

indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Rand H. Fisher, 0000

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 admiral

Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., 0000

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 admiral

Vice Adm. Gregory G. Johnson, 0000

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1016 Air Force nomination of Patrick J. * Fletcher, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 10, 2001.

IN THE ARMY

PN803 Army nomination of Christopher P. Aiken, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN804 Army nomination of Rodney D. McKittrick II, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN805 Army nomination of Randy J. Smeenk, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN806 Army nominations (2) beginning Daniel T. Leslie, and ending William C. Willing, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN807 Army nominations (4) beginning Angelo Riddick, and ending Hekyung L. Jung, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN808 Army nominations (2) beginning Jeffrey S. Cain, and ending Ryung Suh, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN1017 Army nominations (1637) beginning Albert J. Abbadessa, and ending *X5391, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 10, 2001.

PN1055 Army nominations (28) beginning Roger L. Armstead, and ending Carl S. Young, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2001.

PN968 Army nomination of Shaofan K. Xu, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN809 Marine Corps nomination of Richard W. Britton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN810 Marine Corps nomination of Samuel E. Ferguson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN1018 Marine Corps nomination of Curtis W. Marsh, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 10, 2001.

IN THE NAVY

PN811 Navy nomination of Raymond E. Moses, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN812 Navy nominations (800) beginning Johnny R. Adams, and ending Timothy J. Ziolkowski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 4, 2001.

PN992 Navy nomination of Sandra P. Moriguchi, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 5, 2001.

NOMINATION OF MARY PETERS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I support the nomination of Ms. Mary Peters to be the next Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration. I ask my colleagues to support her as well. Ms. Peters is a true transportation professional. She served in several senior positions within the Arizona Department of Transportation, including the position of Director of the Department. In that capacity, she was responsible not only for that state's highway system but also for several other aspects of the State's transportation program.

I had the privilege of meeting with Ms. Peters this afternoon and found her to be an extraordinarily pleasant individual, well versed in the issues that will require her attention as Federal Highway Administrator. I specifically had the opportunity to discuss with her the importance of implementing measures that will expedite the completion of the numerous highway projects for which America's taxpayers have been waiting for a great many years. Ms. Peters explained that she is committed to pursuing efforts to streamline the federal approval process. I look forward to working with her in this effort.

I again urge my colleagues to support the confirmation of Mary Peters to be our next Federal Highway Administrator.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate has just confirmed almost 30 people for various positions in the Federal Government, and that number will be more than that counting all the military people. So it is a good day for us. In fact, I have just been informed by the staff that the military who were approved today are in the hundreds, so we have done very well.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and that the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration:

Mark Edward Rey, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture;

Mark Edward Rey, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation;

Hilda Gay Legg, to be Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service at the Department of Agriculture;

Elsa Murano, to be the Under Secretary of Agriculture;

Edward McPherson, to be the Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that these nominees be confirmed, the motions 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 return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Mark Edward Rey, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment.

Mark Edward Rey, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Hilda Gay Legg, of Kentucky, to be Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture.

Elsa A. Murano, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

Edward R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

OFFICER RONALD C. SHEFFIELD

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, today family and friends gathered outside Detroit to pay their final respects to Federal Protective Services Officer Ronald C. Sheffield and to remember a life of sacrifice and service to others. Last Friday, September 21, 2001, Officer Sheffield was shot and killed while on duty at the McNamara Federal Building in downtown Detroit. My largest State office is in the McNamara Building and many members of my staff were in the building when the shooting occurred. His loss will be felt by the entire McNamara Building family but most deeply by those closest to him, particularly his daughters Jessica Lynn and Jinelle Marie. Officer Sheffield spent his career protecting Americans and defending our great country. He was a sergeant in the Marines during combat operations in the Persian Gulf War and a police officer with the Veterans Administration before joining the GSA.

The past 2 weeks have made all Americans even more aware of the dedication and bravery of the thousands of law enforcement officers, firefighters, military and emergency personnel who risk their lives every day to protect us. Officer Sheffield now joins the ranks of those American heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice. My thoughts and prayers are with Officer Sheffield's family, friends and fellow