

and to grant and per diem providers for the development of programs targeted at meeting certain special needs of homeless veterans; (2) require certain officials to initiate a plan for joint outreach to veterans at risk of homelessness; (3) carry out two treatment trials in integrated mental health services delivery; (4) ensure that each Department primary care facility has a mental health treatment capacity; (5) carry out a program of transitional assistance grants to eligible homeless veterans; and (6) make technical assistance grants to aid nonprofit community-based groups in applying for homeless program grants.

e. Extends through FY 2006 the homeless veterans reintegration program.

S. 1188: Provisions to improve recruitment and retention of VA nurses. Sponsors: Senators Rockefeller, Cleland.

a. Modifies the VA Employee Incentive Scholarship Program and Debt Reduction Program;

b. Mandates that VA provide Saturday premium pay to title 5/title 38 hybrids;

c. Requires a report on VA's use of authority to request waivers of the pay reduction for re-employed annuitants;

d. Gives VA nurses enrolled in the Federal Employee Retirement System the same ability to use unused sick leave as part of the retirement year calculation that VA nurses enrolled in the Civilian Retirement System have.

e. Requires an evaluation of nurse-managed clinics, including primary care and geriatric clinics;

f. Requires VA to develop a nationwide policy on staffing standards to ensure that veterans are provided with safe and high quality care. Such staffing standards should consider the numbers and skill mix required of staff in specific medical settings (such as critical care and long-term care);

g. Requires a report on the use of mandatory overtime by licensed nursing staff and nursing assistants in each facility;

h. Elevates the office of the Nurse Consultant so that person shall report directly to the Under Secretary for Health;

i. Exempts registered nurses, physician assistants, and expanded-function dental auxiliaries from the requirement that part-time service performed prior to April 7, 1986, be prorated when calculating retirement annuities;

j. Requires a report on VA's nurse qualification standards;

k. Makes technical clarifications to the nurse locality pay authorities.

S. 1160: Authorizes VA to provide certain hearing-impaired veterans and veterans with spinal cord injury or dysfunction, in addition to blind veterans, with service dogs to assist them with everyday activities. Sponsor: Senator Rockefeller.

S. : Draft legislation to change the means test used by the VA in determining whether veterans will be placed in enrollment priority group 5 or 7. The current placement eligibility threshold is set at approximately \$24,000 regardless of where in the country the veteran is living (text forthcoming). Sponsor:

S. 1042: Provides that within the limits of Department facilities, VA shall furnish hospital and nursing home care and medical services to Commonwealth Army veterans and new Philippine Scouts in the same manner as provided for under section 1710 of title 38 USC. Also authorizes VA to furnish care and services to the same veterans for the treatment of the service-connected disabilities and non-service-connected disabilities

of such veterans and scouts residing in the Republic of the Philippines on an outpatient basis at the Manila VA Outpatient Clinic. Sponsor: Senator Inouye.

S. Res. 61: Expresses the sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should, for the payment of special pay by the Veterans Health Administration, recognize board certifications from the American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc., to the same extent that the Secretary recognizes board certifications from the American Board of Osteopathic Specialists. Sponsor: Senator Hutchinson.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Army modernization and transformation, in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2002.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 976, the California Ecosystem, Water Supply, and Water Quality Enhancement Act of 2001.

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

FLOOR PRIVILEGE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Sarokin, a detailee on my staff, be given privileges of the floor today and any subsequent days during which the nomination of John Graham is being considered.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Friday, July 20, at 9:15 a.m. the Senate proceed to executive session to consider en bloc the nominations of Roger Gregory, Sam Haddon, and Richard Cebull; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided between Senators LEAHY and HATCH, or their designees; that at 9:45 a.m. the Senate vote on the Gregory nomination to be followed by a vote on the Haddon nomination, to be followed by a vote on the Cebull nomination; that upon the disposition of these nominations the Senate consider and confirm Calendar Nos. 247 and 249; that the motions to reconsider all of the above votes be tabled, 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.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that after the first vote there be 10-minute votes.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations, Calendar Nos. 202, 211, 212, 236 through 240, 242, 243, and 244; that the HELP Committee be discharged from consideration of the following nominations: Laurie Rich, Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs; Robert Pasternak, Assistant Secretary for Special Education; Joanne Wilson, Commissioner for Rehabilitation Services Administration; Carl D'Amico, Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education; Cari Dominguez, to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements thereon 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 were considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Susan Morrissey Livingstone, of Montana, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

Alberto Jose Mora, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Navy.

Stephen A. Cambone, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Kevin Keane, of Wisconsin, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

William Henry Lash, III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Brian Carlton Roseboro, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Allen Frederick Johnson of Iowa, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Allan Rutter, of Texas, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Samuel W. Bodman, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mark B. McClelland, of California, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.