, 0000
 Brian J. Lefebvre, 0000
 Jacqueline M. Leverich, 0000
 Andrew H. Light, 0000
 Lexia M. Littlejohn, 0000
 Chad A. Long, 0000
 Kevin P. Lynn, 0000
 Simon A. Maple, 0000
 Eric D. Masson, 0000
 Joseph S. Masterson, 0000
 Heather A. McCafferty, 0000
 John F. McCarthy, 0000
 Rudy S. McGwin, 0000
 Emily S. McIntyre, 0000
 Christopher A. McMunn, 0000
 Elizabeth A. McNamara, 0000
 Michael J. Mcneil, 0000
 Randy F. Meador, 0000
 Jose E. Medina, 0000
 Dwayne L. Meekins, 0000
 Matthew W. Merriman, 0000
 Andrew D. Meverden, 0000
 Timothy G. Meyers, 0000
 Todd S. Mikolop, 0000
 Kenneth V. Mills, 0000
 Richard W. Minnich, 0000
 Marcus A. Mitchell, 0000
 Kirk W. Montgomery, 0000

Donald P. Montoro, 0000
 Alan H. Moore, 0000
 Ellis H. Moose, 0000
 Anne M. Morrissey, 0000
 Kenneth T. Nagle, 0000
 John A. Natale, 0000
 David R. Neel, 0000
 Kenneth E. Nelson, 0000
 Craig D. Neubecker, 0000
 Douglas D. Norstrom, 0000
 David J. Obermeier, 0000
 Sean J. O'Brien, 0000
 Timothy K. O'Brien, 0000
 Rebecca E. Ore, 0000
 Anthony K. Palmer, 0000
 Luis C. Parrales, 0000
 Timothy A. Pasek, 0000
 Scott W. Peabody, 0000
 Luke A. Perciak, 0000
 Patrick F. Peschka, 0000
 Justin D. Peters, 0000
 Sandra J. Peterson, 0000
 Douglas C. Petrusa, 0000
 Harper L. Phillips, 0000
 Tracy O. Phillips, 0000
 Scott S. Phy, 0000
 Frank A. Pierce, 0000
 Keith J. Pierre, 0000
 Shannon M. Pitts, 0000
 Edward H. Pomer, 0000
 Jeffrey M. Potensky, 0000
 Alisa L. Praskovich, 0000
 Paul T. Priebe, 0000
 Steven E. Ramassini, 0000
 Joshua T. Ramey, 0000
 Jacob J. Ramos, 0000
 Jason H. Ramsdell, 0000
 Travis J. Rasmussen, 0000
 Eric A. Reeter, 0000
 James P. Reid, 0000
 Sean P. Roche, 0000
 Rodrigo G. Rojas, 0000
 Christopher A. Rose, 0000
 Constance F. Ruckstuhl, 0000
 Matthew A. Rudick, 0000
 Belinda C. Savage, 0000
 David J. Schell, 0000
 Clint B. Schlegel, 0000
 Gregory J. Schultz, 0000
 Anita M. Scott, 0000
 Holly L. Shaffner, 0000
 David M. Sherry, 0000
 Daniel J. Silvestro, 0000
 Jennifer L. Sinclair, 0000
 Loring A. Small, 0000
 Derek L. Smith, 0000
 Eric A. Smith, 0000
 Shad S. Soldano, 0000
 James W. Spittler, 0000
 Douglas K. Stark, 0000
 John M. Stone, 0000
 Benjamin F. Strickland, 0000
 Dennis R. Svatos, 0000
 Vasilios Tasikas, 0000
 Romualdus M. TenBerge Jr, 0000
 Bradley K. Terrill, 0000
 James P. Thompson, 0000
 Solomon C. Thompson, 0000
 Russell R. Torgerson, 0000
 Andre P. Towner, 0000
 Terry A. Trexler, 0000
 Christopher A. Tribolet, 0000
 Clinton A. Trocchio, 0000
 Michael A. Turdo, 0000
 Bryan J. Ullmer, 0000
 Tina J. Urban, 0000
 James A. Valentine, 0000
 Daniel W. Vanbuskirk, 0000
 Eva J. Vancamp, 0000
 Steven P. Walsh, 0000
 Wilborne E. Watson, 0000
 Tyson S. Weinert, 0000
 Brenda M. White, 0000
 Diana J. Wickman, 0000
 Molly A. Wike, 0000
 Nathaniel R. Williams, 0000
 Solomon J. Williams, 0000
 Tarik L. Williams, 0000

Kevin M. Wilson, 0000
 John W. Winter, 0000
 Andrew J. Wright, 0000

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

To be captain

Andrea L. Contratto, 0000
 Stephen B. Nye, 0000

Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation, vice J. B. Penn.

Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Leland A. Strom, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring October 13, 2012.

Terry L. Cline, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

The following candidates for personnel action in the regular component of the Public Health Service subject to qualifications therefore as provided by law and regulations:

To be assistant surgeon

Christopher J. Bengson
 Samuel A. McArthur
 Chayanin Musikasinthorn

The following candidate for personnel action in the regular component of the Public Health Service subject to qualifications therefore as provided by law and regulations:

To be assistant surgeon

Leah Hill

Dana Gioia, of California, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts for a term of four years. (Reappointment)

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2007, vice Edward J. Fitzmaurice, Jr., term expired.

Elizabeth Dougherty, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Mediation Board for a term expiring July 1, 2010. (Reappointment)

Blanca E. Enriquez, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board for a term expiring January 30, 2009. (Reappointment)

Sara Alicia Tucker, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education, vice Edward R. McPherson, resigned.

John Peyton, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 2011, vice Patrick Lloyd McCrory, term expired.

William Francis Price, Jr., of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012.

Robert Bretley Lott, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012, vice Teresa Lozano Long, term expired.

Charlotte P. Kessler, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012, vice Katharine DeWitt, term expired.

Joan Israelite, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012, vice Don v. Cogman, term expired.

Benjamin Donenberg, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012, vice Maribeth McGinley, term expired.

Foreststorn Hamilton, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the

Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012, vice Mary Costa, term expired.

Gerald Walpin, of New York, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, vice J. Russell George.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

MORGANZA TO THE GULF

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I know it is very late and everybody is working hard to finish up. We have accomplished a great deal today. But I wanted to come to the floor while the majority leader was here to explain that there is one small but important project called Morganza to the Gulf that the House of Representatives sent over to us about 2 hours ago. It is a scaled-back version, but the reason I am going to stay here until we are able to work this out is because this has been approved by the subcommittee chair on the Republican side, the chair on the Republican side, the subcommittee chair on the Democratic side, and the chair on the Democratic side. This project, Mr. Majority leader, is the only project in the entire WRDA bill—in the entire bill that I am aware of—that was authorized in the last WRDA bill, but because of a technical error, it was left out. It was authorized, not in this WRDA bill—well it is, but in two, the last and this one. So it is because WRDA, of course, collapsed—and it is a very important bill; I have literally billions of dollars of other projects in the WRDA bill—that I am not asking to move forward because it would not be fair for me to ask to move mine forward because no one else is getting theirs. But this project has been signed off by Chairman INHOFE, by Senator BOND, and Senator BOXER because they recognize it is unique among projects.

I now understand it is being held up. I just wanted to speak publicly. I wish to stay for a little while to see what we can work out and see if we can get this to the House, the Morganza to the Gulf has already been scaled back, and try to get it done before we leave.

I yield the floor.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in response to my colleague, through the Chair, there are a number of pieces of legislation we are continuing to look at tonight. I know this is one about which discussions are ongoing. We will actually be looking at that with many others.

I have to say we do have scores and scores of pieces of legislation that are similar that have come forward—not exactly, they have not gone through two authorization projects—that have to be considered as well.