

Whereas Secretary Christopher has had a distinguished career in law and public service in California;

Whereas Secretary Christopher, born in Scranton, North Dakota, is one of North Dakota's most distinguished native sons and has always displayed the quiet strength and work ethic associated with the people of the Great Plains;

Whereas in 1997 Secretary Christopher leaves his position as the 63d Secretary of State; and

Whereas Secretary Christopher has earned the respect and admiration of Congress and the American people: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress commends and thanks the Honorable Warren Christopher for his exemplary diplomatic service, and for his skillful and indefatigable efforts to advance peace and justice around the world.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 9, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 9) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President on the state of the Union.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the concurrent resolution?

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be deemed agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 9) was agreed to.

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PAUL TSONGAS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 22, which is at the desk and was introduced earlier today by the majority leader and the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 22) relative to the death of the Honorable Paul Tsongas, formerly a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 22) was agreed to as follows:

S. RES. 22

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Paul Tsongas, formerly a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1997

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 11 o'clock, Thursday, January 23, further, 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 there then be a period for the transaction of morning business with each Senator allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will be in session tomorrow for morning business to allow Members to introduce legislation and make statements. No rollcall votes will occur during Thursday's session of the Senate. When the Senate completes its business on Thursday, it will stand in adjournment until Monday, January 27, for a pro forma session only. No business will be transacted on Monday, and the Senate will then adjourn until Tuesday. The majority leader has announced that rollcall votes are possible on Tuesday on any nominations that

may become available for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1997

Mr. MURKOWSKI. If there is no further business, Mr. President, to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order in accordance with the provisions of Senate Resolution 22.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:30 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 23, 1997, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 22, 1997:

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JAMES L. JONES, 0000.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 12203:

To be captain

LARRY L. BLAKESLEY, 0000.

HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

SUSAN BASS LEVIN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 10, 1999. VICE RICHARD C. HACKETT.

IN THE ARMY

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

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. GREGORY A. ROUNTREE, 0000.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARTIN R. STEELE, 0000.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate January 22, 1997:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MADELEINE KORBEL ALBRIGHT, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM S. COHEN, OF MAINE, TO BE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

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