

On the nongermane amendments, you run into problems like we have run into in these last couple of days. There are some really big issues people are objecting to and not allowing these other amendments to be heard unless they get theirs. We have this habeas corpus issue, and there has been all kinds of talk on that. That is okay, from my perspective, but we have spent a lot of time on that issue before. We have over on this side something dealing with Katrina about which Senator LANDRIEU feels very strongly. We have a Senator over here who is interested in the PATRIOT Act and changing that. It goes back and forth, with both sides having all kinds of things they want, but it is an open process.

Now, the one thing that maybe we can do in the future to make things a little more orderly is have an open amendment process. But when an amendment is called, we have to dispose of that. What we have tried to do here is have people come and give their statements about amendments they want to offer, and we have allowed them to offer them. What happens is you get too many amendments stacked up, and it gives individual Senators, frankly, too much power because they hold everybody else hostage.

So I think what we are going to do in the future—and I will discuss this in more detail with the distinguished Republican leader—is have open amendments but not allow these amendments to be stacked up. By doing it the way we have done it here, trying to be more open, it takes away a lot of the authority of the two managers because the authority on these bills floats to individual Senators because they have all these amendments and they want to offer them, which I have no problem with, but they won't allow other people to have votes on their amendments unless they get amendments.

This legislative process is the art of compromise and trying to work things out. Quite frankly, during the last couple of days, we have had Senators on both sides who have been very uncompromising, and it has made it very difficult for the managers and I would think Senator McCONNELL and myself.

Having said that, I appreciate all the problems we have here. Remember, for 220 years, this has been the U.S. Senate. It is a wonderful institution. Sometimes, however, it can be very consternating to work things through, but we will get it done.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no other business and if the Republican leader has no further business, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:43 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 7, 2007:

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

JOSEPH TIMOTHY KELLIHER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2012. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

KERRI LAYNE BRIGGS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE HENRY LOUIS JOHNSON, RESIGNED.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

DOUGLAS G. MYERS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2011, VICE PETER HERO, TERM EXPIRED.

JEFFREY PATCHEN, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2011, VICE JOHN E. BUCHANAN, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

LOTSEE PATTERSON, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 6, 2011, VICE DONALD LESLIE, TERM EXPIRED.

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 TWO, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICIA A. MILLER, OF MARYLAND

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

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MICHELLE M. FONTAINE, OF MARYLAND  
RICHARD BRAD MOORE, OF TEXAS  
RAGIP SARITABAK, OF CONNECTICUT  
KENDRA L. SCHOENHOLZ, OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ARIC RICHARD SCHWAN, OF COLORADO

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

TANYA A. ALLEN, OF MARYLAND  
TYLER TRAVIS ALLEN, OF CALIFORNIA  
LORI J. ANTOLINEZ, OF FLORIDA  
GUY SHAWN BAXTER, OF WASHINGTON  
ALISON B. BLOSSER, OF OHIO  
TRACY B. BROWN, OF UTAH  
CHRISTOPHER L. CAMPBELL, OF VIRGINIA  
FARAH N. CHERY-MEDOR, OF MARYLAND  
THOMAS S. CHOJNACKI, OF COLORADO  
CAROLYN N. COOLEY, OF GEORGIA  
DANIEL NELS DALEY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FAMNELL A. SONOMA DEVOLDER, OF WASHINGTON  
MARK S. DIEKER, OF OHIO  
JOHN DUNHAM, OF FLORIDA  
ANA A. ESCROGIMA, OF NEW YORK  
HARRISON S. FORD III, OF VIRGINIA  
DANIEL G. GAUSH, OF TEXAS  
RACHEL D. GRAAF, OF IOWA  
ELISA BETH GREENE, OF NEVADA  
SCOTT CHARLES HIGGINS, OF FLORIDA  
JEFFREY GERARD HILSGEN, OF FLORIDA  
KATHRYN HOFFMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DAVID JOHN JEA, OF FLORIDA  
NICKOLAS GEORGE KATSAKIS, OF VIRGINIA  
VIRGINIA ELAINE KENT, OF TEXAS  
MICHAEL D. LAMPEL, OF ILLINOIS  
ANDREW NICHOLAS LENITZ, OF OREGON  
MIRIAM LACHO, OF FLORIDA  
DEBRA LO, OF CALIFORNIA  
CHELSEA A. LOBDELL III, OF FLORIDA  
KEITH A. LUMMEL, OF ARIZONA  
MITCHELL G. MABREY, OF MISSOURI  
MARISSA MEAD MARTIN, OF FLORIDA  
MATTHEW C. MEADOWS, OF WASHINGTON  
ERIC REDPATH MEHLER, OF WASHINGTON  
BRADLEY STEVEN NORTON, OF TEXAS  
JEFFREY OGREN, OF ARIZONA  
EVAN WILLIAM OWEN, OF CALIFORNIA  
KARI ANN PARTZOLD, OF IOWA  
ROBERTO QUIROZ II, OF FLORIDA  
ROBERT A. RAINES, OF VIRGINIA  
LAWRENCE M. RANDOLPH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MARGOT JOSEPHINE RATCLIFFE, OF WASHINGTON  
BRIAN ROBERT REYNOLDS, OF UTAH  
MIGUEL CORREA RODRIGUES, OF MARYLAND  
DAVID SEMINARA, OF ILLINOIS  
ELIZABETH A. SEWALL, OF TENNESSEE  
SREELAKSHMI SITA SONTY, OF ILLINOIS  
JOHN DANIEL SPYKERMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

VIRGINIA LOUISE STAAB, OF CALIFORNIA  
DANIEL MORENO STOIAN, OF CALIFORNIA  
RUTH NIKOLA URRY, OF OREGON  
DANIEL WALD, OF CONNECTICUT  
ERIN E. WEBSTER-MAIN, OF WASHINGTON  
STEPHEN JAMES WILGER, OF OHIO  
PETRA JOY ZABRISKIE, OF CALIFORNIA

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

CHRISTINA BISHOP, OF TEXAS  
MARIANNE M. DRAIN, OF WASHINGTON  
CATHERINE FEIG, OF VIRGINIA  
JONATHAN HOLLAND, OF GEORGIA  
CAROLINE E. KATZIN, OF NEVADA  
DOMINIC KEATING, OF VIRGINIA  
DORIAN S. MAZURKEVICH, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HEIDI M. PICHLER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EMILIA R. ADAMS, OF TENNESSEE  
STEVEN ANDERSON, OF OKLAHOMA  
DAVID E. ARNOLD, OF FLORIDA  
TONYA R. ASHWORTH, OF VIRGINIA  
CARLA L. BACHECHI, OF NEW MEXICO  
RYAN BALLOW, OF ALASKA  
QUENTIN R. BARBER, OF INDIANA  
JOHN S. BARGER, OF VIRGINIA  
JENNIFER K. BARLOW, OF VIRGINIA  
JOLLE-ELIZABETH BEATRICE BASTIEN, OF MARYLAND  
CANDACE LATRESE BATES, OF ALABAMA  
DAVID M. BECHARD, OF VIRGINIA  
ASHLEY L. LORRAINE RADY, OF TEXAS  
KYLA L. BROOKE, OF CALIFORNIA  
CHRISTOPHER E. BROOMFIELD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MATTHEW K. BUNT, OF WASHINGTON  
OSBORNE DAVIS BURKS III, OF TENNESSEE  
DANA G. BUSA, OF VIRGINIA  
EMILY ELIZABETH CALDWELL, OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
SHARON MARIE CALLAHAN, OF VIRGINIA  
JULIE L. CARABELL, OF MARYLAND  
GEORGE E. CARTER, OF VIRGINIA  
G. WARREN CHANE JR., OF MASSACHUSETTS  
KELLY ANN COHUN, OF VERMONT  
ELLEN ANNE COLLIERAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS  
LISA BARANOWSKI CONESA, OF WISCONSIN  
LINDA M. CRIBLEZ, OF FLORIDA  
CYNDEE J. CROOK, OF WASHINGTON  
DAVID CROOKER, OF VIRGINIA  
BONNIE TARA DALEY, OF CALIFORNIA  
KELLY DANIEL, OF TEXAS  
LYN DEBEVOISE, OF CALIFORNIA  
MICHAEL DECLUE, OF VIRGINIA  
PATRICK J. DIRKER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
LESLIE WILLIAMS DOUMBIA, OF ALABAMA  
KIMBERLY A. DURAND, OF MASSACHUSETTS  
ROBERT WINFIELD ELLIS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

RAMON ESCOBAR, OF WISCONSIN  
PERLA GABRIELA FERNANDEZ, OF KANSAS  
ELLIOT CHARLES FERTIK, OF MASSACHUSETTS  
BROOKE FORD, OF VIRGINIA  
DANIELLE N. FOSTER, OF VIRGINIA  
MICHAEL R. FRASER, OF NEW YORK  
MATTHEW J. GARRITT, OF KANSAS  
MEREDITH E. GLASS, OF VIRGINIA  
RACHEL C. GRACIANO, OF WASHINGTON  
BREANNA LENORE GREEN, OF MINNESOTA  
ALAMANDA L. GRIBBIN, OF FLORIDA  
NAILA M. GUTTERBZ, OF FLORIDA  
ANDREW E. HALUS, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
ANN MCCAMISH HERDMAN, OF KENTUCKY  
BYRON R. HARRISON, OF ILLINOIS  
RICHARD P. HARRISON, OF VIRGINIA  
IAN HAYWARD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DANA D. HILL, OF MARYLAND  
GRETCH E. HINKLE, OF VIRGINIA  
AMANDA LEE HOBAN, OF VIRGINIA  
JOSEPH PATRICK HOBAN, OF VIRGINIA  
BRANDON ALLEN HUDSPETH, OF TEXAS  
DAVID M. HUGHES, OF VIRGINIA  
TIM HUSON, OF CALIFORNIA  
JOHN H. HYP, OF VIRGINIA  
STEVEN J. JACOB, OF VIRGINIA  
BRANDI NASHAY JAMES, OF GEORGIA  
LIDA JOHANSON, OF VIRGINIA  
PATRICK JOSEPH KELLY, OF VIRGINIA  
MEGAN M. KEPHART, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MICHAEL G. KIRBY, OF VIRGINIA  
DENEYSE ATOINETTE KIRKPATRICK, OF TEXAS  
DAMON ERIC KITTELMAN, OF GEORGIA  
SCOTT ERIC KOFMEHL, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
JUSTIN L. KOLBECK, OF CALIFORNIA  
BRIAN LANDAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
KELLY CHRISTINE LANDRY, OF GEORGIA  
LEAH D. LATHAM, OF VIRGINIA  
ADAM JESSE LENERT, OF TEXAS  
ROSALIE PARKER LOEWEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JOHN D. MAHR, OF VIRGINIA  
WOSSENYELES MAZENIA, OF PENNSYLVANIA  
AMIBE R. MCGIMPSEY, OF IOWA  
CAMERON D. MCGLOTHLIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
LORI MICHAELSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
RYLA MILLER, OF VIRGINIA  
BROOKE SUMMERS MOPPERT, OF CONNECTICUT  
KEVIN S. MORAN, OF VIRGINIA  
ROBERT T. MORGAN, OF MARYLAND

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 AMY REBECCA NAGLE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 WAYNE BACTAD NANKIL, OF MARYLAND  
 MICHAEL PETER NOLL, OF VIRGINIA  
 DEVINA SOLMORO OJASCASTRO, OF CALIFORNIA  
 JENNIFER L. ORRICO, OF WISCONSIN  
 BLANCA R. PADILLA, OF VIRGINIA  
 ESTHER PAN, OF NEW YORK  
 C. DARREN PERDUE, OF WEST VIRGINIA  
 CLARENCE JASEN PETERSON, OF MICHIGAN  
 GREGORY WILLIAM PPLEGER, JR., OF NEW JERSEY  
 JOHN T. POIRIER, OF VIRGINIA  
 BRIANNA ELIZABETH POWERS, OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 ERICA LEIGH PRENZLOW, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 ROBYN KATHERINE PRINZ, OF CALIFORNIA  
 BRIAN REAMS, OF VIRGINIA  
 ROBERT ERIC REEVES, OF HAWAII  
 HALA RHARRIT, OF NEVADA  
 JOHN V. RHATIGAN, OF NEW YORK  
 JANE RHEE, OF TEXAS  
 CHRISTEN CLAIRE RHODES, OF VIRGINIA  
 DONNA L. ROBER, OF MARYLAND  
 LUIS ALBERTO ROJAS, OF VIRGINIA  
 KEVIN J. ROSIER, OF LOUISIANA  
 CHRISTOPHER DAVID SCHEFFMAN, OF VIRGINIA  
 HOLLY PALUBIAK SCHWENDLER, OF VIRGINIA  
 LYNETTE SCHUBERT, OF VIRGINIA  
 KENNETH JOHN SCUDDER, OF CALIFORNIA  
 IONA L. SEGARAM, OF VIRGINIA  
 AMY CHRISTINE SENNEKE, OF ILLINOIS  
 EMILY C. SHAPPER, OF VIRGINIA  
 RACHAEL ANN SHARON, OF ILLINOIS  
 BRIAN LOYD SHELBOURN, OF TEXAS  
 DIONANDREA FRANCINE SHORTS, OF COLORADO  
 HYUN BO SIM, OF NEW YORK

SHENOA LIAN SIMPSON, OF MISSOURI  
 MICHELLE BERNADETTE SIVERT, OF CALIFORNIA  
 ANNE M. SLACK, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 ELEANOR CHARLOTTE STONE, OF VIRGINIA  
 FRANK P. TALLUTO, OF GEORGIA  
 JOSHUA TEMBLADOR, OF NEW YORK  
 OLIVER M. THOMAS, OF VIRGINIA  
 JAMI J. THOMPSON, OF INDIANA  
 KAREEN KAY-ANN THORPE, OF NEW YORK  
 ESPERANZA MARIE TILGHMAN, OF CALIFORNIA  
 VERNICA TORRES, OF ILLINOIS  
 CHAD E. TRAXLER, OF COLORADO  
 PEI J. TSAI, OF TEXAS  
 MIGNON RENEE TURNER, OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DAVID L. VANCE, OF MISSOURI  
 LILLIANE VERLAGE, OF VIRGINIA  
 STAFFORD A. WARD, OF GEORGIA  
 CHELISA C. WHEELER, OF NEW MEXICO  
 MATTHEW WHITTTON, OF VIRGINIA  
 GEORGE J. WIEDEROCK II, OF VIRGINIA  
 ANGELINA M. WILKINSON, OF FLORIDA  
 ALISON ELSPETH WILLIAMS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
 KIMBERLY E. WRIGHT, OF NEW YORK

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED:  
 CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:  
 JAMES J. EHRMAN, OF MARYLAND  
 MICHAEL PATRICK GLOVER, OF TEXAS  
 LAWRENCE C. MANDEL, OF VIRGINIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE 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 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, AND CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:  
 DEAN L. SMITH, OF TEXAS

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Wednesday, March 7, 2007:

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

STANLEY DAVIS PHILLIPS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA.

WILLIAM B. WOOD, 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 ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.