

them are Vietnam veterans. Many of them struggle with addictions.

This piece of legislation was a bipartisan piece of legislation coming out of committee. LANE EVANS has done great work for veterans in the House of Representatives. He has taken the lead. It is legislation named after Katie Marie Harman, who is Miss America. Her dad is a disabled veteran. She has made it her priority.

I say to whoever is objecting that I would like for them to come out on the floor of the Senate and object. Tomorrow I will spend as much time as I can finding out who is objecting to this piece of legislation. Pretty soon we will either find out, and we can work it out together, or I will figure out a way to come out on the floor with this legislation and take a long time talking about what is on for veterans and the health care needs in particular.

The fact that I can't even move a piece of legislation that passed with unanimous support out of a committee that deals with providing a little bit of help to homeless veterans—I am not being histrionic; I am not trying to be melodramatic—is just plain maddening.

My God, in order to have a piece of legislation that deals with universal health care coverage and national health insurance, there can be a debate about the role of the Government.

Economic stimulus, I hope we will have that debate. There are many other issues. But when you take the most modest step that you can think of—I will start outlining the provisions of this bill tomorrow when I get a chance—and you have support among Republicans and Democrats in the committee and you believe you can move it and you have a lot of veterans who are hopeful about it—a number of them came from all around the country to testify for this legislation—then we have some anonymous objection.

That is enough said for tonight. I hope tomorrow I can find out who is objecting and that we can pass this by unanimous consent.

I was working on amendments for this foreign operations appropriations bill. I want to let Senator REID, the whip, and other Senators know that the first thing tomorrow morning, or whatever best accommodates the Senate's schedule, I will come to the floor with amendments and be ready to go with time limits.

I will be very anxious to get done tomorrow. I am glad we are in session. I am glad we are on this piece of legislation.

Mr. REID. Madam President, that is very good. We want to finish this bill as quickly as we can. It is an important piece of legislation. We talked about it for a long time today. We are going to come in tomorrow at 10:30. If the Senator can be here at 10:30, as soon as we finish the business of the day, we will move right to his amendments. I would like to be able to tell the managers.

How many amendments will the Senator have tomorrow?

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, if it is OK, I will ask unanimous consent when we come back on the floor that I be allowed to introduce the first amendment.

Mr. REID. The managers are not here. I wouldn't like to do that without their being here. How many amendments is the Senator going to have?

Mr. WELLSTONE. Three amendments. I will have one amendment that deals with the humanitarian crisis right now in Afghanistan. I am hoping the managers will accept it. I think it is a good statement. I think it is exactly what we are committed to as a nation.

I will take 20 seconds tonight to say that the President—and he was eloquent—said our military effort is not aimed at the innocent people in Afghanistan; we are going after terrorists and those who harbor terrorists. I think one of the best ways we can show that we are good people who commit by way of deed is to make a serious effort on the humanitarian front. We are going to have hundreds of thousands of children who are going to starve to death. The first amendment is going to be a resolution that talks about the need to make this a priority.

The second one is going to deal with the Andean plan, Colombia, and some of my concerns about human rights. The third one will be also a human rights amendment. I can do all of these with a time limit.

Mr. REID. Senator DURBIN and I spoke at some length on the floor this morning about the war in Afghanistan. It is certainly not against the people of Afghanistan. It is against the Taliban, which has treated people so brutally, especially women.

There are some good provisions in this bill already that relate to aid generally for the people of Afghanistan. So I personally look forward to hearing the Senator tomorrow. I am sure the managers look forward to his amendments. I am sure they would look forward to some reasonable time agreement to move forward on those amendments as quickly as possible. Hopefully one, two, or three of them can be accepted tomorrow.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I thank the majority whip. I hope one, two, and three of them will be accepted as well. That would be a first for me, but I will certainly try.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator withhold that, please?

Mr. WELLSTONE. I withhold and yield the floor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 464 through 469, 476 through 489, and the nominations at the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Phillip Bond, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

John H. Marburger, III, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

COAST GUARD

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. (lh) James C. Olson, 7892
Rear Adm. (lh) James W. Underwood, 8189
Rear Adm. (lh) Ralph D. Utley, 9691
Rear Adm. (lh) Kenneth T. Venuto, 2213

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 (lower half)

Capt. Dale G. Gabel, 5350
Capt. Jeffrey M. Garrett, 5563
Capt. David W. Kunkel, 1601
Capt. David B. Peterman, 1735

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Duncan C. Smith, III, 8281

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Stephen W. Rochon, 4866

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Jay S. Bybee, of Nevada, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Anna Mills S. Wagoner, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Margaret M. Chiara, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan for the term of four years.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Thomas C. Gean, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

James Ming Greenlee, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Daniel G. Bogden, of Nevada, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years.

Thomas M. DiBiagio, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

Thomas E. Johnston, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Donald W. Washington, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Patrick J. Fitzgerald, of Illinois, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois for the term of four years.

John McKay, of Washington, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

Karl K. Warner, II, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

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PN1107 Coast Guard nominations (63) beginning Bryon Ing, and ending Joseph E. Vorbach, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of October 3, 2001.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

THE EXECUTIVE CALENDAR AND APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

Mr. REID. Madam President, let me just say, and spread on the RECORD today, these are 20 nominations that have been approved today, not counting those military promotions that are also part of the Executive Calendar. We have approved four judges. We have approved some very important Department of Justice nominations, including U.S. attorneys. We have an Assistant Attorney General. There are some very important matters we have done today. I think it is important we have done this.

I say to my friends on the other side of the aisle, speaking for Senator DASCHLE and all of us on this side of the aisle, we are very happy that we are moving to the appropriations bills. We need to work together. We are glad we are able to do that now.

We are so happy we have been able to confirm these nominations. We look forward to confirming a lot more in the immediate future. We also look forward to working through these appropriations bills.

The two managers on the foreign operations appropriations bill—Senator LEAHY, the chairman of the subcommittee, and the ranking member, Senator McCONNELL—are two of the most experienced legislators we have. I think we should be able to move through this legislation very quickly.

I am happy that in the morning we will have something on which to work.

The Senator from Minnesota is going to be in this Chamber to offer amendments. We have every intent of finishing this bill tomorrow afternoon as early as possible.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2001

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 24; 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 the Senate resume consideration of the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:33 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, October 24, 2001, at 10:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 23, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ARDEN BEMENT, JR., OF INDIANA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY, VICE RAYMOND G. KAMMER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MELVIN F. SEMBLER, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ITALY.

ROBERT M. BECROFT, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS HEAD OF MISSION, ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (OSCE), BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

CHARLES LESTER PRICHARD, OF VIRGINIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS SPECIAL ENVOY FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK) AND UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE KOREAN PENINSULA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (KEDO).

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

JOHN MARSHALL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE TERENCE J. BROWN, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate October 23, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PHILLIP BOND, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR TECHNOLOGY.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN H. MARBURGER, III, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY.

IN THE COAST GUARD

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

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 (lower half)

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

THE JUDICIARY

JAMES H. PAYNE, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN, EASTERN AND WESTERN DISTRICTS OF OKLAHOMA.

KAREN K. CALDWELL, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY.

LAURIE SMITH CAMP, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA.

CLAIRE V. EAGAN, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAY S. BYBEE, OF NEVADA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

ANNA MILLS S. WAGONER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

MARGARET M. CHIARA, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ROBERT J. CONRAD, JR., OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

THOMAS C. GEAN, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JAMES MING GREENLEE, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

RAYMOND W. GRUENDER, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DANIEL G. BOGDEN, OF NEVADA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

THOMAS M. DIBIAGIO, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

THOMAS E. JOHNSTON, OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DONALD W. WASHINGTON, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JOHN MCKAY, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

KARL K. WARNER, II, OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING BRYON ING AND ENDING JOSEPH E VORBACH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 3, 2001.