

Federico Juarbe, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements be printed in the RECORD, and 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 JUSTICE

Jay B. Stephens, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Federico Juarbe, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

WELCOMING PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 81, introduced earlier today by Senators BIDEN and HELMS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 81) expressing the sense of Congress to welcome the Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on the occasion of his visit to the United States, and to affirm that India is a valued friend and partner and an important ally in the campaign against international terrorism.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 81) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The text of the concurrent resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions."

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2001

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. Friday, November 9, 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 be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask the Senate stand in adjournment after the statements of Senators WARNER and LEVIN.

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

The senior Senator from Virginia.

NOMINATION OF R.L. BROWNLEE OF VIRGINIA TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Mr. WARNER. I express my appreciation to our distinguished acting majority leader tonight for his courtesy. Senator LEVIN has now joined me on the floor. I defer to the chairman to lead off.

Mr. LEVIN. I think it is particularly appropriate, given the very special relationship Senator WARNER has had in particular with Les Brownlee, for him to lead off. I will just add a few comments to what the Senator says.

Mr. WARNER. I thank my good friend and chairman, Mr. LEVIN. We have served 23 years together, and throughout this day we met four or five times on the conference report and other matters. It is an extraordinary opportunity to serve America with such fine people as Senator LEVIN, Senator REID, and others.

Anyway, to the matter at hand.

Madam President, I will start off. I wish to address the Senate with regard to the nomination by the President of the United States, of Colonel Les Brownlee, United States Army, Retired.

I cannot in words express my gratitude to this wonderful American for his service to the Senate, to the Committee on the Armed Services, and to me personally over these 18 years that he has been a Member of the Senate family and organization.

When I introduced him to the committee today, I reflected that some 32 years ago I sat in the same seat before the committee. Senator THURMOND was a member of the Committee, and I believe Senator BYRD may well have been a Member at that time; I would like to check the record on that. But there I was as a young man taking on the job as Under Secretary of the Navy, as my dear friend Colonel Brownlee is now taking on the job as Under Secretary of the Army.

The war at that time was raging in Vietnam. A war tonight is raging beyond our shores, in the area of Afghanistan, where men and women of the Armed Forces are risking their lives. So he joins the Department of Defense at a critical time, as did I.

While I came up sort of through the political ranks, he came up through the ranks as a professional soldier and 18 years of service to the Senate. It was on those qualifications that I was privileged to recommend him to the President. The recommendation was accepted and tonight he was confirmed by the Senate.

It is an important day for Les Brownlee. It is an important day for the Senate and for our committee. I may say that his son, John, and his daughter, Tracy, and other family members are present at this time.

Les has a distinguished career in the U.S. Army. He served in Vietnam. Our periods somewhat overlapped. For 5 years and 4 months I was in the Pentagon. During that period, or prior thereto, Les won the Silver Star with Oakleaf Cluster. That means two Silver Stars. He won the Bronze Star with two Oakleaf Clusters. That means three Bronze Stars. And, he won the Purple Heart.

Les and I have a very close personnel relationship. We've traveled the world together on behalf of the Senate Armed Services Committee. There are times when we have strongly disagreed on subjects. At those times, we go into a room; he takes off his colonel's insignia and I take off the U.S. Senate insignia, and we have at it. Most often we reach a mutual decision. Occasionally, Judy Ansley, who moves up from Deputy to Staff Director, has arbitrated our disputes. Nevertheless, we've had a marvelous relationship in which he's given me the unvarnished truth and advice.

Les Brownlee's record and knowledge about the Department of the Army is second to none. It is extraordinary. He returns to the service of the Army, an organization for which he expressed his love today in those very words, at a time when the Army is going through a very significant period of transition—transitioning in a manner to recognize the changed world in which we live. That world was beginning to change long before September 11 of this year.

Our committee has been working with the previous Secretaries of the Army and Defense, and previous Army Chiefs of Staff. It has been a long evolution. But largely, under the current Chief of Staff and the current Secretary of the Army, one of the major elements of that transformation will take place, and Les Brownlee will be right there to assist and to provide the knowledge.

He sent a note of humor about how he is in all probability returning to the very same office from whence he departed, to come to the Senate, 18 years ago having served as the principal military aid to the then-Under Secretary of the Army. What a fascinating coincidence.

He will also be entrusted with the issues involving homeland defense. The Department of the Army has a very special mission in this area.

Fortunately, the Senate Armed Services Committee established some years