

But each day we let this uncertainty exist has the potential to further impair the intelligence system. Those of our citizens engaged in it and those partners we share intelligence with around the world are beginning to wonder if there is an uncertainty about the status and the authority of what we are doing out on the front lines gathering intelligence, as well as all the way through the chain back to those in positions of responsibility in Washington and elsewhere. You might not get the degree of intelligence that you need.

We have to remove that uncertainty, and move this Nation forward ever so strongly in its collection capabilities, and remove from those citizens—I am not one who follows the polls, and I am not one dictated to by the polls, but the reality is a lot of citizens of clear conscience believe the President may not be acting within the law. We have to remove that. We want every person in the United States to believe our President is acting within the law as we pursue this war on terrorism.

I am very pleased to support what the distinguished Chairman PAT ROBERTS said about the meeting yesterday, and that there will be, in a consultative process, an analysis made by the Congress and the administration in resolving this, and possibly we can seek legislation. It will be a challenge because of the question of the degree of knowledge that we have with regard to how collection is undertaken and how we translate that into law. That will be an unusual challenge facing this body, and we are going to have to reach down and search in our souls and put politics to one side and determine that we are acting in the present and long-term interests of this country—that we have to do it in such a way that when it is concluded we have across the board supported the American public to continue to move forward stronger.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006, AT 2 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 345, the Senate stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2006.

Thereupon, at 1:25 p.m., the Senate adjourned until Monday, February 27, 2006, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 17, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LINDA AVERY STRACHAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, VICE MARY KIRTLEY WATERS.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

RANDALL L. TOBIAS, OF INDIANA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE ANDREW S. NATSIOS, RESIGNED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OF-

FICERS OF THE CLASS STATED, FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS ONE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRENT ROYAL BOHNE, OF MINNESOTA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS TWO, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JACQUELINE K. MCKENNAN, OF MONTANA
WILLIAM STEUER, OF TEXAS

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KATHLEEN A. FITZGIBBON, OF VIRGINIA
TIMOTHY E. GERHARDSON, OF VIRGINIA
DEHAB GHEBREAB, OF VIRGINIA
WILLIAM ALEXANDER JAMES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MONA A. KUNTZ, OF FLORIDA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JONATHAN A. ALAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA
SUMERA ASHRUF, OF MARYLAND
EVANGELINE LARSON BAKER, OF NEW YORK
DAVID H. BALL, OF FLORIDA
DEBRA ANNE BENAVIDEZ, OF VIRGINIA
SARAH MARIE BERAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
VALERIE K. BILGRI HOLM, OF WISCONSIN
MELISSA ANNE BROWN, OF NEW YORK
PHILIP S. CARGILE, OF VIRGINIA
NICOLE ANN CHULICK, OF NEVADA
JEFFREY S. COLLINS, OF FLORIDA
AARON DAVIET, OF TENNESSEE
RACHEL E. DAWLEY, OF TEXAS
MICHAEL LANIER DICKERSON, OF MARYLAND
MAYA HOWE DIETZ, OF WASHINGTON
BENJAMIN A. EAST, OF CONNECTICUT
EMILY SANFORD FISHER, OF NEW YORK
MARK LEWIS FLEMING, OF VIRGINIA
JOHN PETER GINKEL, OF MISSOURI
RYAN M. GLIHA, OF ARIZONA
HEATHER GRANT, OF FLORIDA
LAURA J. GRITZ, OF WASHINGTON
WILLIAM MICHAEL HAMMAKER, OF WASHINGTON
CHRISTINE M. HARBAUGH, OF MONTANA
JANICE D. HARRIMAN, OF FLORIDA
MAYA CATHERINE HARRIS, OF MARYLAND
RYAN L. HASS, OF WASHINGTON
PATRICK C. HORNE, OF TEXAS
ELIZABETH A. HUSE, OF VIRGINIA
JULIA I. JACOBY, OF NEW YORK
MELISSA A. JARRETT, OF MARYLAND
STEPHANIE R. KUCK, OF WASHINGTON
CHRISTINE MARIE LAWSON, OF SOUTH CAROLINA
ETIENNE S. LEBAILLY, OF WASHINGTON
VIRAJ M. LEBAILLY, OF WASHINGTON
JESSE S. LEVINSON, OF RHODE ISLAND
LYNN E. LEWIS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
JENNIFER R. LITTLEJOHN, OF NEW YORK
BARON PHILEN LOBSTEIN, OF TEXAS
PETER W. LORD, OF FLORIDA
CHRISTIAN M. MARCHANT, OF KENTUCKY
BARBARA JO MASILKO, OF NEBRASKA
PATRICK T. MCEACHERN, OF VIRGINIA
PAMELA GAYLE MILLS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
KENT MORRIS, OF CALIFORNIA
PETER D. NEWMAN, OF FLORIDA
ERINN PATRICK NICLEY, OF OHIO
STACY LYNN PEARCE, OF NEW MEXICO
TRISTRAM D. PERRY, OF MASSACHUSETTS
MARC R. PORTER, OF WEST VIRGINIA
J. STEVEN RAMIREZ, OF TEXAS
HILARY FULLER RENNEN, OF VIRGINIA
PHILIP JOCELYN ANGLD RICHARDS, OF NEW YORK
DAWN MICHELLE ROBERTS, OF CALIFORNIA
BRIAN R. RORAFF, OF ILLINOIS
TARA E. VERDONK ROUGLE, OF MONTANA
JUHA P. SALIN, OF WASHINGTON
JESSE LEON SANDERS, OF FLORIDA
RACHEL I. SCHNELLER, OF MONTANA
HARVEY WILLIAM SERNOVITZ, OF WISCONSIN
JENNIFER Y. SHALOFF, OF MARYLAND
GREGORY J. SHAW, OF WASHINGTON
DIANE LYN SOVEREIGN, OF NEVADA
SARAH SPODEK, OF VIRGINIA
MARY KATHERINE STANA, OF VIRGINIA
DONALD HALL STEELE, JR., OF WASHINGTON
JONAS DAMIEN STEWART, OF KANSAS
KURT H. STOPPKOTTE, OF FLORIDA
ANDREW DAVID STOWE, OF WASHINGTON
THOMAS W. TANNER II, OF VIRGINIA
ANDREA JOYCE TOMASZEWICZ, OF NEW JERSEY
ALEXANDER TRATENSEK, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTINA D. TRIBBLE, OF CALIFORNIA
SCOTT C. WALKER, OF CALIFORNIA
RACHEL ANNE WALLACE, OF VIRGINIA
VALERIE JEAN WHEAT, OF VIRGINIA
MARK VINCENT ZIMMER, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED INDIVIDUAL TO BE A SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

DAVID G. LOEVINGER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, AND FOR APPOINTMENT AS CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, AS INDICATED: CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, AND CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM J. BOOTH, OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDER, ATLANTIC AREA OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. DAVID B. PETERMAN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDER, PACIFIC AREA OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. CHARLES D. WURSTER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50A:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) ROBERT J. PAPP, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 47:

To be vice admiral

VICE ADM. VIVIEN S. CREA, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

THOMAS L. MCKNIGHT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be lieutenant colonel

BARTLETT H. HAYES, 0000

To be major

ORLANDO L. COLONCONCEPCION, 0000
MIGUEL A. MEDINA, 0000
ZAIGA K. SEARS, 0000

IN THE ARMY

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

To be colonel

JACK L. KAPLAN, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

MARIANNE E. WATSON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

STERLING W. HEYMEN, 0000
TIMOTHY J. WOJTECKI, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK(*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624, 531, AND 3064:

To be major

*DAVID ABDALLA, 0000
*LANNY J. ACOSTA, JR., 0000
*WILLIAM A. ALFORD III, 0000
KATHLEEN ALLRED, 0000
*ROBERT W. AYERS, 0000
*SCOTT T. AYERS, 0000
BRIAN C. BALDRATE, 0000
*MICHAEL D. BANKS, 0000
*JAMES A. BARKI, 0000
THOMAS H. BARNARD, 0000
*ROBERT M. BLACKMON, 0000
*TONYA L. BLACKWELL, 0000