

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Wood, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ford M. Fraker, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Curtis S. Chin, of New York, to be United States Director of the Asian Development Bank, with the rank of Ambassador.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

Eli Whitney Debevoise II, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Margrethe Lundsager, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

S. Ward Casscells, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be admiral

Adm. Gary Roughead, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be admiral

Adm. Robert F. Willard, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Samuel J. Locklear, III, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army 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

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sorenson, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army 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

Maj. Gen. William B. Caldwell, IV, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. James L. Williams, 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. James T. Cook, 0000

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. Richard S. Kramlich, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. John R. Allen, 0000

Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Conant, 0000

Brig. Gen. Frank A. Panter, Jr., 0000

Brig. Gen. Mastin M. Robeson, 0000

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN166 AIR FORCE nominations (144) beginning KATHERINE J. ALGUIRE, and ending KRISTEN M. ZEBROWSKI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2007.

PN169 AIR FORCE nominations (2245) beginning ROBERT J. AALSETH, and ending MARIO F. ZUNIGA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 11, 2007.

PN326 AIR FORCE nomination of Mark A. Yuspa, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

PN365 AIR FORCE nomination of Cheryl A. Udensi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN366 AIR FORCE nominations (8) beginning KEITH A. DARLINGTON, and ending FRANK A. YERKES JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN367 AIR FORCE nominations (25) beginning KENNETH A. ARNOLD, and ending THOMAS F. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN370 AIR FORCE nominations (9) beginning GLENN M. FREDERICK, and ending JULIE L. STEELE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN371 AIR FORCE nominations (6) beginning PIO VAZQUEZDIAZ, and ending DREW D. SCHNYDER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN372 AIR FORCE nominations (18) beginning KAREN D. DOHERTY, and ending MAUREEN G. TOOMEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

IN THE ARMY

PN327 ARMY nomination of Gerald J. Lukowski Jr., which was received by the

Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

PN328 ARMY nomination of Charles W. Whittington, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

PN329 ARMY nomination of Vasilius Lazos, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

PN330 ARMY nomination of Thomas G. McFarland, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

PN331 ARMY nominations (2) beginning JEFFREY R. BAVIS, and ending SORREL B. COOPER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

PN375 ARMY nomination of Kathleen S. Loper, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN376 ARMY nomination of Michael A. White, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN377 ARMY nomination of Anthony T. Roper, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN378 ARMY nominations (3) beginning ERIC A. HANSEN, and ending PETER J. VARLJEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN379 ARMY nominations (2) beginning STEVEN S. GELBERT, and ending PATRICK R. MCBREARTY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN115-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (210) beginning Natalie J. Freeman, and ending Deborah Ann McCarthy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2007.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN267 MARINE CORPS nominations (102) beginning PETER W. AHERN, and ending KEVIN T. WOOLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 15, 2007.

IN THE NAVY

PN332 NAVY nomination of Arthur W. Stauff, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

PN333 NAVY nomination of Charles A. McLenthian, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

PN334 NAVY nominations (8) beginning JEFFREY P. BEJMA, and ending JORDAN I. ZIEGLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 12, 2007.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we also are ready on this side to clear three USAID nominations and the Under Secretary for Defense for Intelligence, but it is my understanding these have not been cleared by the Republicans.

Mr. McCONNELL. Yes. That is my understanding, Mr. President.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF
THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 103, the adjournment resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 103) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 103) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 103

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, March 29, 2007, or Friday, March 30, 2007, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on Thursday, March 29, 2007, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

STAR PRINT—S. 5

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 5 be star printed with the changes at the desk.

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

CONDEMNING THE SEIZURE OF 15
BRITISH NAVAL PERSONNEL BY
IRAN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 136.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 136) expressing the sense of the Senate condemning the seizure

by the government of Iran of 15 British naval personnel in Iraqi territorial waters, and calling for their immediate safe and unconditional release.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 136) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 136

Whereas, on March 23, 2007, a naval vessel of the United Kingdom, the HMS Cornwall, was conducting routine operations in Iraqi territorial waters pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1723 (2006) and in support of the Government of Iraq;

Whereas, on March 23, 2007, a boarding team consisting of 7 Royal Marines and 8 sailors embarked on 2 of the boats of the HMS Cornwall to conduct a routine boarding of an Indian flagged merchant vessel pursuant to the authorization of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1723 (2006);

Whereas, as Vice Admiral Charles Style, Deputy Chief of the British Defense Staff (Commitments), demonstrated in a presentation on March 28, 2007, "the merchant vessel was 7.5 nautical miles south east of the Al Faw Peninsula, . . . 29 degrees 50.36 minutes North 048 degrees 43.08 minutes East. This places her 1.7 nautical miles inside Iraqi territorial waters. This fact has been confirmed by the Iraqi Foreign Ministry.;"

Whereas at some point shortly after completion of the successful inspection of the merchant ship, the two United Kingdom vessels were surrounded and escorted by Iranian Islamic Republican Guard Navy vessels toward the Shatt 'Al Arab Waterway and into Iranian territorial waters;

Whereas, as Margaret Beckett, the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom, stated to the House of Commons on March 28, 2007, even the coordinates of the seizure event that were given by Iran's Ambassador to the United Kingdom at the Ambassador's first meeting with United Kingdom officials were themselves in Iraqi waters;

Whereas Foreign Secretary Beckett noted in that same statement that authorities of the Government of Iran provided "corrected" coordinates of the incident on March 25, 2007, claiming that the event took place in Iranian waters;

Whereas the merchant vessel that was boarded had remained anchored since the time it was boarded, and on March 25, 2007, its location was verified to be in Iraqi waters;

Whereas Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair stated on March 25, 2007, that "there is no doubt at all that these people were taken from a boat in Iraqi waters. It is simply not true that they went into Iranian territorial waters.;" and

Whereas the Government of Iran has yet to release the 15 British sailors it has been holding captive since seizing the sailors from Iraqi waters on March 23, 2007: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns in the strongest possible terms the seizure by the Government of Iran of 15 British naval personnel from Iraqi territorial waters as a provocative and illegal act; and

(2) calls for the immediate, safe, and unconditional release of the personnel from captivity.

DESIGNATING THE FIRST WEEK
OF APRIL 2007 AS "NATIONAL
ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK"

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 131 and the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 131) designating the first week of April 2007 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise to talk to you about an important resolution that the Senate adopted today: the Asbestos Awareness Week resolution. This resolution recognizes the first week in April as National Asbestos Awareness Week.

This resolution acknowledges the dangerous nature of asbestos. Importantly, it gives tribute to hundreds of thousands of people who have died from exposure.

To me, this resolution is very personal. Deaths from exposure to asbestos are common in my home State of Montana—all too common. Libby, MT is a small community in the western part of Montana. Libby is a very unique place.

It is surrounded by the beauty and splendor of the Cabinet Mountains. But it is also plagued with sickness and disease. The extent of asbestos contamination in Libby, the number of people who are sick, the amount of people who have died from asbestos exposures just staggering.

The community of Libby suffers from asbestos related diseases at 40 to 60 times higher than the rest of the country. Folks in Libby are diagnosed with mesothelioma, the deadly form of cancer from asbestos, at 100 times higher than the average rate.

Mesothelioma recently took the life of a very dear friend of mine from Libby—Les Skramstad. Just a few weeks ago, I came to the floor to talk about Les and how he was an outspoken advocate for Libby.

Until the day he died, Les worked tirelessly to share his story and the story of Libby's quiet emergency.

The first night I met Les in January of 2000, he challenged me to help all those in Libby suffering from asbestos-related diseases. Les challenged me "to do something."

He said: MAX, please, as a man like me—as someone's father too, as someone's husband, as someone's son, help me. Help us. Help us make this town safe for Libby's sons and daughters not even born yet. They should not suffer my fate too. I was a miner and