

SA 203. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution of ratification for Treaty Doc. 114-12, Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of section 2, add the following:
(8) FUTURE SENATE CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE NATO EXPANSION.—The Senate declares that any future initiative to expand NATO should be thoroughly debated and considered from inception, with the highest priority given to evaluating the benefits and risks of such an expansion to the security of the American people and the safety of members of the United States Armed Forces.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I have one request for a committee to meet during today's session of the Senate. It has the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to Rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committee is authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 27, 2017, at 12 p.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar Nos. 25 through 30; that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Tony D. Bauernfeind
Brig. Gen. William T. Cooley
Brig. Gen. Stephen L. Davis
Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Doherty
Brig. Gen. James A. Jacobson
Brig. Gen. David A. Krumm
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey A. Kruse
Brig. Gen. Michael A. Minihan
Brig. Gen. Shaun Q. Morris
Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Murphy
Brig. Gen. David S. Nahom

Brig. Gen. Stephen W. Oliver, Jr.
Brig. Gen. John M. Pletcher
Brig. Gen. Scott L. Pleus
Brig. Gen. John T. Rauch, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Brian S. Robinson
Brig. Gen. Ricky N. Rupp
Brig. Gen. Dirk D. Smith
Brig. Gen. Kirk W. Smith
Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, IV
Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Toth
Brig. Gen. Mark E. Weatherington

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Dagvin R. M. Anderson
Col. Jason R. Armagost
Col. Craig R. Baker
Col. Gentry W. Boswell
Col. Richard H. Boutwell
Col. Ryan L. Britton
Col. Brian R. Bruckbauer
Col. Lance R. Bunch
Col. Todd D. Canterbury
Col. Case A. Cunningham
Col. Evan C. Dertien
Col. Michael L. Downs
Col. Troy E. Dunn
Col. Derek C. France
Col. David M. Gaedecke
Col. Philip A. Garratt
Col. Anthony W. Genatempo
Col. Kristin E. Goodwin
Col. Christopher J. Ireland
Col. David R. Iverson
Col. Joel D. Jackson
Col. Ronald E. Jolly, Sr.
Col. Michael G. Koscheski
Col. David J. Kumashiro
Col. John D. Lamontagne
Col. Leah G. Lauderback
Col. Charles B. McDaniel
Col. John C. Millard
Col. Albert G. Miller
Col. John J. Nichols
Col. Robert G. Novotny
Col. Lansing R. Pilch
Col. Donna D. Shipton
Col. Jeremy T. Sloane
Col. Phillip A. Stewart
Col. David H. Tabor

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. Paul A. Ostrowski

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

Lt. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Francisco A. Espallat

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Jeffrey A. Roach

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106-286, appoints the following Member to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: the Honorable ANGUS S. KING, JR., of Maine.

PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 30.

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

The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 30) providing for the reappointment of Steve Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 30) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 30

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in accordance with section 5581 of the Revised Statutes (20 U.S.C. 43), the vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in the class other than Members of Congress, occurring by reason of the expiration of the term of Steve Case of Virginia on April 25, 2017, is filled by the reappointment of the incumbent. The reappointment is for a term of 6 years, beginning on the later of April 26, 2017, or the date of the enactment of this joint resolution.

PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CITIZEN REGENT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 35.

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

The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows: