

have joined us in Iraq for their efforts in promoting Iraq's security, stability, reconstruction, and transition to democracy.

In particular, I also thank Senator SESSIONS for originating the idea of this resolution and for turning it into real language for his colleagues to consider. He initially proposed such a resolution that provided certain language. At that time, he was working in a bipartisan manner with Senator LIEBERMAN and other Members of both sides of the aisle on this bipartisan resolution. He later joined with Senators LINDSEY GRAHAM, JOE BIDEN, TOM DASCHLE, and myself—most of us have actually been in Iraq recently—to hammer out a resolution that not only celebrates the liberation of Iraq and its transition to full sovereignty but also prescribes a number of steps that should be taken in the coming months to ensure those fruits of our efforts are realized.

I thank Senator DASCHLE and his colleagues for their help in fine-tuning this resolution so the entire Senate can endorse it. It is a good resolution. The importance of its passage I do not think can be underscored given the fact we are about a week before Iraq's transition to full sovereignty. It sends a timely message, the right message, of thanks to our coalition partners and our support to the Iraqi interim government and the Iraqi people who are endeavoring to defeat terrorism and secure the blessings of democracy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. If the distinguished majority leader will yield, following the meeting with the President this morning, which I had the good fortune of being able to attend, the one message that came out of the meeting to me is that the hero today in Iraq is the Prime Minister of Iraq. He is a man of great courage who has had a number of assassination attempts on his life, even when he did not live in Iraq, because of the people who were trying to get rid of him, and I wish him well. He is a man of courage. To take on this responsibility knowing that the evil forces that are in that country are out to dispense with him says a lot about the kind of man he is.

Speaking personally of the meeting at the White House this morning, I repeat the one thing that came out of that meeting today is the forceful nature of the man who is leading that country as of next Wednesday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. FRIST. I will just add to the comments of my friend from Nevada that I had the opportunity to meet with the Prime Minister a little over 2 weeks ago when we were in Baghdad.

I know Senator DASCHLE and Senator BIDEN and Senator GRAHAM also had the opportunity to meet with the Prime Minister on their recent trip. I mention that because 4 weeks ago nobody knew that he was going to be

Prime Minister. In fact, he didn't know. It was not a position that he had asked for. The interim government, through this selection process, asked him to step forward, and he did just that. Uniformly, the people who met him and who have talked with him since he has assumed this position have been impressed with his courage, his determination, and his understanding of the role that is before him.

I should also add the distinguished assistant Democratic leader and I had the opportunity to meet with the President of Iraq who will be working with the Prime Minister. He, too, is very impressive in terms of his leadership and his vision, and the boldness we know is going to be required.

GAO HUMAN CAPITAL REFORM ACT OF 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Government Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2751, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2751) to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2751) was read the third time and passed.

EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AS PARTICIPANTS IN LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to immediate consideration of Calendar No. 590, S. 2322.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2322) to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, to include employees of the District of Columbia courts as participants in long term care insurance for Federal employees.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 2322) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2322

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS.

Section 9001(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and”;
 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon and “and”;
 and

(3) by adding at the end the following:
 “(E) an employee of the District of Columbia courts.”.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, Section 710, 2(A)(ii), appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: Laurens Tullock of Tennessee.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 120, the adjournment resolution, which is at the desk.

I further ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 120) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 120

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Thursday, June 24, 2004, through Monday, June 28, 2004, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, or at such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, June 24, 2004, or Friday, June 25, 2004, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and the House, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 4200, S. 2400, S.2401, S. 2402, S. 2403

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, with respect to H.R. 4200, which passed the

Senate last night, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

Mr. FRIST. I further ask unanimous consent with respect to 2400, S. 2401, S. 2402 and S. 2403, as just passed by the Senate, that if the Senate receives a message with respect to any of these bills from the House of Representatives, the Senate disagree with the House and its amendment or amendments to the Senate-passed bill and agree to or request a conference with the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees, and that the foregoing occur without any intervening action or debate.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider all nominations reported out by the Armed Services Committee today. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

NOMINATIONS

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Paul V. Hester, 2071

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Henry A. Obering, III, 3819

The following named United States Air Force Reserve officer for appointment as Chief of Air Force Reserve, and for appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 8038 and 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley, 1756

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey B. Kohler, 6994

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John F. Regni, 3576

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Michael W. Wooley, 9379

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, 7542

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Charles B. Green, 6223

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Melissa A. Rank, 1159

Col. Thomas W. Travis, 2543

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Richard A. Cody, 6483

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

George W. Casey, Jr., 1204

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Engineers/Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 3036:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Carl A. Strock, 1502

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Colby M. Broadwater, III, 6269

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Joseph R. Inge, 8482

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Russel L. Honore, 9939

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief, Army Nurse Corps and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 3069:

To be major general

Col. Gale S. Pollock, 1175

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. George W. Weightman, 6988

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. William E. Ingram, Jr., 5691

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Colonel James G. Champion, 8508

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

To be brigadier general

Col. Frank R. Carlini, 3070

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 brigadier general

Col. Carla G. Hawley-Bowland, 5280

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

To be brigadier general

Col. Douglas A. Pritt, 9164

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Thomas T. Galkowski, 8505

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Henry P. Osman, 9358

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. James T. Conway, 2270

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. John F. Sattler, 0580

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Dickerson, Jr., 2458

Brig. Gen. Richard S. Kramlich, 9829

Brig. Gen. Richard F. Natonski, 9548