

TRIBUTE TO LT. GEN. GEORGE R. CHRISTMAS, U.S. MARINE CORPS—A MARINE'S MARINE

• Mr. NUNN. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments today to offer a tribute to Lt. Gen. George R. Christmas, U.S. Marine Corps. General Christmas is currently the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserves Affairs at the Headquarters of the Marine Corps and will be retiring from the Corps in the very near future after more than 34 years of faithful and outstanding service.

General Christmas was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1962. During the next 34 years, he served in command and staff assignments true to the Marine's Hymn—in every aspect of the Marine Corps:

He has been a student and an instructor;

He has served at the flagpole in the Marine Corps Headquarters as a Special Assistant to the Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps and thousands of miles from the flagpole as the Director for Operations for the United States Pacific Command.

In peacetime, he has commanded an infantry platoon, a recruit training battalion, an infantry regiment, an expeditionary brigade, a Force Service Support Group, and a Marine Expeditionary Force.

In combat, he commanded an infantry company and participated in the now legendary Battle for Hue City. During this vicious fighting, General Christmas was seriously wounded. He was awarded the Navy Cross for his bravery and actions during this fighting.

In July of 1994, General Christmas assumed his current duties as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs for the Marine Corps.

General Christmas is no stranger to the Armed Services Committee having appeared before the committee on many occasions to help us work

through the many challenging issues that have faced the military services in the post-cold war era.

He is, in every sense, a Marine's Marine—an eager student, a dedicated teacher, a superb resources manager, an outstanding leader, a combat warrior, a very talented professional and a true gentleman.

Most importantly, through the years, General Christmas has never lost sight of the importance of the individual Marine to our Nation's combat readiness. His concern for every Marine, for every family member and for every retiree was readily apparent each time the committee has sought his views.

The Marine Corps is a better place, a more ready force, and a greater national asset because Gen. Ron Christmas chose to dedicate his life to wearing the Globe and Anchor.

As Gen. Ron Christmas leaves active service, I would like to express my sincere appreciation and admiration for a job tremendously well done and, on behalf of those who have come to know him and to value his counsel, I would like to offer my very best wishes to him and to his wonderful family for every happiness and success in the future.●

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT
AGREEMENT—S. 1219

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 1219 not be considered the pending business.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE
26, 1996

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26; fur-

ther, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1745, the DOD authorization bill, and the cloture vote with respect to S. 1745 occur immediately.

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

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that Senators have until 10 a.m. on Wednesday to file second-degree amendments to the DOD authorization bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, there will be a rollcall vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the DOD authorization bill at 9:30 a.m. Regardless of the outcome of that vote, the Senate is expected to continue consideration of that bill throughout the day on Wednesday with rollcall votes expected. A late-night session is anticipated in order to make substantial progress on the DOD authorization bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:05 a.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 26, 1996, at 9:30 a.m.