

We have a lot of legislation to do when we come back. We need to get to this as quickly as possible. With that, there should be no doubt on our side of the determination and President Bush's commitment on this matter and to get this done as soon as possible.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I may say a final word. The problem with the managers' amendment, all the amendments are Republicans' amendments. We don't have the numbers, but I think we have a few amendments that would strengthen the bill. We have discussed this publicly and privately and here is where we are. It is unfortunate. It is something that should be done. There is not a country in the world, in my opinion, that deserves more attention than India—maybe some as much as them, but they have been a good partner of ours. I think this would be a step forward for the world and our two countries.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it is my understanding the managers' amendment has been worked out between Senator LUGAR and Senator BIDEN to their satisfaction.

We all agree that it is critical to do this as soon as possible. We have this promise of a new relationship between our Nation and India, which is the world's largest democracy, and it is a relationship President Bush has begun to construct. That can only grow if Congress delivers on the commitment the President put forward to revise the U.S. law. There should be no doubt about our determination to deliver on President Bush's commitment.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 483 until 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, and that following the prayer and the pledge, the Senate stand in adjournment until Monday, November 13, at 2 p.m. I further ask that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate on November 9, Senators be permitted to introduce bills and submit statements and the Senate receive messages until 10:30 a.m. on November 9.

I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge on Monday, November 13, 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 proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, it has been a long day. We are into our second day now, as it is about 2:20 in the

morning. It has been a productive day with the passage of the Defense appropriations conference report, the border security fence bill, the Homeland Security appropriations conference report, the Iran Libya Sanctions Act, and several other key legislative and executive items.

We will return on November 9 for a brief session for the introduction of bills, but no business will be conducted. We will return on Monday, November 13. We will have a busy week, with orientation of new Members and our party conferences. I don't expect votes to begin that week until sometime later Tuesday afternoon. We will get word to Members as to the timing of any votes.

THANKING THE SENATE STAFF

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if the Senator will yield. I know I speak for both of us in expressing our appreciation to our Senate staff. It is 2:30 in the morning, and they have been here long, long hours. We get a lot of things done here, but it is not on our own. We have a wonderful staff that does so much.

We have the pages, some of whom are still here, and they are juniors in high school. We have the doorkeepers, the Capitol Police, the official reporters, and the fine floor staff that makes it possible to get all this complicated stuff done. It could not be done without them. They get very little recognition.

To them, I say thank you very much to all of you who do such wonderful things for us personally, and it all winds up being for our country.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I second that as well. It is interesting, when you are around here at 2:30 in the morning—or, as I said at my retirement dinner, when you are here early in the morning and are among the first people who come in and usually one of the last people leaving, because generally Senator REID and I are here to close, you get to see a side of this place that a lot of people don't see—the people who keep it clean, who sweep the floors, make sure light bulbs are in place, who make sure there is always clean paint on the walls. It is pretty amazing. It reminds me of a hospital a lot because people get sick 24 hours a day. This is very similar in that the hours are unpredictable, and it is a living democracy in which we have the opportunity to participate. It is one big, huge team that makes it possible. We very rarely pause and say that. It is very important as we all work together to make the country a safer, healthier, and stronger place.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 483.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:26 a.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 9, 2006, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 29, 2006:

THE JUDICIARY

WILLIAM LINDSAY OSTERN, JR., OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VICE WILLIAM L. OSTERN, SR., RETIRED.

MARTIN KARL REIDINGER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VICE GRAHAM C. MULLEN, RETIRED.

THOMAS D. SCHROEDER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, VICE FRANK W. BULLOCK, JR., RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN ROBERTS HACKMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JOHN FRANCIS CLARK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ROBERT F. HOYT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE ARNOLD I. HAVENS, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be captain

RAYMOND C. SLAGLE

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be ensign

CARYN M. ARNOLD
MATTHEW T. BURTON
JAMES T. FALKNER
MARK K. FRYDRYCH
JUSTIN T. KEESEE
JENNIFER L. KING
BENJAMIN M. LACOUR
CHAD M. MECKLEY
MEGAN A. NADEAU
CARL G. RHODES
CHRISTOPHER S. SKAPIN
JOSHUA J. SLATER
TIMOTHY M. SMITH
RYAN C. WATTAM
MARC E. WEEKLEY
PHOEBE A. WOODWORTH

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR PERSONNEL ACTION IN THE REGULAR COMPONENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS THEREFORE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS:

To be assistant surgeon

CHRISTOPHER J. BENGSON
SAMUEL A. MC ARTHUR
CHAYANIN MUSIKASINTHORN

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATE FOR PERSONNEL ACTION IN THE REGULAR COMPONENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS THEREFORE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS:

1. FOR APPOINTMENT:

To be assistant surgeon

LEAH HILL

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, 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

JAMES A. JIMENEZ, OF FLORIDA
NATHANIEL SEKOU TURNER, OF MARYLAND

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED: CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

THOMAS J. BRENNAN, OF MISSOURI
LAURA A. GIMENEZ, OF CALIFORNIA
JANE KITSON, OF MARYLAND
ERIC P. OLSON, OF COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEFFREY D. ADLER, OF MASSACHUSETTS

KATHERINE ARCIERI, OF NEW JERSEY
 MARK ERNEST AZUA, OF ILLINOIS
 KRISTIN HELENE BAHNSEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 SHERRI BAKER, OF VIRGINIA
 BRIAN T. BEDELL, OF WISCONSIN
 SHANNON D. BEHAJ, OF DELAWARE
 LYNETTE M. BEHNKE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 DANIEL M. BELL III, OF VIRGINIA
 STEPHEN BLACK, OF NEW YORK
 CAREN A. BROWN, OF ARIZONA
 JOEL TODD BULLOCK, OF ALABAMA
 DANIEL N. CALLISTER, OF VIRGINIA
 ANGELA CAULFIELD, OF VIRGINIA
 ANDREW HUN CHOI, OF VIRGINIA
 JOHN MICHAEL COYLE, OF VIRGINIA
 JONATHAN JOEL CRAWFORD, OF VIRGINIA
 PATRICK EVERETT CRUNKLETON, OF VIRGINIA
 JONATHAN M. CULLEN, OF VIRGINIA
 VALERI A. DAVIES, OF VIRGINIA
 KIMBERLY J. DEICHERT, OF OHIO
 AINSLEY YOHANN DESILVA, OF VIRGINIA
 PRADNYA PRADHAN DESHPANDE, OF VIRGINIA
 HESTER KERKSIEK DREDGE, OF TEXAS
 ERIC EILSKOV, OF TEXAS
 AARON FEIT, OF MICHIGAN
 EMILY S. FERTIK, OF MASSACHUSETTS
 PATRICK J. FISCHER, OF PENNSYLVANIA
 ANN CLEMENTI FLYNN, OF CALIFORNIA
 JILLIAN FRUMKIN, OF VIRGINIA
 JANE K. GAMBLE, OF WASHINGTON
 LEAH GEORGE, OF NEW YORK
 PETER H. GILLETTE, OF VIRGINIA
 STEVEN F. GRABOWSKI, OF VIRGINIA
 KRISTI L. GRUIZENGA, OF MICHIGAN
 CARRIE A. GRYSKIEWICZ, OF MINNESOTA
 MICHAEL D. GUINAN, OF VIRGINIA
 REVA GUPTA, OF MARYLAND
 CAROLINE ADAIR HAMILTON, OF TEXAS
 KENNETH C. HAN, OF VIRGINIA
 ELIZABETH E. HANNY, OF VIRGINIA
 ALEXANDER HAWKES, OF CALIFORNIA
 LYNDIA J. HINDS, OF CALIFORNIA
 ELIZABETH M. HOFFMAN, OF NEW YORK
 JOHN THOMAS ICE, OF KENTUCKY
 KENNETH WAYNE JACKMAN II, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 JENNIFER MARIE JASKEL, OF VIRGINIA
 JENNIFER A. JONES, OF CALIFORNIA
 BLAINE KALTMAN, OF FLORIDA
 DANIEL SETH KATZ, OF WASHINGTON
 JULIE L. KELLY, OF VIRGINIA
 BRIAN E. KENNEDY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 WILLIAM E. KIRBY, OF VIRGINIA
 KAREN E. KIRCHGASSER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 SHAWN A. KOBB, OF VIRGINIA
 ELIZABETH A. KOLOJEK, OF OHIO
 STEVEN W. KOOP, OF VIRGINIA
 DIANA L. KRAMER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 SIMON KIM LEE, OF VIRGINIA
 MARION D. LEVESKAS, OF OHIO
 KING SAN LIEN, OF MASSACHUSETTS
 ALMA LONDON, OF VIRGINIA
 EDWARD V. MARSHALL, OF VIRGINIA
 AMIR MASLIYAH, OF CALIFORNIA
 KIMBERLY L. MCCLAIN, OF TEXAS
 SUSAN N. MCPHEE, OF NEW JERSEY
 MCKENZIE A. MILANOWSKI, OF PENNSYLVANIA
 CAROLYN A. MILLS, OF VIRGINIA
 VINCENT R. MOORE, OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 MATTHEW J. MORRILL, OF VIRGINIA
 ADAM D. MURRAY, OF MICHIGAN
 MENAKA M. NAYYAR, OF NEW YORK
 JAIMEE MACANAS NEEL, OF NEVADA
 MARIANA L. NEISULER, OF VIRGINIA
 RICHARD C. NICHOLSON, OF FLORIDA
 AARON ADRIAN NUUTINEN, OF TEXAS
 ANGELA JANE PALAZZOLO, OF VIRGINIA
 KATRISA BOHNE PEFFLEY, OF MINNESOTA
 KIMBERLY G. PHELAN, OF CALIFORNIA
 ANTHONY V. PIRNOT, OF PENNSYLVANIA
 JENNIFER L. PROULX, OF VIRGINIA
 STEVEN M. RICHES, OF TENNESSEE
 DALE M. RICHTER, OF VIRGINIA
 RENE A. RIVERA-SANTIAGO, OF VIRGINIA
 SILVANA DEL VALLE RODRIGUEZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 MICHAEL JAMES SCHARDING, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 SARAH GOLDFEDER SCHMIDT, OF MAINE
 ERIK J. SCHNOTALA, OF ILLINOIS
 SUSAN T. SERNA, OF TEXAS
 AMIT S. SHETH, OF VIRGINIA
 CRAIG C. SHIPLEY, OF VIRGINIA
 SPENCER CARRYN SHIPMAN, OF MARYLAND
 SCOTT M. SIMPSON, OF TEXAS
 KATHERINE PARKS SKARSTEN, OF COLORADO
 VIRGINIA LEE STERN, OF ILLINOIS
 RACHEL M. STREIN, OF VIRGINIA
 JENNIFER SKOUSEN SUDWEEKS, OF VIRGINIA
 BARBARA R. SZCZEPANIAK, OF FLORIDA
 MARC TARANTO, OF VIRGINIA
 JAIME L. TEAHEN, OF VIRGINIA
 HAMISH B. TEASDALE, OF VIRGINIA
 JAMES TIRA, OF NEW YORK
 DANIELLE MARIE TRAYLOR, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
 MATTHEW E. WALL, OF ALABAMA
 DANIEL KARL WALTER, OF VIRGINIA
 MARY WALZ, OF WASHINGTON
 DAVID EARL WILLIAMS, OF NORTH CAROLINA
 SUSAN A. WILSON, OF VIRGINIA
 HOWELL J. WINTERS, OF VIRGINIA
 MIREILLE L. ZIESENISS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be colonel

JEFFERY C. CARSTENS, 0000

To be lieutenant colonel

CHARLES M. COUNCE, 0000
 CHARLES D LUTIN, 0000
 SUSAN P. STATTMILLER, 0000

To be major

MICHAEL M. BEZOUSKA, 0000
 ENRIQUE M. BURSZTYN, 0000
 DAWNE P. CHRICHLLOWROUSE, 0000
 KAVITA P. DAVEARORA, 0000
 EARL W. EDWARDS, 0000
 LONNIE T. FEAGAN, 0000
 TIMOTHY J. HIRTEEN, 0000
 JOHN O. MAYES III, 0000
 STEFAN J. ORR, 0000
 MARIA M. B. SANGALANG, 0000
 MARCIA WHEELER, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be colonel

ROBERT E. SUTER, 0000

To be lieutenant colonel

RICHARD C. RUCK, 0000
 STEPHEN T. SAUTER, 0000
 LINDA K. WEIR, 0000

To be major

LAURA DAWSON, 0000
 DAWN HAROLD, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

JOHN M. COTTEN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

LAUREEN A. OTTO, 0000
 DEE A. PAOLI, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

STEVEN F. WILLIAMS, 0000
 JESSICA N. STANTON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

LEE A. KNOX, 0000

DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were confirmed:

Clyde Bishop, of Delaware, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Charles L. Glazer, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of El Salvador.

Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Frank Baxter, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of

the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

The Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were held at the desk:

Christopher A. Padilla, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for the remainder of the term expiring January 20, 2007.

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was held at the desk:

Calvin L. Scovel, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were held at the desk:

Robert W. Johnson, of Nevada, to be Commissioner of Reclamation.

C. Stephen Allred, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Mary Amelia Bomar, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the National Park Service.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Friday, September 29, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ANDREW B. STEINBERG, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ROBERT L. WILKIE, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DAVID LONGLY BERNHARDT, OF COLORADO, TO BE SOLICITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MARY E. PETERS, OF ARIZONA, TO BE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

BRIGADIER GENERAL BRUCE ARLAN BERWICK, UNITED STATES ARMY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION.

COLONEL GREGG F. MARTIN, UNITED STATES ARMY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION.
 BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT CREAR, UNITED STATES ARMY, TO BE A MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION.

REAR ADMIRAL SAMUEL P. DE BOW, JR., NOAA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

WILLIAM H. GRAVES, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 18, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ROBERT T. HOWARD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY).

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JOHN K. VERONEAU, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DEPUTY UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ROBERT K. STEEL, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

DAVID H. PRYOR, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2008.

CHRIS BOSKIN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2012.