

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. BURNS addressed the Chair.  
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR NO. 380  
RETURNED TO COMMITTEE

Mr. BURNS. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that Executive Calendar No. 380 be returned to committee.

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAJORITY  
LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-134, his appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Amtrak Reform Council: Gilbert E. Carmichael, of Mississippi, Joseph Vranich, of Pennsylvania, and Paul M. Weyrich, of Virginia.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I am pleased to announce the appointment of three individuals to the Amtrak Reform Council—the ARC: Mr. Gilbert E. “Gil” Carmichael of Mississippi, Mr. Joseph Vranich of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Paul M. Weyrich of Virginia. All three have years of rail transportation experience. All three understand and respect Amtrak’s contributions to the American economy. All three are truly committed to genuine railroad reform. All three will serve for five years. All three will examine the fiscal performance of Amtrak.

Each of these appointees bring many years of experience to this challenging railroad issue. Each brings his own particular approach to this transportation job.

I’ve known Mr. Gil Carmichael for many years. He is a dedicated public servant who has already served our nation as Federal Railroad Administrator for President Bush and served four years on the Amtrak Board of Directors. He also has an impressive depth and breadth of knowledge on all facets of transportation—it was Gil who sponsored the first World Railways Congress. It brought together senior rail officials from around the world, so Gil knows the rail business from the bottom up, and he brings to the ARC that good old every-day, common sense approach that we Mississippians are so proud of.

Mr. Joseph Vranich helped create Amtrak while serving as the Executive Director of the National Association of Railroad Passengers. He is a specialist on high-speed train travel, and literally wrote the book on so-called “Supertrains.” Just late last year, he published the most important new book on railroads, “Derailed: What Went Wrong and What to Do About America’s Passenger Trains.” Mr. Vranich brings to the ARC a broad vision of passenger rail service, what it

was, what it was meant to be, what it can be.

And Mr. Paul Weyrich has over 30 years of experience with rail and mass transit issues. He also served on the Amtrak Board of Directors during the Bush administration, and has published numerous works on the subject. Mr. Weyrich brings the hard-boiled sensibilities of a newspaperman of the old school, a newspaperman good at digging for the facts. Just the facts for the ARC.

The selection of these three reflects my desire to bring managerial expertise to Amtrak’s oversight. The ARC will ensure that Amtrak spends the taxpayers’ money wisely. The ARC’s first loyalty will be to the American taxpayer—not to the nostalgic sound of passenger trains going down the tracks.

Gil, Joe and Paul are executives who will take a good, hard look at Amtrak, and I expect them to exercise courage and leadership. The ARC has the responsibility to offer sound judgment as they advise both the Administration and the Congress.

I have no doubt the ARC will have a key role in shaping Amtrak’s future.

I’m pleased to announce that today the Speaker will also identify his three selections. These selections together will constitute the majority of the ARC.

Mr. President, I want to thank my colleagues who gave me such a rich list of candidates to select from. The choices were difficult.

The Amtrak Board of Directors, the other managerial oversight body for Amtrak is to be renominated this summer. I hope to see new faces, a fresh look and a fresh approach. This would help Amtrak successfully deal with the cultural shift required by the new reauthorization statute. The combined synergy of a new board and the ARC will make a profound difference to the way America’s passenger rail service will enter the next millennium.

I look forward to seeing ARC getting started on its important task. America’s passenger rail service will be well served by the ARC.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25, 1998

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, seeing no other Senators requesting time to speak, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, and immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and there then be a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator HUTCHINSON, 20 minutes; Senator GORTON, 5 minutes; Senator BROWNBACK, 10 minutes; Senator BYRD, 20 minutes; Senator MIKULSKI, 15 minutes; Senator GRAMM of Texas, 10 minutes.

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

## PROGRAM

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, tomorrow morning, at 11:30, under a previous consent agreement, the Senate will debate the veto message to accompany H.R. 2631, the military construction appropriations bill. All Senators should be aware that although there is a 2-hour limitation on the veto message, that rollcall vote will occur later in the day in an effort to accommodate those Members attending the funeral of former Senator Ribicoff. All Senators will be notified when that vote is set.

Following the debate on the veto message, the Senate will resume debate on the pending legislation regarding campaign finance reform. Additional votes can be expected during Wednesday’s session relating to campaign finance reform.

Finally, as a reminder, three cloture motions were filed during today’s session to pending amendments and the underlying bill, S. 1663. These votes will occur on Thursday of this week.

Mr. President, I thank my colleagues.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:28 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, February 25, 1998, at 10 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 24, 1998:

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

GEORGE MCGOVERN, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

MARY BETH WEST, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND SPACE.

## THE JUDICIARY

MELVIN R. WRIGHT, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS. VICE HENRY HAROLD KENNEDY, JR., ELEVATED.

## IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. NANCY R. ADAMS, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. JOHN S. PARKER, 0000.

## IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE NAVAL RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) ROBERT F. BIRTCIL, 0000.