

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

ago a subcommittee to take over certain responsibilities on emerging threats as best we could see them at that time. None of us could envision the events of September 11. Nevertheless our committee, under my chairmanship, following with the chairmanship of our distinguished Senator from Michigan, we continued that work.

Les takes great credit, together with other staff members, in laying out the platforms and the goals of that subcommittee which we achieved in large measure.

I also think, very clearly with a sense of humility, that he exemplifies the extraordinary quality of individuals who come to the Senate to work as staff members. He just gives those people inspiration. As that room was filled today in the hearing, you could see in their hearts and their minds—there were probably 30 to 40 of them assembled there—that someday any one of them could be sitting where he is.

We are privileged in our committee to have had a number of our staff members move on into Presidential appointments in both administrations, Republican and Democrat.

So it is a great day. Chairman LEVIN presided over it with his usual dignity and feeling.

At this moment, I yield the floor so that perhaps he can add his own observations.

We are joined in the Chamber by a very fine staff person, Judy Ansley, who, as I noted earlier, will succeed Les as Chief of Staff. Mrs. Ansley has been his Deputy for a number of years. I am pleased to recognize her presence here today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN. Thank you, Madam President. I thank Senator WARNER.

When my career here is over and I look back on it, one of the real highlights will always be that I came with Senator WARNER and that we have served together on the Armed Services Committee—both as chairman, always as friends, always with total trust, not always with total agreement, but always having our singular goal of a bipartisan security policy for this Nation.

Senator WARNER has been an extraordinary member of that committee. I watched him through the years as he has pulled together people with diverse views to reach a common goal.

It was a pleasure to join with him as he recommended to the President the nomination of Les Brownlee to be Under Secretary of the Army.

It is always a special day for the committee when one of our staff is nominated to a high position in the executive branch. This is a special day for us.

We hate to lose Les. He has been of tremendous and inestimable value in the committee and to both sides of the aisle when we bring our bills to the floor.

This is a committee that I think sets the standard for how we should operate

in a bipartisan manner in this Senate. It has always had that tradition. Senator WARNER maintained that tradition beautifully. I seek to emulate that kind of a role model that he and many Senators before him set when they were chairmen of that very special committee.

Les will be leaving us. He will be crossing the Potomac. He will be back in his beloved Army. I can't think of anyone better qualified to serve in that position than Les because of the experience, which Senator WARNER has outlined, and what Les brings to the job his commitment, spirit, and love for the Army. We always rely on our staff to give us their total loyalty and their total commitment. Les is surely a shining example of that. But first and foremost, that loyalty is to this country. Les has always shown that loyalty.

The staff director for the majority, David Lyles, is also on the floor, as are other members of the Armed Services Committee staff. Not only have we looked to Les for unvarnished and straight advice, we have always looked to him and David Lyles when they were staff directors, first, for the majority, and then for the minority, to work together to bring the committee a joint bill that we could all support and that would help bring us together.

Our staffs have not only given us advice and guidance, they have truly been instrumental in making this committee a bipartisan example of what security policy should be and what this Senate strives to be, whether it is in the area of defense or any other area.

I noted what Senator WARNER said about Les returning perhaps physically to the same office that he left. I understand he was the military executive to the Under Secretary of the Army. The very position that he was the executive to will now be filled by him. So there is a certain symmetry, and a certain wonderful roundness, to Les's confirmation.

As Senator WARNER said, we are now engaged in a military campaign. Colonel Brownlee was engaged in Vietnam. He served two tours in Vietnam with extraordinary distinction and heroism. He brings to this current challenge an experience that is invaluable so that we do not repeat the mistakes that were made in Vietnam, and so that we avoid any of the pitfalls that faced us as a nation in that war in which so many men and women served so valiantly, with so much honor, and with not nearly enough reward or recognition by their own countrymen back here at home.

What Les brings to this current challenge is of tremendous value. I know, as Senator WARNER said, that we speak for every member of our committee and for our staffs when we say how proud we are of Les. We are proud of not only what he has done for the committee, but we also are very confident of what he will do for the Army and for the Nation in his new capacity.

We wish him all the best. We know we will see a lot of him. To him and his

family, we can only say we are sad to see him go, but we are surely glad that he will occupy the position that he will assume. This nation is safer because it will be in his hands.

I thank the Chair.

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I thank my very valued and long time special friend, the Senator from Michigan, for his very kind remarks. I reciprocate with equal feelings toward him.

We struggle together, and we are going to succeed. We have a big mission ahead of us in this committee with this conflict. We are behind our President. We want to give him that type of support, and the men and women of the Armed Forces fighting this engagement.

In relation to what the Senator stated, it was Under Secretary James Ambrose with whom Les served.

I appreciate Senator LEVIN singling out his combat record. The men and women of the Armed Forces, across the board, are trained to go into combat situations. Relatively few of them, however, certainly in recent years, because of the nature of combat, are put into those positions.

I was combat trained in World War II, but I did not go into combat. I did visit the battlefields more than once in Korea, but my military career pales in the face of Les Brownlee's and those of the men and women who have really gotten into the thick of it, have been tested, and proved not only to survive, but continue their leadership. They have earned the recognition of their peer group through their personal decorations.

I have a tremendous amount of respect for Colonel Brownlee and, indeed, for many other Members of the Senate with whom I have been privileged to serve in the past and today who have earned those decorations.

While we acknowledge the long list of Colonel Brownlee's accolades, we recognize that the challenges of life are most successfully accomplished as a team effort. Colonel Brownlee's family have shared the challenges and rewards of both his professional military career and his career in the Senate. The journey which brought Colonel Brownlee to this prestigious nomination would not have been possible without the unconditional and loving support of his family.

From the first day that Les and I began working together, he has always been guided by what he thought was in the best interest of our Nation's security, the best interest of the men and women of our Armed Forces, and in the best interest of the Senate. On behalf of a grateful nation, we congratulate Les on his nomination and thank him for his service to the United States Senate. Les brings a special dimension to the Army secretariat, and we wish him well.

I thank my colleague.

Madam President, I think that concludes the matters, and we can go to the standing order.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:02 p.m., adjourned until Friday, November 9, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 8, 2001:

THE JUDICIARY

DAVID W. MCKEAGUE, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE RICHARD F. SUHRHEINRICH, RETIRED.

SUSAN BIEKE NEILSON, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE CORNELIA G. KENNEDY, RETIRED.

HENRY W. SAAD, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE JAMES L. RYAN, RETIRED.

RALPH R. BEISTLINE, OF ALASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, VICE H. RUSSEL HOLLAND, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CLAUDE M. BOLTON, JR., OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE PAUL J. HOEPER.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE POSITIONS AND GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8307:

*To be the judge advocate general of the United States Air Force*

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS J. FISCUS, 0000

*To be major general and to be the deputy judge advocate general of the United States Air Force*

BRIG. GEN. JACK L. RIVES, 0000

IN THE ARMY

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

*To be colonel*

CAROL E. PILAT, 0000

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

*To be major*

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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK (\*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 624:

*To be major*

\*JAMES W. WARE, 0000

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

*To be major*

MEE S. PAEK, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 8, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DALE KLEIN, OF TEXAS, TO BE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS.

MARY L. WALKER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.

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

MARVIN R. SAMBUR, OF INDIANA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.

SANDRA L. PACK, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

FREDERICO JUARBE, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAY B. STEPHENS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

THE JUDICIARY

TERRY L. WOOTEN, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.