All-Star Managers Joe Torre and Bobby Valentine. It is also a broader celebration as events are treated to not only the All-Star game between the National League and the American League, but other events as well, including a FanFest featuring interactive games and displays, a homerun derby by baseball’s greatest sluggers, a game between the top minor league baseball prospects of the American League and National League, and a softball game featuring All-Star game legends and other celebrities.

It is an honor and pleasure for the City of Seattle to once again host this celebration. In 1979, Seattle hosted the 50th All-Star game in just the third season for the Seattle Mariners. After two years of planning, Seattle gave baseball fans what is still considered one of the top All-Star celebrations in the history of the event.

That year, the Mariners were represented by only one All-Star, first baseman Bruce Bochte. A deserving player on a struggling team, Bochte had a pinch-hit, run-scoring single that evening—the first hit and RBI for a Mariners All-Star.

This season, as Seattle hosts the 72nd All-Star Game, the Mariners are represented by eight players and Manager Lou Piniella. The eight Mariners players are the most to participate from one team since the 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates also had eight players. This collection of talent—and the hard work, discipline, and determination that these players have demonstrated to reach All-Star status—is at the core of one of the best starts in Major League Baseball history. The Mariners have compiled a 63-24 record, the fourth best of all time after 87 games. Importantly though, the team’s success has resulted not only from the talents of All-Stars Bret Boone, Mike Cameron, Freddy Garcia, Edgar Martinez, Jeff Nelson, John Olerud, Kazuhiro Sasaki, and Ichiro Suzuki, but the contributions and teamwork of each player and coach.

The work of Mariners General Manager Pat Gillick must also be recognized. Mr. Gillick has shrewdly made trades and acquired free agents who have contributed to the improvement of the Mariners both years he has been with the franchise. The result has been a team of remarkable consistency, discipline, and talent. Last year the Mariners finished with a franchise-record 91 victories and this year they are on pace to win over 110 games.

Once again, I would like to commemorate the 72nd Major League Baseball All-Star game and the remarkable start by the Seattle Mariners.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF EUGENE HICKOK, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the HELP Committee be discharged from the consideration of the following nomination: Eugene Hickok, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Education, that the nomination be considered and confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that any statements thereon 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 nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2001

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11. I further ask consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer and the 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 there be a period for morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exception: Senator Specter from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, on Wednesday, the Senate will convene at 10 o’clock in the morning with a period for morning business until 10:30 a.m. We expect to begin consideration of the Interior appropriations bill on Wednesday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DASCHLE. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:23 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 11, 2001, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 10, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

MELONY B. FENNER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE RAL C. DECKEL, III.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

HARVEY PITT, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPiring JUNE 5, 2005, VICE IRAA D. C. HUNT, JR., TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

THERESA A. ALVILLAR-SPEAKE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY ECONOMIC IMPACT, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE JAMES B. LEWIS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

J. RICHARD BLANCHARD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, VICE TIMOTHY C. MOLDEN, RESIGNED.

J. RICHARD MILLER, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO GREECE, VICE HARVEY P. MACBAIN, RESIGNED.

LARRY R. MILLER, OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, VICE THOMAS C. HUBBARD, RESIGNED.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMILY STOVER DEREROCCO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE RAYMOND L. BAREUCCI.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

JOAN E. OHL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE COMMISSIONER ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE PATRICIA T. MONTAYA, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

JAMES R. GRITZNER, OF IOWA, TO BE JUDGE FOR THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA, VICE MICHAEL R. WOLFF, RESIGNED.

MICHAEL J. MELLOY, OF IOWA, TO BE JUDGE FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA, VICE GABRIEL G. FAGG, RESIGNED.