

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Joseph W. Dyer, Jr., 0000

IN THE ARMY

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Army 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. David J. Kelley, 0000

The following-named officer for appointment in the U.S. Army 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. Randolph W. House, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE, ARMY, COAST GUARD,
MARINE CORPS, NAVY

Air Force nomination of Andrew J. Jorgensen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 1997.

Army nominations beginning John A. Adams, and ending Kenneth M. Younger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 9, 1997.

Army nominations beginning Robert T. Anderson, and ending Robert J. Wygonski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 5, 1997.

Army nominations beginning Charles R. Bailey, and ending John L. Wydeven, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 1997.

Army nominations beginning Chessley R. Atchison, and *Stephen E. Schless, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 1997.

Army nominations beginning Robert R. Bottin, Jr., and ending Diane P. Rousseau, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 1997.

Army nominations beginning Doreen M. *Agin, and ending Donald G. *Zugner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 10, 1997.

Army nominations beginning Bret T. Ackermann, and ending Joan H. Zeller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 10, 1997.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Catherine M. Kelly, and ending Ronald W. Reusch, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 27, 1997.

Coast Guard nomination of Richard W. Sanders, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 1997.

Marine Corps nomination of Gilda A. Jackson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 7, 1997.

Marine Corps nomination of Richard L. Songer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 1997.

Marine Corps nominations beginning Robert E. Ballard, and ending Patrick K. Wyman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 1997.

Marine Corps nominations David J. Biow, and ending Andrew D. Zinn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 2, 1997.

Marine Corps nomination of John M. Metterle, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 10, 1997.

Marine Corps nomination of John J. Egan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 10, 1997.

Navy nomination of Timothy S. Garrold, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 15, 1997.

KATHRYN O'LEARY HIGGINS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I wholeheartedly endorse the confirmation of Kathryn O'Leary Higgins as Deputy Secretary of Labor. Kitty Higgins is the right person with the right experience at the right time. As chief of staff for former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, she showed that she knows how to pull the levers, she knows how to motivate people, she knows how the Labor Department works and she knows how to make the Department work for people.

I've known and admired Kitty Higgins for years. She is the kind of person we need more of in Government. She's intelligent and efficient and tenacious. She's idealistic and pragmatic. And, if that's not enough, she's from South Dakota. In fact, she is the highest-ranking South Dakotan in the administration.

Kitty Higgins has spent her entire career in public service. For the last 2 years, she has served as Assistant to the President and Cabinet Secretary in the White House. Before that, she was Bob Reich's chief of staff at Labor. She is a former administrative assistant to Congressman SANDER LEVIN and a former minority staff director for the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee under Senator KENNEDY. In addition, she has served as the former assistant director for domestic policy during the Carter administration and a former Manpower specialist with the Department of Labor.

She understands the executive branch of Government, the House and the Senate. More importantly, she understands what each of us needs to be able to work in good faith with the others to get results.

There is one other chapter in Kitty Higgins life that I believe makes her the right person at the right time. Kitty Higgins started her working life at the Department of Labor as a clerk-typist. When her two sons were still young, her husband, Bill, died. She raised her sons as a single mother. She knows what it's like to be stretched thin between work and home. She understands the pressures that so many families are under today and she is determined to help alleviate those pressures for other working parents.

The national economy is the best it's been in years. The deficit is down, interest rates are down. The stock market is up, as well as employment and business investment and home ownership and virtually every other economic indicator that ought to be up. But there are still people left out of

this recovery. Making sure that working families benefit from this economic recovery—keeping the American dream alive—is the most important thing this Congress can do. And it is the most important thing the Labor Department can do. Kitty Higgins has the right qualities and the right background to help both institutions live up to that responsibility. I wish her the best of luck.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

AMENDING THE FEDERAL PROPERTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ACT OF 1949

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 102, H.R. 173.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 173) to amend the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, to authorize donation of surplus Federal law enforcement canines to their handlers.

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

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LOTT. I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill appear at this point in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 173) was read the third time, and passed.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 77, S. 417.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 417) to extend energy conservation programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act through September 30, 2002.

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

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENTS.

The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended—