

a certain symmetry, and a certain wonderful roundness, to Les's confirmation.

As Senator WARNER said, we are now engaged in a military campaign. Colonel Brownlee was engaged in Vietnam. He served two tours in Vietnam with extraordinary distinction and heroism. He brings to this current challenge an experience that is invaluable so that we do not repeat the mistakes that were made in Vietnam, and so that we avoid any of the pitfalls that faced us as a nation in that war in which so many men and women served so valiantly, with so much honor, and with not nearly enough reward or recognition by their own countrymen back here at home.

What Les brings to this current challenge is of tremendous value. I know, as Senator WARNER said, that we speak for every member of our committee and for our staffs when we say how proud we are of Les. We are proud of not only what he has done for the committee, but we also are very confident of what he will do for the Army and for the Nation in his new capacity.

We wish him all the best. We know we will see a lot of him. To him and his family, we can only say we are sad to see him go, but we are surely glad that he will occupy the position that he will assume. This nation is safer because it will be in his hands.

I thank the Chair.

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I thank my very valued and long time special friend, the Senator from Michigan, for his very kind remarks. I reciprocate with equal feelings toward him.

We struggle together, and we are going to succeed. We have a big mission ahead of us in this committee with this conflict. We are behind our President. We want to give him that type of support, and the men and women of the Armed Forces fighting this engagement.

In relation to what the Senator stated, it was Under Secretary James Ambrose with whom Les served.

I appreciate Senator LEVIN singling out his combat record. The men and women of the Armed Forces, across the board, are trained to go into combat situations. Relatively few of them, however, certainly in recent years, because of the nature of combat, are put into those positions.

I was combat trained in World War II, but I did not go into combat. I did visit the battlefields more than once in Korea, but my military career pales in the face of Les Brownlee's and those of

the men and women who have really gotten into the thick of it, have been tested, and proved not only to survive, but continue their leadership. They have earned the recognition of their peer group through their personal decorations.

I have a tremendous amount of respect for Colonel Brownlee and, indeed, for many other Members of the Senate with whom I have been privileged to serve in the past and today who have earned those decorations.

While we acknowledge the long list of Colonel Brownlee's accolades, we recognize that the challenges of life are most successfully accomplished as a team effort. Colonel Brownlee's family have shared the challenges and rewards of both his professional military career and his career in the Senate. The journey which brought Colonel Brownlee to this prestigious nomination would not have been possible without the unconditional and loving support of his family.

From the first day that Les and I began working together, he has always been guided by what he thought was in the best interest of our Nation's security, the best interest of the men and women of our Armed Forces, and in the best interest of the Senate. On behalf of a grateful nation, we congratulate Les on his nomination and thank him for his service to the United States Senate. Les brings a special dimension to the Army secretariat, and we wish him well.

I thank my colleague.

Madam President, I think that concludes the matters, and we can go to the standing order.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:02 p.m., adjourned until Friday, November 9, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 8, 2001:

THE JUDICIARY

DAVID W. MCKEAGUE, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE RICHARD F. SUHRHEINRICH, RETIRED.

SUSAN BIEKE NEILSON, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE CORNELIA G. KENNEDY, RETIRED.

HENRY W. SAAD, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT, VICE JAMES L. RYAN, RETIRED.

RALPH R. BEISTLINE, OF ALASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, VICE H. RUSSEL HOLLAND, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CLAUDE M. BOLTON, JR., OF FLORIDA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE PAUL J. HOEPER.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE POSITIONS AND GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8307:

To be the judge advocate general of the United States Air Force

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS J. FISCUS, 0000

To be major general and to be the deputy judge advocate general of the United States Air Force

BRIG. GEN. JACK L. RIVES, 0000

IN THE ARMY

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

To be colonel

CAROL E. PILAT, 0000

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

To be major

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

To be major

*JAMES W. WARE, 0000

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

To be major

MEE S. PAEK, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 8, 2001:

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.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

FREDERICO JUARBE, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAY B. STEPHENS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

THE JUDICIARY

TERRY L. WOOTEN, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.