

the very personal nature of these crimes, it can be extremely difficult for victims to come forward to get the help they need, let alone call out those who have committed these heinous crimes. But since this bill was first enacted, the annual incidence of domestic violence continues to drop. Additionally, domestic violence reporting has dramatically increased and victims are receiving lifesaving assistance to help them move forward with their lives.

In my home State of Colorado, we continue to make great progress reducing the number of domestic and sexual assaults that occur, but we must continue to do more.

In 2010, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control published a report which estimated that 451,000 women in Colorado were victims of rape in their lifetime. It also estimated that 897,000 Colorado women were victims of sexual violence other than rape in their lifetime. That same report said 505,000 men had been victims of sexual violence in their lifetime. These statistics are staggering in my view, and they make the case for why we had to pass this bill and continue to strengthen the programs that provide lifesaving services.

The Violence Against Women Act also includes invaluable programs to coordinate community efforts to respond to incidents of domestic and sexual violence by training police officers, judges, and other members of the criminal justice system. The legal system in our country is already stretched so thin. The resources provided by this bill will help law enforcement and court officials track down and bring to justice those who commit these crimes.

In my opinion, we can't do enough to get these criminals off the streets. For instance, we need to ensure that we support protection and prevention services such as training judges and police officers on how to identify and respond to abusive situations. We can significantly decrease domestic violence fatalities and the number of displaced families if we have better trained officers in our legal system and health and human services arena.

Finally, I wish to thank Chairman LEAHY for his tireless efforts to move this critical piece of legislation forward, as well as Senators MURRAY and KLOBUCHAR for their continued leadership on behalf of women and children all across the Nation. With a big bipartisan vote today in the Senate, we came together to make sure the Violence Against Women Act was passed.

With that, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 263, 502, 566, 567, 572, 624, 653, 654, 656, 657, 658, 659, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Jane D. Hartley, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Adam E. Namm, 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 Republic of Ecuador.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Michael T. Scuse, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Mark William Lippert, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Engineers/Commanding General, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Army while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 3036:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BUILDING SCIENCES

James T. Ryan, of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013.

James Timberlake, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2014.

Mary B. Verner, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2012.

Mary B. Verner, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2015.

Susan A. Maxman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2012.

Susan A. Maxman, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2015.

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2012.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

Mark A. Robbins, of California, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2018.

NATIONAL BOARD FOR EDUCATION SCIENCES

Adam Gamoran, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

Judith D. Singer, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014.

Hirokazu Yoshikawa, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

David James Chard, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Bonnie L. Bassler, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Deborah S. Delisle, of South Carolina, to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Donald S. Wenke

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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. Burton M. Field

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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. Bruce A. Litchfield

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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. Charles R. Davis

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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. Salvatore A. Angelella

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Air Force Reserve, and appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the United States Air Force while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 8038

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. James F. Jackson

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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. Andrew E. Busch

IN THE ARMY

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

To be Brigadier General

Colonel Robert P. White

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be Brigadier General

Col. Steven Ferrari

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

To be Brigadier General

Col. Kristin K. French

Col. Walter E. Piatt

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 General

Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Via

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Todd A. Plimpton

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. Patricia E. McQuiston

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. Raymond P. Palumbo

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

Lt. Gen. Robert P. Lennox

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. Robert B. Brown

The following named United States Army Reserve officer for appointment as Chief,

Army Reserve and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 3038:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey W. Talley

IN THE NAVY

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Eric C. Young

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

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Terry B. Kraft

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

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Bryan P. Cutchen

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

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Jonathan W. White

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

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Richard P. Breckenridge

Rear Adm. (1h) Walter E. Carter, Jr.

Rear Adm. (1h) Craig S. Faller

Rear Adm. (1h) James G. Foggo, III

Rear Adm. (1h) Peter A. Gumataotao

Rear Adm. (1h) John R. Haley

Rear Adm. (1h) Patrick J. Lorge

Rear Adm. (1h) Michael C. Manazir

Rear Adm. (1h) Samuel Perez, Jr.

Rear Adm. (1h) Joseph W. Rixey

Rear Adm. (1h) Kevin D. Scott

Rear Adm. (1h) James J. Shannon

Rear Adm. (1h) Thomas K. Shannon

Rear Adm. (1h) Herman A. Shelanski

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

Vice Adm. Mark I. Fox

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1393 AIR FORCE nominations (25) beginning JENNIFER M. AGULTO, and ending KATHRYN W. WEISS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 16, 2012.

PN1394 AIR FORCE nominations (112) beginning MARIO ABEJERO, and ending CARL R. YOUNG, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 16, 2012.

PN1395 AIR FORCE nominations (514) beginning RICHARD E. AARON, and ending ERIC D. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 16, 2012.

IN THE ARMY

PN1463 ARMY nominations of Carol A. Fensand, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1464 ARMY nominations (2) beginning KELLEY R. BARNES, and ending DAVID L. GARDNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1465 ARMY nomination of Troy W. Ross, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1466 ARMY nomination of Sean D. Pitman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1467 ARMY nomination of Walter S. Carr, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1468 ARMY nomination of Marc E. Patrick, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1469 ARMY nomination of Demetres Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1470 ARMY nominations of (2) beginning ALYSSA ADAMS, and ending DONALD L. POTTS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1485 ARMY nomination of James M. Veazey, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1486 ARMY nomination of Shari F. Shugart, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1487 ARMY nominations (4) beginning DANIEL A. GALVIN, and ending THOMAS J. SEARS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1488 ARMY nominations (4) beginning ANTHONY R. CAMACHO, and ending RICHARD J. SLOMA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1489 ARMY nominations (8) beginning JAMES M. BLEDSOE, and ending DANIEL J. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1490 ARMY nominations (534) beginning JOHN R. ABELLA, and ending D010584, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1491 ARMY nominations (652) beginning DREW Q. ABELL, and ending G010092, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1492 ARMY nominations (980) beginning EDWARD C. ADAMS, and ending D011050, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1289 MARINE CORPS nomination of Juan M. Ortiz, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2012.

IN THE NAVY

PN1471 NAVY nomination of David T. Carpenter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1472 NAVY nomination of Michael Junge, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1473 NAVY nomination of Marc E. Bernath, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1475 NAVY nomination of Steven A. Khalil, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2012.

PN1493 NAVY nomination of Ashley A. Hockycko, which was received by the Senate

and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1494 NAVY nomination of Jason A. Langham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1495 NAVY nomination of Will J. Chambers, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

PN1496 NAVY nominations (4) beginning PATRICK J. FOX, JR., and ending LESLIE H. TRIPPE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 21, 2012.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, May 7, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 508, 568, and 569; that there be 60 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on the nominations in the order listed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

REMEMBERING MATTILOU SEXTON CATCHPOLE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, an incredible woman died late last month after a hard fought battle with Alzheimer's disease—a woman who gave her life to help and teach others. A former University of Illinois Springfield professor, Dr. Mattilou Sexton Catchpole, passed away at the age of 88.

Mattilou was born on Halloween day in Chicago, IL, but grew up in Texarkana, AR. Her parents gave her a strong moral background and an appreciation for justice. As active participants in the Arkansas civil rights movement, they taught her that social justice, equitable educational opportunities, and equal rights for all were of the utmost importance.

She enlisted in the Air Force during World War II and served as a medical technician stateside. While post-traumatic stress disorder was not categorized as a medical condition, Mattilou knew that many of the returning soldiers experienced hell. She soon realized that quiet conversations and a caring touch helped to heal the wounds that she couldn't see.

Still caring for others, she first became a registered nurse and then a certified registered nurse anesthetist, or CRNA. While raising three children and suffering from sometimes debilitating back pain, she worked as a CRNA at the Cleveland Clinic and obtained bachelor's and master's degrees at Case Western Reserve University.

She came to my hometown of Springfield, IL, to teach at the university in 1978, and in no time finished her doctorate in health education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Dr. Catchpole became the director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program and Nurse Anesthesia Completion Program in Springfield. She spent the rest of her life teaching at the university and writing.

At the age of 78, Dr. Catchpole was named the 2002 Kayaker of the Year by the Missouri Whitewater Association. Physical fitness and the outdoors were very important to her. It was swimming that enabled her to build the strength and leave behind a full-body cast that doctors thought she would wear for most of her adult life because of back pain. In 2006, at the age of 82, Mattilou was one of 18 recipients of the President's Call to Service Awards for over 5,000 hours of service with Health Volunteers Overseas. You could always rely on Mattilou to lend a helping hand to someone in need or to teach a person all that she knew about a subject.

I offer my deepest condolences to her family, her brother, U.A. Garred Sexton; her three children, Julia Ann, Nancy, and Floyd; and her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mattilou's passing is a deep loss for so many, but her hard work, accomplishments, and students will continue to carry on.

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR CHARLES LONG

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to my good friend Mr. Charles Long, the longtime mayor of Booneville, KY. Mr. LONG has served as mayor of this small Owsley County town for 53 years. During his tenure, he has worked to provide a better life for the citizens of Booneville by providing exceptional opportunities for various daily improvements, as well as working to make vital amenities more easily accessible to all.

One of the most significant accomplishments of Mayor Long's time in office has to do with developments he oversaw in the area of water and sanitation. The mayor oversaw the installation of the town's water and sewer

system in 1968. Afterwards, he went on to guarantee that over 98 percent of Owsley County had access to the water system and worked to see the sewage system expanded to over 400 residents in the county.

Mayor Long serves on the Kentucky River Area Development Committee—KRADD. The mayor's home county of Owsley is one of the eight counties in eastern Kentucky that KRADD supervises. The organization has been a major force in further developing the rural areas of eastern Kentucky, and Mayor Long is an integral part of that process.

Besides the hard work Mayor Long does for the people of Booneville, he is known for being a beloved and involved member of his large family. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are all very proud of him and all he has accomplished.

Sadly, Charles recently lost the love of his life and wife of 72 years, Virginia Ruth Long. Mrs. Long passed away on March 27, 2012, at the age of 92. During a recent session of the Kentucky State Senate, she was honored by a Senate Resolution commemorating her life and accomplishments. I know Mayor Long surely appreciated that gesture.

Charles Long has literally spent the majority of his life serving the local people of Booneville as their mayor. He is able to look back at his long and successful career and reminisce on the countless improvements he has put in place for the city he holds dear to his heart. Mr. Charles Long exhibits a commendable display of characteristics such as dedication, kindness, and reliability which set him apart as a true hometown hero.

I am honored to stand on the floor of the U.S. Senate today in tribute to Mayor Charles Long's service to the town of Booneville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. And I ask my Senate colleagues to join me in expressing recognition to Mayor Long for his long and fruitful tenure in office.

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I would like to call the attention of my colleagues to a column published in the April 23rd edition of The Washington Post by Dr. Henry Kissinger and retired GEN Brent Scowcroft. These are two of the most respected voices on nuclear strategy, deterrence, and arms control, and they both recently testified on the New START treaty.

The article, titled "Strategic Stability in Today's Nuclear World," comes at an important time. The President, we know, has tasked his advisors to conduct an assessment of our nuclear forces and strategy to inform future arms reductions beyond the levels established by the New START treaty. The administration is said to be considering reductions that could lead to as few as 300 warheads, which would require rather significant changes to long-standing U.S. nuclear doctrine.

Dr. Kissinger and General Scowcroft warn that:

Before momentum builds on that basis, we feel obliged to stress our conviction that the