

CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS, VICE DALE KLEIN, RESIGNED.

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

BERYL A. HOWELL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2011. (REAPPOINTMENT)

JOHN R. STEER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 31, 2011. (REAPPOINTMENT)

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

ROSEMARY E. RODRIGUEZ, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 12, 2007, VICE RAYMUNDO MARTINEZ, III, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Wednesday, December 6, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ROBERT M. GATES, OF TEXAS, TO BE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

WITHDRAWALS

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on Decem-

ber 6, 2006 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

DAVID H. LAUFMAN, OF TEXAS, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VICE JOSEPH E. SCHMITZ, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JUNE 5, 2006.

TRACY A. HENKE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATION AND PREPAREDNESS, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE C. SUZANNE MENCER, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2006.