

a.m. and resume consideration of the Agriculture supplemental authorization bill. At 11, Senator DASCHLE will be recognized and the Senate will vote on cloture on the Transportation Appropriations Act.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.  
TOMORROW**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there being no further business, I ask unanimous consent the Chair adjourn the Senate.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:28 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, August 1, 2001, at 10 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 31, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN F. TURNER, OF WYOMING, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS, VICE DAVID B. SANDALOW.

MARTIN J. SILVERSTEIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY.

JOHN N. PALMER, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL.

BONNIE MCELVEEN-HUNTER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND.

BRIAN E. CARLSON, 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 LATVIA.

MATTIE R. SHARPLESS, OF NORTH CAROLINA, 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 CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

R. BARRIE WALKLEY, OF CALIFORNIA, 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 GUINEA.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN W. SUTHERS, OF COLORADO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE THOMAS LEE STRICKLAND, RESIGNED.

ANNA MILLS S. WAGONER, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT

OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WALTER CLINTON HOLTON, JR., RESIGNED.

THOMAS E. MOSS, OF IDAHO, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF IDAHO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE BETTY HANSEN RICHARDSON, RESIGNED.

WILLIAM WALTER MERCER, OF MONTANA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE SHERRY SCHEEL MATTEUCCI, RESIGNED.

MICHAEL G. HEAVICAN, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE THOMAS JUSTIN MONAGHAN, RESIGNED.

TODD PETERSON GRAVES, OF MISSOURI, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE STEPHEN LAWRENCE HILL, JR., RESIGNED.

JOHN L. BROWNLIE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ROBERT P. CROUCH, JR., RESIGNED.

PAUL K. CHARLTON, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JOSE DE JESUS RIVERA, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

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. JOHN M. LE MOYNE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. LESTER MARTINEZ-LOPEZ, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be brigadier general*

COL. DAWN R. HORN, 0000

IN THE NAVY

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 (lower half)*

CAPT. RICHARD K. GALLAGHER JR., 0000  
CAPT. THOMAS J. KILCLINE, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

*To be colonel*

CURTIS W. MARSH, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MARVIN R. SAMBUR, OF INDIANA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE LAWRENCE J. DELANEY.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

GRACE TRUJILLO DANIEL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, VICE CLYDE ARLIE WHEELER, JR.

FRED L. DAILEY, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION, VICE GORDON CLYDE SOUTHERN.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MARY E. PETERS, OF ARIZONA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, VICE KENNETH R. WYKLE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CRANSTON J. MITCHELL, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE TIMOTHY EARL JONES, SR.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

KENT R. HILL, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE DONALD LEE PRESSLEY, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN J. DANILOVICH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

LESLIE LENKOWSKY, OF INDIANA, TO BE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, VICE HARRIS WOFFORD, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

EDWARD F. REILLY, OF KANSAS, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

MARIE F. RAGGHIANI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE MICHAEL JOHNSTON GAINES, TERM EXPIRED.

GILBERT G. GALLEGOS, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE JANIE L. JEFFERS.

**CONFIRMATION**

Executive Nomination Confirmed by the Senate July 31, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAMES W. ZIGLAR, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, July 31, 2001

The House met at 9 a.m.

### MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2001, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 25 minutes, and each Member except the majority leader, the minority leader or the minority whip limited to not to exceed 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate extend beyond 9:50 a.m.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. OSBORNE) for 5 minutes.

### SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PLAN

Mr. OSBORNE. Mr. Speaker, I recently heard a member of the Committee on Resources make an interesting statement. This individual said that the United States currently has only 3 percent of the known oil reserves in the world. The truth is that we really do not know. We do not know whether it has 3 percent or 5 percent or 15 percent or 20 percent, because for the last 10, 15, 20 years we have done absolutely no exploration. We have had no energy plan.

Mr. Speaker, think about what corporation, what military unit, what athletic team would proceed without a plan and without knowing what its assets were. This is precisely what we have done here in the United States.

I would really encourage people to support the President's energy plan because, number one, it provides a blueprint where there has been none, a plan of action that provides conservation practices and development of alternative fuels. It also provides for exploration which allows us to know what our assets and limitations are. In the event of an international crisis, it will be critical that we know what is there.

### SUPPORT FOR A DAY OF DEMOCRACY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PENCE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this morning the Ford-Carter

Commission on Election Reform will release its report. One of the striking aspects of its report, and I say striking because it is sometimes rare for commissions to study an issue and offer to give the American people another day off; but I believe this is an important step in acknowledging the very important and pivotal role that the American people play in fostering democracy in this Nation. That is the election of the President of the United States, election of their Federal officials that come about in one group every 4 years. The President, in many instances, Senators and, of course, Members of the House of Representatives are running for reelection.

The Ford-Carter Commission was to assess the plight of elections in this Nation. Certainly a laboratory was the election of November 2000. Not only was Florida a prime example where things can go wrong, but as I traveled around the country listening to voters in many many jurisdictions, this is a problem that is systemic to our Nation and one that we must fix in order to enhance democracy.

We must ensure that every voter has a right to vote. We must ensure that they are knowledgeable about where to vote. We have to ensure that voters are not purged from the list that is kept by their local governmental officials. We must ensure that voters are educated on how to vote and that they are able to utilize high technology equipment.

There are many legislative initiatives that are fostering or looking to improve the election system. I support the Dodd-Conyers legislation and I have offered legislation myself to determine the best technology that this Nation should use.

Many jurisdictions who have the resources have already begun to improve their election system. We must keep in mind, however, that the rush to judgment to improve our election system should not replace one bad system with another. So it is imperative that we create standards and I hope the Ford-Carter commission includes that.

I have a bill, H.R. 934, that has spoken to the issue of a national holiday.

Why a national holiday? One more day for us to be in the shopping malls? I think not. A day that everyone can focus on their most important responsibility, and that is the maintenance of democracy in this Nation, the upkeep of the Constitution. This will allow college students and high school students and working people from all walks of life to participate in a day of democracy. That is what we should call it.

My bill, H.R. 934, says it is a sense of Congress that private employers in the United States should give their employees a day off on the Tuesday next, after the first Monday in November in 2004 and each fourth year thereafter to enable the employees to cast votes in the presidential and other elections held on that day.

But, more importantly, we will not hear of the young mother or the young father or the hard-working individual who says, I just did not get the time to vote. I tried to get back to my polling place, but it was closed. Traffic kept me from voting. Transportation kept me from voting. My employer would not let me have time off to vote.

College students who might want to be poll workers at the polls, a most important responsibility on that day, knowing the laws, assisting people in exercising their democratic right, having those kinds of poll workers assist us along with other professionals as well as the wonderful volunteers we have had to date.

Mr. Speaker, I think it is high time for us to be able to give the kind of credible evidence and the kind of respect for the election system that is long overdue in this Nation. There are many countries around the world that fight for the meager chance to cast their vote. There are many that do not have that chance. There are others who look to us for our leadership and many countries have had us as election monitors.

We can do no less for our citizens than to ensure that every vote counts, to ensure that we have a working system that allows every vote to count, to respect the military votes, to respect those who have done their time in prisons and now want to be the kind of citizens that will have their rights restored, to respect those who have registered and yet now are purged.

There are many things we can do to fix the election system. But I believe one that we can all rally around is the Ford-Carter commission. As I said, this national holiday will not be a shopping day. It will be a day of freedom, a day that we will recognize that every single American goes to the polls acknowledging and respecting our democracy.

When our men and women offer themselves for the ultimate sacrifice in the United States military, they do so so that freedom will reign. Support H.R. 934 as we move to the process of enhancing democracy in this Nation.

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