

The Democratic leader.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if the distinguished majority leader would yield, I am disappointed but I understand that we are not going to be able to move tomorrow to the genetic non-discrimination matter. It is my understanding that there is a potential blue-slip problem with the House. I had hoped we could get that done. That is something that is very important to do. We will be happy to cooperate with the majority leader in any way we can to move that along. It passed last time with 90-some-odd votes. I hope we can get that done. Even with a little bump in the road, maybe we can still get that done this week.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. In response through the Chair, this bill is a critically important bill, in my mind, in that we have worked on it for 7 years. We have passed it with an overwhelming majority in this body. It does good things for people who have a whole range of illnesses. It really represents the great advances in science today, advances in research, advances that come in large part because of what this body did with the human genome project in funding over a period of about 10 years, the unraveling of the genetic code which makes us all human, which is still mind-boggling. With that, it introduces all sorts of privacy issues and a potential for discrimination and this comes back and addresses it head on. It is a bill upon which we generally have all agreed.

We are working with the Finance Committee and with the HELP Committee internally as well as with the House. I do not want to be overly optimistic, but I think by tomorrow we will work this out and get it to the Senate floor.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if the distinguished leader would yield again, I am sure others have felt this way in the past, but it is interesting to me that anytime there is anything that the distinguished majority leader talks about that deals with medicine, it is almost as if there is a light that comes on. It is just so apparent why he was such a good physician.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we will move on.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of a 2-year extension of the Nazi War Crimes Working Group. We will have limited debate on this measure prior to its passage. We have not received any requests for a rollcall vote on this bill. I anticipate that we can pass it with a voice vote.

For the remainder of the day we will consider any legislative or executive item cleared for action.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:45 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, February 16, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 15, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LESTER M. CRAWFORD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF FOOD AND DRUGS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE MARK B. MCCLELLAN.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. STANLEY E. GREEN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

GERALD L. DUNLAP, 0000

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

To be colonel

ROBERT D. SAXON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

RICHARD R. GUZZETTA, 0000
ROBERT J. JOHNSON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

JAMES R. HAJDUK, 0000
FRITZ W. KIRKLIGHTER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

BRIAN E. BACA, 0000
ANTHONY E. BAKER, SR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT (IDENTIFIED BY AN ASTERISK(*)) UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624, 531, AND 3064:

To be colonel

JOHN M. BALAS, JR., 0000
WILLIAM T. BURNS, 0000
LOUIS F. CAMPANA II, 0000
JOSE J. CONDE, 0000

RICHARD F. DRUCKMAN, 0000
JOHN E. DULSKI, 0000
JOHN W. * ETZENBACH, 0000
DAVID K. FIASCHELLI, 0000
ROGER S. FIEDLER, 0000
RAYMOND G. HYNSON, 0000
SHANNON S. MCGEE, 0000
DAVID L. MOSS, 0000
STEVEN ROBERTS, 0000
WALTER F. RONGEX, 0000
STEVEN P. RUBCZAK, 0000
BORIS J. SIDOW, 0000
ASHTON C. TRIER, 0000
DAVID A. VINCENT, 0000
VINCENT P. VISSICHELLI, 0000
JAMES O. WALMANN, 0000
PAUL J. WARDEN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

ROBERT D. BOWMAN, 0000
NANCY J. HUGHES, 0000
KATHY D. KING, 0000
PAUL M. KONDRAT, 0000
RUTH E. LEE, 0000
LAWRENCE A. MARQUEZ, 0000
BRENDA C. MCDANIEL, 0000
CAROL A. NEWMAN, 0000
TIMOTHY D. REESE, 0000
JUDITH RUIZ, 0000
ARTHUR C. SAVIGNAC, 0000
THERESA M. SULLIVAN, 0000

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate: Tuesday, February 15, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

MICHAEL CHERTOFF, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.