we will come back with all kinds of things and it will be September with appropriations bills and there will be other issues and it will be harder than ever to get up nominations. Even more of them will be in the system by then, having been submitted by the President. It is going to be a big problem if we do not move promptly.

I think this is a reasonable request. I know Senator Reid, Senator Daschle and others, have indicated they will make some progress, but we are not confident we have made a strong enough determination and commitment at this point in time to ensure those nominees move forward. I hope maybe this cloture motion can be vitiated and we will be able to reach accord and move forward, but I just want to say for the record that the matter is very serious. We have probably taken too long to move nominations as we go forward.

I think the ones that have little or no objection certainly ought to be moved forward.

Mr. Reid. Mr. President, my friend from Alabama is right. There is no question that the process is very cumbersome. I hope in the future that we can maintain our record. We have a clear conscious. We cleared 54 last week. It was really the first week that we were in power because committees were just organized. With the leadership having changed, it slowed things down a little bit. But there wasn’t much the Republicans could have done while they controlled the Senate because of the funnel that just doesn’t allow these nominations to get here.

We have worked diligently today. Our staff worked. I told one of Senator Lott’s staff people just a minute ago that I spoke to Senator Biden earlier and, Lott’s staff people just a minute ago, our staff worked. I told one of Senator Biden’s staff people just a minute ago that I spoke to Senator Biden earlier today, and we had told him that prior to the August recess we would clear all of those that already had hearings. We received a call back from Senator Biden’s staff, and he told us that he spoke to Senator Biden and Senator Biden hopes to clear as many as 20 from the Foreign Relations Committee prior to the recess.

We recognize it is an embarrassment to this country—as powerful as the United States is—not having an Ambassador in a country. That is something that is good for the country. It is not because of Democrats or Republicans.

The Senator from Alabama is absolutely right. For the vast majority of these people, there is no problem at all. We just have to get them through the hearing process, which is sometimes cumbersome. If there is somebody who has some objections, we can arrange something just like Graham. We are going to debate the Graham nomination when we finish the water bill. There is time. I wanted to finish it tonight.

I wish right now that we could be doing this and Graham could look for more. But we still have 150, and we are coming up on the August recess. That is all we are saying.

Mr. Reid. One hundred and sixty.

Mr. Sessions. If we don’t get moving now, we are not going to be able to finish by August with many confirmed. That will get us even further behind. We are going to have a flood of nominations that haven’t even come in yet. I am frustrated, as a former U.S. attorney, that no U.S. attorney nominees have even been made. I guess the President deserves blame for that. Maybe the FBI is working the other nominees and can’t get the backgrounds on them, or whatever. The Senator from Nevada said perhaps they are terrified that they will nominate somebody who will have a black mark on their record and the administration will be embarrassed.

But I think all we are asking is let’s give an intensity of interest to it. Let’s give it our best shot before we recess in August to make sure that the backgrounds have been done on every one of these nominees so they are ready to go forward. The committee to have some hearings. I know they are busy.

We have been having hearings in the Judiciary on the FBI and DEA nominees, but we haven’t had but three judges come out of Judiciary. In 7 months, and none have been confirmed.

We have to speed up a little bit. That is what we are asking.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.

TOMORROW

The Presiding Officer. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, July 19, 2001.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:17 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 18, 2001:

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Harvey Pitt, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 1, 2002. (Voted Paul R. Case.

Harvey Pitt, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2007. (Voted Paul R. Case.)

MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

Brigadier General Edwin J. Arnold, Jr., United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of section 2 of an act of Congress, approved 28 June 1879, (Reappointment)

Brigadier General Carl A. Stroock, United States Army, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of section 2 of an act of Congress, approved 28 June 1879, (Reappointment)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Theodore H. Kattouf, of Maryland, 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 Syrian Arab Republic.

Maureen Quinn, of New Jersey, a career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and
PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE STATE OF QATAR.
JOSEPH GERARD SULLIVAN, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE.
JOHNNY YOUNG, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
JEFFREY D. JARRETT, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT, VICE KATHLEEN M. KARPAN.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EDWARD WILLIAM GNEHM, JR., OF GEORGIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN.
R. NICHOLAS BURNS, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, WITH THE RANK AND Status of AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, VICE ALEXANDER R. VERSHBOW.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS, VICE LOUIS J. FREEH, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, ARMY CHAPLAIN (CH) AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK(*) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 624:

To be colonel
JOSE R. ARROYOYIEVES, 0000

To be lieutenant colonel
JAMES R. WHITE JR., 0000 CH

To be major
BRIAN T. MYERS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel
MARIA L. BRITT, 0000
ANN D. DEMOLOSKY, 0000
JADWIN V. MAYEAUX JR., 0000
MARK W. OLSON, 0000
LEONARD P. PARESA JR., 0000
ROBERT H. REN, 0000
RANDELL W. THOMAS, 0000
JOHN W. WILKINS II, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be commander
DAVID M. BURCH, 0000
DAVID W. FLOYD, 0000

To be lieutenant commander
CURT D. ANDERSON, 0000
MICHAEL G. MUELLER, 0000
MARC A. RIFLE, 0000
BRENT W. SCOTT, 0000
MARCOS A. SEVILLA, 0000
MIL A. TY, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EDMUND JAMES HULL, OF VIRGINIA, 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 ZIMBABWE.
FRANKLIN L. LAVIN, OF OHIO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE.
JOHN THOMAS SCHIEFFER, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO AUSTRALIA.

WITHDRAWAL
EXECUTIVE MESSAGE TRANSMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE SENATE ON JULY 18, 2001, WITHDRAWING FROM FURTHER SENATE CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING NOMINATION: