EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged of PN2126; that the Commerce Committee be discharged from PN1994, except the nomination of Robert E. Day; PN2117 and PN2118; that the Senate proceed en bloc to their consideration; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements related thereto be printed in the Record; that no further motions be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister:
Asit J. Chaudhry, of Washington
Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor:
Gary C. Groves, of Texas
Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor:
Alan D. Hrahskey, of Texas

IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Captain John H. Korn
Captain William D. Lee
Captain Charles D. Michel
Captain Roy A. Nash
Captain Michael N. Parks

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

Kyle W. Ryan
Oliver E. Brown
Gregory R. Schweihtzer
John H. Petersen
Benjamin B. Bloss
John F. Goggin
Charlene R. Felkley
Emily M. Rose
Kevin W. Adams
Matthew M. Forney
Patricia E. Raymond
Matthew J. Nardi
Adam R. Reed
Adrienne L. Hopper
Rachel M. Sargent
Jonathan E. Owen
Ryan A. Warlick

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

Andrew R. Colegrove
Anna-Elizabeth B. Villiard-Howe
Nicholas C. Morgan
Jeffrey G. Pereira
Colin T. Klevor
Harold B. Emmons III

Paul M. Chamberlain
Michael W. O’Neal
Julie L. Earp
Kyle A. Byers
Loren M. Evory
Andrew J. Ostapenko
Laura T. Gallant
Gregory R. Schweitzer
Mark S. Andrews
Meghan R. Guberski
Nathan E. Witherly
Christine L. Schultz
Clare V. Surrency
Ronald L. Meyers, Jr.
Brian D. Prestcott
Glen A. Rice
Patrick M. Redmond
Russell A. Quintero
Nathan B. Parker
Jonathan R. Heesch
Matthew C. Griffin
Faith C. Opatrny

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR AND NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider Calendar No. 757, the nomination of William Carr; and that the Judiciary Committee be discharged of PN1113, the nomination of Ricardo H. Hinojosa; that the Senate proceed en bloc to their consideration; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc; that any statements related
thereo be printed in the RECORD; that no further motions be in order; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s actions.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

William B. Carr, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2013.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged of PN730; the HELP Committee be discharged of PN2019, PN2020, PN2022, PN2132, PN2024, and PN2119; and the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged of PN2058 and PN2066; and that the Senate proceed en bloc to their consideration; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that no further motions be in order, and any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the Record; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Libya.

NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

Douglas D. Randall, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

Ray M. Bowen, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

Francis A. Cordova, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2014.

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

To be medical director

Paul J. Andrew
Wanda B. Barfield
Charles H. Beymer
Susan Blank
Michael J. Bogard
Brenton T. Burkholler
Jay C. Butler
Michael A. Carone
Martin S. Cetron
Susan T. Cookson
Michael M. Engelgau
Carol Friedman
Richard P. Hediard
Dale J. Hu
Stephan G. Kaler
Newton E. Kendig
Jeffrey B. Kopf
Eric A. Maroan
Aubrey K. Miller
Eric D. Mintz
Allyn K. Nakashima
Elena H. Page
Brent Pennington
Calman P. Prusin
Steven G. Scott
Robert J. Simonds
Mark J. Tedesco
Douglas B. Trout
Jonathan F. Weber
Jane R. Zucker

To be senior surgeon

Kenneth L. Brooks
Erlinda R. Cauga-Marquez
Ahmed M. Eikashaf
Douglas H. Esposito
Alicia M. Fry
Rosemari Hirsch
Stephen P. Kachur
Charles E. Lee
Sarah R. Linde-Feucht
Julie M. Magri
Katherine C. Palatinos
Mary C. Povaznik
Stephen M. Rudd
Taras Samandari
Julia A. Schilling
Michael G. Wilcox
Jason J. Woo
Darius S. Yortchi

To be senior assistant surgeon

Daisy Y. Eng
Daniel Molina
Michael C. Arnold
Timothy S. Bishop
William F. Catelli II
John F. Caudill II
Jeffery R. Combs
Dean J. Coppola
Steven D. Florer
Carl J. Gustke
Daniel J. Hickey
Joseph G. Holec
Thomas E. Jordan
Mary G. Murphy
Rebecca V. Neslund
James T. Owen
Thomas A. Reese
Suzanne K. Saville

To be dental surgeon

Anita Arnold
Ronald C. Cox
Glen A. Eisenhuth
Richard L. Firnhaber
Ronald L. Fuller
Stanley K. Gordon
Christine K. Heng
Arlene M. Lester
John E. Lorincz
Aron E. Means, Jr.
Kathleen M. OConnor-Moran
Richard D. Stricklin
Todd M. Tovar

To be dental assistant surgeon

Ruben S. Acuna
Joyce D. Biberica
William J. Esposito
Katrina J. Leslie
Anthony L. Like
Kimberly Woods Montoya
Adrian R. Palmer
Stella Yuk Kwan Lau Wisner

To be nurse director

Ana Marie L. Balingit-Wines
Eileen D. Bonneau
Sheila D. Barnes
Laurie S. Irwin-Pinkley
David W. Kolly
David L. Kerschner
Kathleen M. Kobus
Carol L. Konchan
Mary M. Lehmuis
Michael D. Lyman
Robert W. Mayes
Jerilyn Anderson McClain
Genise Y. Nixon
Monique V. Petrofsky
Gilbert P. Rose
Cindy L. Wilson
Beverly R. Wright

To be senior nurse officer

Victoria L. Anderson
Linda J. Belsito
Susan K. Brown
Michael P. Brade
Annette R. Debipiet
Joanne Derak
Mary F. Elkins
Susan K. Fritz
Byron C. Glenn
Wanda W. Gonzalez
Joan P. Hunter
Mary L. Kinkade
Colleen O. Lee
Jaimie Muniz
Priscilla J. Powers
Doris L. Raymond
Letitia L. Rhodes
Bonnie A. Saylor
Sylvia Trent-Adams
Joyce B. Watson
Daniel J. Westkap

To be nurse assistant

Dawn A. Anderson-Gary
Ileana Barreto-Pettit
Patricia A. Barrett
Valene N. Bartmess
Jason M. Bischoff
Marie A. Casey
Susanna S. Choi
Brian R. Cronenwutt
Dervent O. Daniel
John W. David, Jr.
Diane Douglas
Kimberly J. Ellenberg
Eileen M. Falzini
Dion E. Franklund
Barbara A. Fuller
Serina A. Hunter-Thoms
Jackie Kennedy-Sullivan
Carol S. Lincoln
Lisa A. Marunycz
Tami L. McBride
Alberta M. McCabe
Sherry L. Reynolds
Anita E. Pollar
Letitia B. Robinson
Thomas M. Scheidel
Jeffery R. Semak
Judith B. Sutcliffe
Victoria F. Vachon

To be senior assistant nurse officer

Mark D. Cruz
Kozi Donohue
Bryan H. Emery
Coleen R. Fett
Joshua E. Hardin
James E. Thomas
William T. Williamson
Anh P. Wright

To be assistant nurse officer

James K. Lyons
Adriana M. Meyer-Alono

To be engineer director

David M. Apanian
Bryan L. Fischer
Michael G. Gressel
A bill (S. 3681) to designate the facility of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Kathryn A. Oberly, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

DR. WALTER CARL GORDON, JR. POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6859, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

SECTION 1. JOSEPH A. RYAN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the “Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building”.

AUTHORIZING A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3711, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3711) to authorize a cost of living adjustment for the Federal judiciary.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6859, which is at the desk.

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

The bill (H.R. 6859) to designate the facility of United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Slappey Boulevard in Albany, Georgia, as the “Dr. Walter Carl Gordon, Jr. Post Office Building.”

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the bill.

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

The bill (H.R. 6859) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

JOSEPH A. RYAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3681 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The bill (S. 3681) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time 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. 3681) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

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

SECTION 1. JOSEPH A. RYAN POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the “Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building”.

AUTHORIZING A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3711, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3711) to authorize a cost of living adjustment for the Federal judiciary.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I rise to express support for a bill introduced by myself, the minority leader, and others to provide a cost-of-living salary adjustment to Federal judges.

The Framers of our Constitution were men of great vision and foresight. One of their great innovations was the establishment of an independent judiciary, which is to function as a coequal branch of government.

The Framers knew that justice and the rule of law would only prevail if judges are free from executive and legislative interference. In order to preserve the autonomy of judges, the Framers established safeguards. One of these safeguards was the assurance that judicial pay could not be diminished during a judge’s service on the bench. This safeguard was important enough that it was included in the first section of article III of the Constitution.

Unfortunately, in terms of real dollars, we in Congress have allowed judicial pay to dwindle. Since 1969, the salaries of Federal judges have significantly declined when adjusted for inflation. The Office of the United States Courts estimates judicial pay has declined by 25 percent.

Preserving judicial integrity is a bipartisan goal. Earlier this Congress a