

Mr. President, I have to say this is increasingly a matter that is of great concern to our colleagues and will be a factor in our cooperation as we consider other issues in the coming weeks.

We have to resolve this matter. It is just unacceptable that that number of judges would not be given their opportunity to be considered. Careers, families, futures are all at stake here. They are all on the line. It is one thing to deal with a bill—I understand that—but to deal with somebody's life, to deal with somebody's future and career and to deal with it so cavalierly is unacceptable.

So we are going to have to deal with this when we get back, and I must say it is going to be a long, hot summer if we cannot deal with it more successfully than we have so far. I am disappointed, very disappointed that we could not even do those 23 on the calendar today. But I look forward to working with the majority leader with an expectation we will when we get back.

I yield the floor.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, just a comment to follow up on the minority leader's comment on the judges, as the minority leader is aware, we have a new leadership team on this side. And to say the least, we have had our hands full the last couple weeks—not even 2 weeks yet, I think. We have made some progress, but it has not been easy. We made progress as I mentioned earlier, and I complimented the minority leader for his assistance in making this happen. We finally were able to bring to closure the Department of Defense authorization bill. After long, difficult negotiations, it looks as if we are on our way towards finalizing action on the minimum wage.

Some of us are very frustrated on this side, though, that Members on the Democrat side of the aisle have objected to appointing conferees on the health bill. That is unprecedented. It is 40-some-odd days, I think about 45 days since we requested conferees be appointed. We would like to have that resolved.

And so my point being, there are frustrations maybe on both sides. This side was prepared and willing to move on several judges, and I am sure that this will still be pending when we return early in July. I will look forward to working with the minority leader to see if we cannot come up to a successful resolution.

The new leadership team, though, I will tell you, because we spent so much time in working on the DOD authorization bill, working on the health bill, working on the minimum wage agreement, which included the TEAM Act and other provisions, we really have not had time to focus on these nominations.

So I just mention that.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,  
JULY 8, 1996, AT 12:30 P.M.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 192, the adjournment resolution.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:58 p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 8, 1996, at 12:30 p.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 28, 1996:

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA  
NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

BARBARA BLUM, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2002. (REAPPOINTMENT)

STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SOPHIA H. HALL, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 1997, VICE JOHN F. DAFFRON, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 28, 1996:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ALFRED C. DECOIHS, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT HILL, OF RHODE ISLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA.

The above nomination was approved subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

*To be general*

GEN. JOHN H. TILELLI, JR., 000-00-0000, U.S. ARMY.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. DENNIS L. BENCHOFF, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM M. STEELE, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH W. KINZER, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601(A):

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH E. DEFRANCISCO, 000-00-0000.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 601(A), TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE:

*To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. PETER PACE, 000-00-0000.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 601 AND 5141:

CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

*To be vice admiral*

REAR ADM. DANIEL T. OLIVER, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 601:

*To be vice admiral*

REAR ADM. (SELECTEE) CHARLES S. ABBOTT, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 601:

*To be admiral*

VICE ADM. THOMAS J. LOPEZ, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE U.S. NAVY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTIONS 601:

*To be vice admiral*

VICE ADM. DONALD L. PILLING, 000-00-0000.

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF VICE ADMIRAL IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 601:

*To be vice admiral*

VICE ADM. JOHN S. REDD, 000-00-0000.

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING BRIAN K. BAKSHAS, AND ENDING STEPHEN D. WHITE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 18, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING DANIEL A. BABINE, AND ENDING WILLIAM J. WEIGEL, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 18, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JUSTIN L. ABOLD, AND ENDING KATHLEEN M. ZENDEJAS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 18, 1996.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING LARRY D. BIGGERS, AND ENDING JOHN J. MCGRAW, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 21, 1996.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING GREGORY K. AUSTIN, AND ENDING ROBERT M. TRAYNOR, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 21, 1996.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING \*GREGORY B. BAXTER, AND ENDING MARY F. SIPPPELL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 21, 1996.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING MARK D. ABELSON, AND ENDING PETER D. ZORETIC, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF JUNE 21, 1996.