

prepared to move to them just as soon as the Republican matters can be resolved. I ask for their consideration.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Charles A. James, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

James Laurence Connaughton, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Stephen L. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

COMMENDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHARON ZELASKA

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 110 submitted by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 110) relating to the retirement of Sharon A. Zelaska, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

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

Mr. LOTT. Madam President, today I rise to pay tribute to Sharon Zelaska, who is retiring after serving for over 4 years in the demanding position of Assistant Secretary of the Senate, and who has contributed so much to the efficient operations of the Senate over those years.

She arrived in 1997, a stranger to the Senate but not to Capitol Hill, having worked for a dozen years previously as executive assistant to then Representative Jack Kemp. As Assistant Secretary she has been responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office of Secretary of the Senate, no small task given that 24 departments report to the Secretary. Working closely with Secretary of the Senate Gary Sisco, she helped provide the best possible service to all 100 Senators individually, and to the Senate as an institution.

Since the post of Assistant Secretary was historically that of Chief Clerk, Sharon Zelaska had a chair on the rostrum specifically designated for her. She took that chair on ceremonial occasions, but on most days her real work was behind-the-scenes, managing the many departments within the Secretary's office.

As Assistant Secretary she spent countless hours working with Senators

and staff. Her door was open to every one to stop in for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to talk about important issues of the day. When department heads retired, new candidates needed to be interviewed and selected. Vouchers required signing, payrolls had to be adjusted, e-mail answered, and no end of paperwork completed. She did all that with a poise and sense of fairness that all who worked with her admired and will miss with her retirement.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Sharon Zelaska for all her contributions to the Senate over the past 4 years and to wish her Godspeed for a happy future in a well-earned retirement.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 110) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

COMMENDING BOB DOVE ON HIS RETIREMENT AS PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 111 submitted by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 111) commending Robert "Bob" Dove on his service to the Senate.

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

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 111) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

HONORING THE ARMY ON ITS 226TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 112 submitted earlier by Senators ALLARD and HUTCHISON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 112) honoring the United States Army on its 226th birthday.

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

Mr. ALLARD. Madam President, 226 years ago, the Continental Army was formed with the goal of ending tyranny and winning our freedom. Since the end of the Revolution, American soldiers, imbued with the spirit of the original patriots, have pledged their allegiance to our Nation through their sacrifices in uniform.

All of our Army units, Active, Guard, and Reserve share the heritage of the Continental Army and their soldiers represent the finest men and women our Nation has to offer. Thousands of soldiers stand guard around the globe ensuring our freedom and doing the tough jobs that maintain our American way of life.

The proud tradition of the Army, dating back to 1775, has always stood tall. They are steeped in tradition, but ever flexible and capable of responding to a dynamic world. Now, the Army is transforming to meet the new demands of the 21st century. This new force will ensure that our National Command Authorities continue to have the ability to quickly and efficiently deploy land forces throughout the world.

Both in times of peace, and times of war, throughout more than two centuries, the soldiers of the Army have been poised and ready to answer the call of duty to defend this great Nation. The Army remains the best fighting force in the world: unchallenged and unparalleled. They are respected by their allies, feared by their opponents, and esteemed by the American people. Today, June 14, 2001, as the U.S. Army celebrates their 226th birthday, I ask that we reflect on the great legacy the Army has given this Nation and recognize our pride in our American soldiers' courage, dedication to duty, and selfless service to the Nation.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 112) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1052

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I understand that S. 1052, introduced earlier today by Senators MCCAIN, EDWARDS, and KENNEDY, is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.