

PN1476 ARMY nominations (61) beginning ROBERT B. ALLMAN III, and ending RICHARD F. WINCHESTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 11, 2008.

PN1527 ARMY nomination of Barry L. Shoop, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1528 ARMY nomination of Brian J. Chapuran, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1529 ARMY nomination of Gregory T. Reppas, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1530 ARMY nomination of Vanessa M. Meyer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1531 ARMY nominations (2) beginning THOMAS E. DURHAM, and ending DANIEL P. MASSEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1532 ARMY nominations (3) beginning CHARLES L. GARBARINI, and ending JUAN GARRASTEGUI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1533 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MILTON M. ONG, and ending MATTHEW S. MOWER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1534 ARMY nomination of Craig A. Myatt, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1556 ARMY nomination of John C. Kolb, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 2008.

PN1568 ARMY nomination of Kenneth D. Smith, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1569 ARMY nomination of John M. Hoppmann, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1570 ARMY nominations (38) beginning AMY M. BAJUS, and ending ROBERT P. VASQUEZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN1561 COAST GUARD nomination of Trevor M. Hare, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1562 COAST GUARD nomination of Susan M. Maitre, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1452 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (138) beginning Andrew Townsend Wiener, and ending Troy A. Lindquist, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 5, 2008.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1571 MARINE CORPS nominations (3) beginning DAVID G. MCCULLOH, and ending PAUL W. VOSS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

IN THE NAVY

PN1251 NAVY nomination of Thomas M. Cashman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 23, 2008.

PN1302 NAVY nomination of Kelly R. Middleton, which was received by the Senate and

appeared in the Congressional Record of February 5, 2008.

PN1477 NAVY nomination of Theresa A. Fraser, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 11, 2008.

PN1478-1 NAVY nominations (23) beginning LEE R. RAS, and ending ELIZABETH M. SOLZE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 11, 2008.

PN1535 NAVY nomination of Aaron J. Beattie IV, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1536 NAVY nominations (3) beginning KRISTIAN E. LEWIS, and ending LUTHER P. MARTIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 31, 2008.

PN1587 NAVY nominations (3) beginning SAMUEL G. ESPIRITU, and ending PAUL G. SCANLAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

PN1588 NAVY nominations (31) beginning TERRY L. BUCKMAN, and ending THOMAS M. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 15, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

EXTENDING THE PROGRAMS UNDER THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2929, introduced earlier today by Senator KENNEDY.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2929) to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 2929) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:
S. 2929

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

(a) EXTENSION OF PROGRAMS.—Section 2(a) of the Higher Education Extension Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-81; 20 U.S.C. 1001 note) is amended by striking “April 30, 2008” and inserting “May 31, 2008”.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section, or in the Higher Education Extension Act of 2005 as amended by this Act, shall be construed to limit or otherwise alter

the authorizations of appropriations for, or the durations of, programs contained in the amendments made by the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171) or by the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84) to the provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the Taxpayer-Teacher Protection Act of 2004.

RECESS

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now stand in recess until 2:15 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:24 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. CARPER).

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007—MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the pending business. The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A motion to proceed to the bill (H.R. 2881) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks recognition?

The Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak as in morning business.

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

GASOLINE PRICES

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I rise to speak about the price of gasoline and the price of diesel fuel, which is affecting every driver in America. My principal message is that Washington policies should not drive up the prices at the pump. At an absolute minimum, Federal practices should not be making prices any worse. According to the American Automobile Association, the average retail price for regular unleaded gasoline is \$3.60 a gallon. The average price of diesel fuel is \$4.24 a gallon. This is before this summer's driving season has even started.

Consumers all across America are hurt by the inflationary pressures at the pump. My constituents in Wyoming know firsthand the huge impact that \$110 or \$120 per barrel of oil has on their wallets. I visit with them every weekend. The price at the pump in Casper, WY, just 3 weeks ago was \$2.91. This past weekend, it was \$3.31. Wyoming ranks at the top of all States in terms of vehicle miles traveled on a per capita basis. Because of my State's sparse population and great distances, that means it is not uncommon to commute 20, 50, or even 100 miles round trip to work, to school, or just to buy groceries.

Today's current oil prices are primarily due to supply and demand fundamentals. At close examination, there