

list of staff members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of S. 1428: Jim Barnett, Randy Bookout, Steven Cash, Thomas Corcoran, Paula DeSutter, Vicki Divoll, F.F., Peter Dorn, Melvin Dubee, Christopher Ford, Lorenzo Goco, Christopher Jackson, Ken Johnson, Mary Pat Lawrence, Mark Magee, Kathleen McGhee, Don Mitchell, Ken Myers, Don Stone, Linda Taylor, Tracye Winfrey, James Wolfe, and Amanda Krohn.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joel Widder, a detailee to the Appropriations Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the VA-HUD conference report.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations reported out earlier today by the Armed Services Committee, that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Dale Klein, of Texas, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

Mary L. Walker, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

R.L. Brownlee, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Marvin R. Sambur, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Sandra L. Pack, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

#### NOMINATION OF R.L. BROWNLEE

Mr. REID. Madam President, present today is Senator WARNER, former chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Also momentarily will be here the present chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Senator LEVIN. They wish to speak in just a short time on the nomination of Mr. Brownlee to be Under Secretary of the Army.

I had the pleasure of working with him during the time Senator WARNER was chairman and Senator LEVIN was chairman on the matters of this bill. He has been an integral part of moving these armed services bills.

I, as a Democrat, depended on him, he representing the Republican leader on the Armed Services Committee. I just can't say enough nice things about him. I know Senator WARNER and Senator LEVIN will say more at the appropriate time.

#### NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 436, that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Federico Juarbe, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements be printed in the RECORD, and 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 JUSTICE

Jay B. Stephens, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General.

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Frederico Juarbe, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

#### WELCOMING PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 81, introduced earlier today by Senators BIDEN and HELMS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 81) expressing the sense of Congress to welcome the Prime Minister of India, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, on the occasion of his visit to the United States, and to affirm that India is a valued friend and partner and an important ally in the campaign against international terrorism.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 81) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The text of the concurrent resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions."

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2001

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. Friday, November 9, that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for 10 minutes each.

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

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask the Senate stand in adjournment after the statements of Senators WARNER and LEVIN.

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

The senior Senator from Virginia.

#### NOMINATION OF R.L. BROWNLEE OF VIRGINIA TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Mr. WARNER. I express my appreciation to our distinguished acting majority leader tonight for his courtesy. Senator LEVIN has now joined me on the floor. I defer to the chairman to lead off.

Mr. LEVIN. I think it is particularly appropriate, given the very special relationship Senator WARNER has had in particular with Les Brownlee, for him to lead off. I will just add a few comments to what the Senator says.

Mr. WARNER. I thank my good friend and chairman, Mr. LEVIN. We have served 23 years together, and throughout this day we met four or five times on the conference report and other matters. It is an extraordinary opportunity to serve America with such fine people as Senator LEVIN, Senator REID, and others.

Anyway, to the matter at hand.

Madam President, I will start off. I wish to address the Senate with regard to the nomination by the President of the United States, of Colonel Les Brownlee, United States Army, Retired.

I cannot in words express my gratitude to this wonderful American for his service to the Senate, to the Committee on the Armed Services, and to me personally over these 18 years that he has been a Member of the Senate family and organization.