

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that an objection would be put forward from the other side of the aisle.

Mr. President, I move that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar No. 309.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Eric S. Edelman, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Eric S. Edelman of Virginia to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Bill Frist, Mel Martinez, Jeff Sessions, John Thune, Arlen Specter, Larry E. Craig, David Vitter, Sam Brownback, Lisa Murkowski, Richard Shelby, Pat Roberts, Richard Burr, George Allen, Jim Talent, Judd Gregg, John Ensign.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now resume legislative session.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 9. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for 30 minutes, with the first 15 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the second 15 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee; further, that the Senate then resume consideration of S. 852, the asbestos bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will continue to debate S. 852, the asbestos bill. Amendments are in order, and I expect Members to come forward with their related amendments. We will be prepared to debate

and vote in relation to the amendments. I hope we can make progress on the bill.

We have spent the last few days debating, which is important, but now is the time to work through the underlying issues in the bill before I expect votes to occur on Thursday. As I have stated repeatedly, Friday will be a working day, and we now have a cloture vote scheduled for Friday morning on a nomination.

I also hope that we can continue to move forward on the asbestos bill on Friday as well. We have 2 more days this week, and we need to make the most of that time. Senators should be prepared for busy days for the remainder of the week.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. In my capacity as Senator from South Carolina, I ask unanimous consent that the quorum call be dispensed with.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Thereupon the Senate, at 7:53 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, February 9, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 8, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICIA P. BRISTER, OF LOUISIANA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE JUDICIARY

SANDRA SEGAL IKUTA, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, VICE JAMES R. BROWNING, RETIRED.

MICHAEL BRUNSON WALLACE, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT, VICE CHARLES W. PICKERING, SR., RETIRED.

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. ROBERT R. BLACKMAN, JR., 0000

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

To be lieutenant

MICHAEL W. ALBERT, 0000
DAVID J. ALDOUS, 0000
LEONARD H. ALLEN, 0000
DAVID M. ALVAREZ, 0000
SAMUEL L. ALVORD, 0000
DAVID F. AMBOS, 0000
JASON K. APPLEBERRY, 0000
SEGUNDO J. ARGUDO, 0000
REGINALD I. BAIRD, 0000
RYAN A. BARONE, 0000
RYAN A. BARTON, 0000
SCOTT P. BARTON, 0000
ANNE M. BECKER, 0000

ROBERT W. BILBO, 0000
MICHAEL L. BOWMAN, 0000
LANCE J. BRANT, 0000
RICHARD J. BURKE, 0000
VICTOR G. BUSKIRK, 0000
ANDRES CAMARGO, 0000
DONALD B. CAMPBELL, 0000
JAMES D. CANNON, 0000
CHRISTY S. CASEY, 0000
JUSTIN M. CASSELL, 0000
JOHN T. CATANZARO, 0000
ROBERT S. CLARKE, 0000
PAUL J. COLEMAN, 0000
JEFFREY M. COLLINS, 0000
ROSS E. COMER, 0000
CARLOS M. CRESPO, 0000
PAUL J. CROOKSHANK, 0000
MARTIN J. DIETSCH, 0000
BRIAN J. DONAHUE, 0000
WILLIAM R. DUNBAR, 0000
BRYAN L. DUNLAP, 0000
CHARLES ENGBRING, 0000
TOM ENGBRING, 0000
JAY S. FAIR, 0000
PAUL A. FAWCETT, 0000
KRISTYTON N. FINCH, 0000
JASON F. FRANK, 0000
FRANK A. FUSCO, 0000
CARLOS F. GAVLANES, 0000
GREG S. GEDEMER, 0000
AARON G. GREEN, 0000
CATHARINE D. GROSS, 0000
ANTHONY D. GULLD, 0000
MARK A. HAAG, 0000
CHRISTOPHER E. HALEY, 0000
JOY E. HALL, 0000
ROBERT P. HILL, 0000
FRANK L. HINSON, 0000
GILES C. HOBACK III, 0000
MATTHEW M. HOBBE, 0000
ROBERT E. HOLLINGER, 0000
TIMOTHY D. HOWARD, 0000
THOMAS P. HRVNYSHYN, 0000
DONALD K. ISOM, 0000
JACK W. JACKSON, 0000
THOMAS A. JACOBSON, 0000
WESTON R. JAMES, 0000
DOUGLAS A. JANNUSCH, 0000
JOHN W. KASER, 0000
RICHARD J. KAVANAUGH, 0000
TONYA G. KELLEY, 0000
RAYMOND S. KINGSLEY, 0000
ANDREW C. KIRKPATRICK, 0000
SHAWN A. LANSING, 0000
PATRICK J. LEE, 0000
JOSEPH J. LEONARD, 0000
JOHN R. LUFF, 0000
EZEKIEL J. LYONS, 0000
RICHARD A. MACH, 0000
STEVEN D. MAHANY, 0000
ROBERT J. MANNING, 0000
CHARLES MARINO, 0000
RONAYDEE M. MARQUEZ, 0000
TIMOTHY R. MARTIN, 0000
STEPHEN MATADOBRA, 0000
JAMES J. MAZEL, 0000
BRIAN K. MCCAUL, 0000
JAMES M. MCCLAY, 0000
KERRI W. MEKLIAN, 0000
ROBERT A. MOOMAW, 0000
DAVID J. MOORE, 0000
FERDINAND MORALES, 0000
MICHAEL J. MUNNERLYN, 0000
JOHN R. NIMS, 0000
JESSICA E. NOEL, 0000
BRYAN K. ODITT, 0000
DAVID M. OTANI, 0000
HECTOR M. PACHECO, 0000
CHARLES N. PARHAM, 0000
MICHAEL L. PARKER, 0000
JEFFREY C. PETERSON, 0000
JOSE L. RAMIREZ, 0000
CHRISTIAN P. RIGNEY, 0000
JUSTO E. RIVERA, 0000
DAVID J. ROBERTS, 0000
RICHARD D. RUSSELL, 0000
PAUL T. SANGER, 0000
BRENT R. SCHMADEKE, 0000
WILLIAM A. SCHRABE, 0000
JOHN R. SCOTT, 0000
HEATHER D. SKOWRON, 0000
SAMUEL L. SLAY, 0000
BRADLEY L. SMITH, 0000
JASON S. SMITH, 0000
LAWRENCE W. SOHL, 0000
LANE A. SOLAK, 0000
GABRIEL J. SOMMA, 0000
LANE G. STEFFENHAGEN, 0000
THOMAS M. STOKES, 0000
JOHN R. STRASBURG, 0000
RODERICK A. STRIJD, 0000
JONATHAN E. SULLIVAN, 0000
CAROL M. SWINSON, 0000
JOHN K. TUTCHEN, 0000
TERRY R. TRELFOED, 0000
SHAUN T. VACCARO, 0000
THOMAS C. VAUGHN, 0000
STEPHEN E. WEST, 0000
TODD C. WIGGEN, 0000
CHARLES WOJACZYK, 0000
MARCUS P. WONG, 0000
MURICIS S. YORK, 0000
STEVEN M. YUDE, 0000
JACOB A. ZALEWSKI, 0000
PETER J. ZAUNER, 0000
PETER E. ZOHIMSKY, 0000