

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar, Calendar Nos. 92, 93, and 94.

I finally ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Thomas J. Erickson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring April 13, 2003.

ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Staff United States Army, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 3033:

To be general

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, 0000.

MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5043:

To be general

Lt. Gen. James L. Jones, Jr., 0000.

NOMINATION OF GEN. ERIC K. SHINSEKI

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, the Senate Armed Services Committee reviewed the qualifications of General Shinseki. It was a memorable day. One of our most distinguished and revered colleagues, the senior Senator from Hawaii, introduced General Shinseki. I have said previously that it was one of the most moving statements I have ever heard by a Senator in my 21 years. I placed the statement of Senator INOUE in the RECORD of Wednesday, June 9, 1999, at Page S6813, and I urge all Senators to look at that. It was, indeed, one of the most extraordinary statements on behalf of another individual that I have ever witnessed.

Basically, Senator INOUE referred back to 1942, the year in which General Shinseki was born. At that time, Senator INOUE was volunteering to serve in the U.S. Army. It was a very personal and moving statement, and I urge all Senators to look at it.

As chairman, I asked Senator CLELAND to note his signature on the nomination of the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army, given his most distinguished career as a soldier serving this Nation in the cause of freedom.

NOMINATION OF LT. GEN. JAMES L. JONES, JR.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I had the privilege of introducing on the same day General Jones to become the next Commandant of the Marine Corps, succeeding General Krulak who discharged the responsibilities of the Office of Commandant with great credit to the Nation and to himself. He is a most distinguished officer. His father served in World War II in the Marine Corps. His father served in the Pacific as a senior three-star Marine officer just before I became Under Secretary of the Navy. The Krulak family is a proud family, and they have done much for our Nation and, indeed, for the Marine Corps.

General Jones served in the Senate in the Marine Corps liaison office. Thereafter, he continued a most distinguished career. His last post as a lieutenant general was the principal military adviser—of course, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs is the principal military adviser—but General Jones on the immediate staff of the Secretary of Defense, our former colleague, Mr. Cohen, was the principal adviser on his personal staff.

This is recognition, again, of a distinguished marine who likewise had a family member, an uncle, who was a highly decorated marine in World War II. It is continuity in the Corps for those like myself, I say with great humility, who had the opportunity to serve at one time in the Marine Corps. It is a proud day today for the U.S. Marine Corps, for the soon retirement of the most distinguished Commandant and succession of General Jones whose potential equals any Commandant who ever served in that office in the history of this country.

I asked that Senator ROBERTS pen his signature on the nomination of General Jones to be Commandant. Again, Senator ROBERTS is a former marine.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—
S. 96

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the Y2K legislation, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

There being no objection, the Presiding Officer appointed, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, Mr. McCAIN, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WYDEN; from the Committee on the Judiciary, Mr. HATCH, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. LEAHY; from the Special Committee on

the Year 2000 Technology Problems, Mr. BENNETT and Mr. DODD conferees on the part of the Senate.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 17,
1999

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. Thursday, June 17. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that the Senate stand in a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator GREGG, 30 minutes; Senator DASCHLE or his designee, 30 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am wondering if it would be possible for the acting leader today to—while I have been standing here, I have had a couple phone calls. We have 30 minutes per side. Would it be possible to raise that to 40 minutes per side?

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the proposal is modified. Is there objection to the unanimous consent request?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. WARNER. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will convene at 10 a.m. and be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m., as adjusted by the unanimous consent request just agreed to. Following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on H.R. 1664, the steel, oil, and gas appropriations legislation. Amendments will be offered to that bill. Therefore, Senators can expect votes throughout the day. As a reminder, it is the intention of the leader to begin consideration of the State Department authorization bill on Friday. Therefore, votes will take place during Friday's session.

Now I yield to my distinguished friend and colleague, the assistant Democratic leader, if he has anything further.

Mr. REID. I have nothing further.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. WARNER. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.