

Living that covenant, we stand with those peacefully protesting the tragic and unnecessary death of George Floyd, and the far too many who came before him.

We pray that our nation finally confronts its history of racism and, as a result, can fully embrace the peace of God that passes all understanding.

Those are really words that we should have heard from our President. Instead, they came from religious leaders responding to the President's use of their church for political purposes—and, in the process, violating the First Amendment rights of peaceful protesters, the rights of those protesters to peacefully assemble, as the President ordered up military police to clear a peaceful crowd.

We also listened in disbelief as Mark Esper, the Secretary of Defense, talked about turning public places into “battle spaces” to be dominated. This is the Secretary of Defense, who is charged with defending our country, talking about turning rubber bullets and tear gas against peaceful protesters here in the United States.

We witnessed General Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in full military uniform, presiding over the breakup of this peaceful demonstration.

I remind Secretary Esper and Chairman Milley that their oath is to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and they are not permitted by that oath to follow illegal orders, even from the President of the United States.

The President of the United States can give them what orders he chooses, but the Constitution and their oath requires that their first loyalty be to the United States of America and not to any one individual.

So I think it is important that we investigate this incident and the role that the Secretary and the Joint Chiefs of Staff played in following the President's illegal orders, illegal because they represented a gross violation of the First Amendment rights of citizens of the United States to peacefully assemble.

Let me close with this. I said at the outset that this is a moment when our country has different paths to choose and this Senate is very much a part of deciding which path we will take. Will we take the path that Senator BOOKER said of not only having moments of silence, but working together to pass true reform to address police accountability, to address other forms of systemic racism? Will we be willing to stand up to the President of the United States when he violates the civil rights and First Amendment rights of American citizens?

That is really a test for this institution, whether we are willing to do our job and uphold our oath to the Constitution of the United States.

Thank you, Madam President.

I yield the floor.

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 6:20 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 3, 2020, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

LUCAS N. POLAKOWSKI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE GUY B. ROBERTS, RESIGNED.

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

THOMAS M. MISTELE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2023. (REAPPOINTMENT)

THOMAS M. MISTELE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020, VICE ORLAN JOHNSON, RESIGNED.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

HESTER MARIA PEIRCE, OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 5, 2025. (REAPPOINTMENT)

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DEREK KAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE RUSSELL VOUGHT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

C. KEVIN BLACKSTONE, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

CHARLES L. GLAZER, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2023. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL A. MCCARTHY, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

WILLIAM W. POPP, OF MISSOURI, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA.

THE JUDICIARY

EDMUND G. LACOUR, JR., OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, VICE ANDREW LYNN BRASHER, ELEVATED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 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. CARL E. SCHAEFER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE 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. KIRK S. PIERCE

IN THE ARMY

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. ALEX B. FINK

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

To be brigadier general

COL. EDWARD H. BAILEY

COL. MARY V. KRUEGER
COL. ANTHONY L. MCQUEEN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, AND FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 10506:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JON A. JENSEN

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 brigadier general

COL. JED J. SCHAERTL

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 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. ROBERT F. HEDELUND

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be lieutenant colonel

KIRK W. GREENE

IN THE ARMY

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

To be lieutenant colonel

MAURO QUEVEDO, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be colonel

SHAHIN NASSIRKHANI

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 major

ALFREDO CARINORIVERA

IN THE NAVY

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

To be captain

SUZETTE INZERILLO

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

To be captain

THOMAS G. CHEKOURAS

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

To be captain

RYAN P. ANDERSON

SEAN M. ANDREWS

DONALD E. BAKER

MARK S. BOWMER

PATRICK W. BROWN

CHRISTOPHER M. BUCZKOWSKI

KEITH A. CAPPER

STEFAN EDWARDS

VINCENT V. ERNO

DALE A. HANEY

RONALD L. HOAK II

PETER J. HOLDORF

DAVID J. HUBER

KENNETH J. JACKSON

CARL W. KOCH

SHAN S. LEBLANC

CASS K. MADSON

CRAIG A. MIHALIK

FRANK D. MILLER

CHRISTOPHER A. NEWELL

DAVID W. PAVLIK

RYAN M. PERRY

JOSEPH C. PESTAR, JR.

JOSEPH H. PETH

ALLEN RIVERA

DAVID W. RODEBUSH

PHOEBE U. TAMAYO

JAMES A. TROUT

JUAN C. URIBE

KRISTIAN L. WAHLGREN

SHANNON W. WALKER

ALEXANDER D. WALLACE III

MELISSA A. WILLIAMS

MICHELLE M. WILLIAMS

DARYL M. WILSON

GLENN A. WRIGHT

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

To be captain

MICHAEL D. AMEDICK
JOHN G. ANDERSON
MICHAEL R. BAKER
MATTHEW K. BERRENS
STEPHEN M. COATES
DAVID D. DINKINS
THOMAS A. IANUCCI
ROBERT A. MOORE
WILLIAM S. RILEY
SANTIAGO RODRIGUEZ
DENNIS M. WHEELER

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

To be captain

JEREMY P. ADAMS
DEAN E. ALLEN
RYAN P. CAREY
FRANK W. CARROLL
CHRIS M. COGGINS
JASON A. CROSBY
BOBBY D. DASHER, JR.
CHARLES B. KUBIC
ANDREW L. LITTEAL
MICHAEL K. OBEIRNE
BRENT C. PAUL
ANGEL L. SANTIAGO
ATIM D. SENTHILL
CONSTANCE L. SOLINA
SUSANNE M. WIENRICH
ALLEN E. WILLEY

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

To be captain

MARCO A. AYALA
ANDREW J. BALDWIN
THOMAS M. BALDWIN
MICHAEL M. BARNA
KENNETH O. BONAPARTE
ZACHARY W. BROWN
HUGH M. DAINER
TRAVIS G. DEATON
HAMMA A. DIALLO
TODD J. ENDICOTT
CHRISTIN M. B. FOSTER
GREGORY H. FREITAG, JR.
DIANA C. FU
CORY P. GACONNET
SATYEN M. GADA
ALEXANDER B. GALIFIANAKIS
ROGER M. GALINDO
JEFFREY W. GERTNER
ADOLFO GRANADOS, JR.
MARION A. GREGG
HEATHER J. GROTE
NOA C. HAMMER
BRADLEY W. HICKEY
ARLENE J. HUDSON
KERRY A. HUDSON
JEFFERY C. JOHNSON
MICKAILA J. JOHNSTON
MICHAEL J. KAVANAUGH
MICHEL J. KEARNS
BRIAN T. KLEYENSTEUBER
JOSEPH G. KOTORA
LEONARD J. KUSKOWSKI
ALAN S. LAM
SHANNON V. LAMB
RACHEL U. LEE
ELIZABETH A. LEONARD
JASON J. LONGWELL

VINH Q. MAI
WENDY G. MANCUSO
MATTHEW R. MATIASEK
KARLWIN J. MATTHEWS
MICHAEL G. MERCADO
JOSEPHINE C. NGUYEN
MARK M. NGUYEN
THOMAS W. NIPPER II
SHAUNA F. OSULLIVAN
AUSTIN L. PARKER
JOEL N. PETERSON
LISA A. PETERSON
DOUGLAS E. PITTMER
TIMOTHY A. PLATZ
TRAVIS M. POLK
STEVEN P. PRASKE
CAROLYN A. REIMANN
KENNETH E. RICHTER
LISA K. RIVERA
COREY A. SHAW
JEFFREY W. SINGLEY
WAYNE R. SMITH
MICHELE E. SPROSTY
JOHN H. STEELY
MICHAEL M. TILLER
HEATHER J. TRACY
SONYA N. WATERS
DAVID A. WEIS
SHARESE M. WHITE
RASHAD C. WILKERSON
PAUL J. WISNIEWSKI
DAVID M. YOU

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

To be captain

WILLIAM M. ANDERSON
YASIR F. BAHRANI
CECILIA M. BROWN
KATHLEEN D. BUSS
SHERRY A. CARAVEO
BART M. CRAGEN
JEFFREY A. DRAUDE
KRISTIE E. ERICKSON
PATRICK J. FOX, JR.
GREGORY L. KOONTZ
GARIN M. LIU
KEITH R. MERCHANT
JOHN J. NEAL
SENNAY M. STEFANOS
RASHA H. WELCH
DAVID S. WELDON

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

To be captain

JERRY J. BAILEY
WILLIE D. CARTER
SCOTT D. COON
NOEL M. CORPUS
RICHARD GILLIARD, JR.
MICHAEL J. GRANDE
MATTHEW H. JAMERSON
WILLIAM E. KELLY
MELISSA D. H. LAUBY
MICHAEL A. LOWE
ROBERT T. MCMAHON III
STACIE A. MILAVEC
MARCY M. MORLOCK
ERIN R. WILFONG

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

To be captain

PHILLIP A. CHOCKLEY
PHILIP J. HAMON
ELIZABETH H. JOSEPHSON
AMANDA R. MYERS

STEVEN R. OBERT
PETER P. PASCUCCI
KATHERINE S. PASIETA
MARY B. POHANKA
RYAN STORMER
ANGELA J. TANG
DANIEL WERNER

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

To be captain

KENNETH R. BASFORD
KAREN A. BELCAR
PHILLIP A. BOYER
JULIE A. CONRARDY
CHARLES E. DICKERSON
BRIDGETTE D. FERGUSON
KATHRYN A. GARNER
KAREN M. GRAY
ERIC C. GRYN
CHRISTOPHER D. KEITH
MATHEW R. LOE
SALEE J. P. OBOZA
DANIEL F. RICE
SUSAN M. TILLMON

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

To be lieutenant commander

ROBERT C. BIRCH

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

To be lieutenant commander

TORI J. MOFFITT

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

To be lieutenant commander

MATTHEAU B. WILLSEY

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 2, 2020:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

BRIAN D. MILLER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR PANDEMIC RECOVERY.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

VICTOR G. MERCADO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on June 2, 2020 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

THOMAS M. MISTELE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2022, VICE GREGORY KARAWAN, TERM EXPIRED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 28, 2020.