APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the Senate.

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that from Tuesday, August 2, through Tuesday, September 6, the majority leader and Senator ROCKEFELLER be authorized to sign documents entitled bills and resolutions.

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

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 THROUGH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess and convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate recess until the following pro forma session:

Friday, August 5, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, August 9, at 11 a.m.; Friday, August 12, 12 p.m.; Tuesday, August 16, 11 a.m.; Friday, August 19, at 10 a.m.; Tuesday, August 23, 2:30 p.m.; Friday, August 26, at 11:15 a.m.; Tuesday, August 30, at 10 a.m.; Friday, September 2, at 10 a.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, September 2, until 2 p.m.; Tuesday, September 6; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date; the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, that following any leader remarks, the Sergeant at Arms be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; finally, that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the next rollcall vote will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6. The first vote will be on the confirmation of Bernice Bouie Donald to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and the second vote will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 1249, the patent reform bill.

REPORTING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the Senate's recess, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters to the Senate.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

PN77 NAVY nominations (20) beginning DENNIS K. ANDREWS, and ending BRIAN K. WAITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN78 NAVY nominations (26) beginning ROBERTO M. ALVARADO, and ending JOSEPH W. YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011.

PN807 NAVY nomination of Mathew R. Loe, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN808 NAVY nomination of Michael J. O’D’Connor, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN809 NAVY nomination of Lawrence Brandon Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN810 NAVY nominations (2) beginning Robert A. Slaughter, and ending Robert Thomas, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN811 NAVY nominations (5) beginning ANTHONY DIAZ, and ending JANE E. MCNEELY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN812 NAVY nominations (3) beginning CARLTON L. GAREY, and ending DANIEL G. NICASTRI, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN813 NAVY nominations (17) beginning TIMOTHY M. DERRYSHIRE, and ending CHRISTINA J. WONG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN814 NAVY nominations (17) beginning JEREMIAH E. CHAPLIN, and ending PAMELA A. TELLADO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN815 NAVY nominations (21) beginning PAIGE H. ADAMS, and ending ANDREW F. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN816 NAVY nominations (17) beginning ROBERT S. BAIR, and ending PATRICIA R. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN817 NAVY nominations (58) beginning KIRKLAND M. ANDERSON, and ending MARTHA A. WITTOSCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN818 NAVY nominations (202) beginning CHERYL R. AMESTILLMAN, and ending JON E. ZATLOKOWICZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN819 NAVY nominations (24) beginning ARCHIE L. BARBER, and ending ZAVEAN V. WARE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN820 NAVY nominations (42) beginning MYLENE R. ARVIZO, and ending ASHLEY S. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN821 NAVY nominations (4) beginning AMERICKA DUDLEY, and ending BRANDON D. SMITH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN822 NAVY nominations (18) beginning RICHFIELD F. AGULLANA, and ending CHIEH YANG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

PN823 NAVY nominations (4) beginning CHARITY C. HARDISON, and ending STEPHANIE B. MURDOCK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 20, 2011.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 114, 115, 116, and 117; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that no further questions be ordered to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Sara Lynn Darrow, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

Richard Brooke Jackson, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

Kathleen M. Williams, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Selva Gonzales Ramos, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of PN–741, which is Debrah A. P. Hersman of Virginia to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for 2 years.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, there be no intervening action, and any statements related to this matter be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed is as follows:

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Deborah A. P. Hersman, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years.
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Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it recesso under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:43 p.m., recessed until Friday, August 5, 2011, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

ADALBERTO JOSE SORDIN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT, VICE SUSAN R. BLACK, RETIRED.

MIRANDA DIO, OF NEVADA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA, VICE ROGER R. LEWIS, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DAVID B. BARLOW, OF UTAH, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE BRETT L. TOLMAN, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ERNEST MITCHELL, JR., OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION, FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE KELVIN JAMIES COCHRAN, RESIGNED.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

BRIN CHARLES MCCULLOUGH III, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

AUSTIN B. CARTER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE WILLIAM J. LYNCH III, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

GRORY HOUdek, OF NEW YORK, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE SCOTT BLAKE RAIBIS, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE


To be major general

BRIG. GEN. ALLISON R. SOLOMON


To be brigadier general

COL. GARY W. KEEFE


To be brigadier general

COLONEL FREDERICK G. HARTWIG

IN THE ARMY


To be colonel

LARRY W. DOTSON

MARC K. ELAM

TROY D. GALLOWAY

MARY K. JONES

To be captain

JACK M. MARKUSFELD


To be major

STEPHEN R. TAYLOR


To be colonel

HAL D. BAIRD

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12200.

To be captain

JOHN N. DISVIREBUEx

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was held at desk:

DEBORAH A. F. HERMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate August 2, 2011:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DAVID BRUCE SHEAR, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNCILOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

IN THE JUDICIARY

SARA LYNN DAWBY, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE EDWARD R. COOK, JR., RETIRED.

KATHLEEN M. WILLIAMS, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE ANITA M. SHABAZ, RETIRED.

TANIA D. RAMOS, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, VICE RONALD L. GINNER, JR., RETIRED.

IN THE ARMY


To be major general

MARK A. GUSEFF


To be colonel

DERRICK E. THOMBSWELL

SANFORD L. WADDELL

IN THE AIR FORCE


To be major


NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

AARON PAUL DWORKIN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE


DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CLAYTON D. JOHNSON, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEREK J. MITCHELL, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND POLICY COORDINATOR FOR EURASIA.


OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

MATTHEW G. OLESEN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL COUNTERTELEPHONE CENTER, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MADDY N. CRIDDON, OF INDIANA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

ALAN F. ESTEVES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12200.

To be colonel

DAN ARVIZU, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SENATE, UNITED STATES SENATE, BOARD OF NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2016.