

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

William J. Lynn, III, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

NAVY

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Henry G. Ulrich, III, 2552.

STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF LYNN
ADELMAN TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, let me take this opportunity to tell you why Lynn Adelman, the President's nominee for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, is such a fine choice to fill the vacancy created when Judge Curran took senior status.

First, Lynn Adelman has a record of unquestioned skill and unequalled experience in his 30 years of practice. His dedication, hard work and intelligence has been displayed in both civil and criminal cases, before the Wisconsin Supreme Court and before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Second, Lynn Adelman has spent a life devoted to public service. He has dedicated a great deal of his professional time to disadvantaged clients. And, rather than pursue his private practice full-time, he has simultaneously served in public office. As a State senator for 20 years, much of the time serving as chairman of the Judiciary Committee, he has championed the causes of families, crime victims and government accountability.

Based on this outstanding record, Lynn Adelman received high marks from the nonpartisan commission that Senator FEINGOLD and I established with the State Bar. And his nomination has bipartisan support, including the endorsement of Wisconsin's Republican Governor, Tommy Thompson. Although they have not always seen eye to eye, Governor Thompson wrote that Lynn is "thoughtful, fair and open-minded" as well as someone who "is sensitive to and has respect for the principle of the separation of powers."

Finally, let me conclude on a personal note. My family has known the Adelman family for over 30 years, and I have known Lynn personally for more than 20. I know that he has the compassion, integrity and skill that will make him a valuable addition to the bench.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I am pleased that the U.S. Senate took action today to confirm Lynn Adelman to the Federal District Court. Lynn's entire career, both in the State legislature and his private legal practice, has been marked by his dedication to serving the people of our State and makes him particularly well suited for a position on the federal bench. I have no doubt that he will continue his career of public service in this new capacity and will be an excellent jurist for the people of Wisconsin.

President Clinton choose Lynn Adelman's name from the three forwarded to him by the nominations

committee that Senator KOHL and I established to review potential nominees for Wisconsin's federal bench. I am pleased that the full Senate, having had an opportunity to review Lynn Adelman's record and to hear from him directly when he testified before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, has reached the same conclusion that Senator KOHL, President Clinton, Governor Thompson, people all across Wisconsin and I have reached. That being that Lynn Adelman will be an exemplary federal judge.

Lynn Adelman was born in Milwaukee and is a graduate of Princeton University and Columbia Law School. He graduated cum laude from both of these excellent institutions. After a brief period working in New York, Lynn returned his native Wisconsin and began what to this day has been a career of dedicated public service to the people of our State. Lynn worked in private practice in Wisconsin beginning in 1972 and continues to do so today.

In 1977, Lynn was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate for the 28th District. In the twenty years that he has represented the 28th District, he has been a leading voice in the Wisconsin Legislature. I had the distinct honor of serving with Lynn for ten years while I was a Wisconsin State Senator and worked with him on the Judiciary Committee, which he has chaired on two occasions.

Lynn Adelman's legislative record and commitment to the people of his district and the State of Wisconsin has earned him bi-partisan praise. In fact, Republican Governor Tommy Thompson, writing in support of this nominee, characterized Lynn Adelman as ". . . thoughtful, fair and open-minded. . ." The Governor has also noted how he and Lynn have worked hand in hand to ensure the passage of important legislation ranging from anti-crime and anti-drug legislation to welfare reform. This bi-partisan praise is a significant statement about the character and ability of Lynn Adelman.

At the same time he has served in the Wisconsin Legislature, Lynn Adelman has continued his practice as a successfully attorney. He has appeared in both criminal and civil cases, before both State and Federal courts. Lynn's considerable legal skills also resulted in him arguing before the United States Supreme Court in 1993.

There can be little doubt that Lynn Adelman's career makes him well suited to serve on the federal judiciary. His knowledge of the law is undeniable. He has a unique perspective on our legal system, born of his service in the legislature and as a practicing attorney. He understands the fundamental principle of separation of powers and has the temperament necessary to treat everyone who comes before him with the respect and dignity they deserve. In short, he has all the tools necessary to serve the people of Wisconsin with distinction. I am pleased the Senate has chosen to confirm him today.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I note—while I don't have the exact numbers here before me, I will insert in the RECORD later the numbers that are involved—during the first session of the 105th Congress we have now confirmed over 3,500 civilian nominations, both judicial and other executive branch nominations. That does not include military nominations. The total number, I think, comes to over 20,000 nominations that we have confirmed during the first year of the 105th session of Congress.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, if I could just comment on that, as well.

I want to thank the majority leader for his virtually tireless effort, over the last couple of days in particular, to clear the Executive Calendar. We had at one point well over 100 nominations pending on the calendar and we have it down now to just a handful. That would not have happened without his effort. None of these are easy. Some are easier than others. I wish we could have done them all. In some cases it is a responsibility of those on this side for not having been able to address some of these nominations.

I appreciate very much the effort made by the majority leader in the last couple of days to successfully complete the work of Executive Calendar. I think, by and large because of his efforts, we have done so.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, there are a couple of matters yet to be completed tonight, including the Amtrak reform package that should be coming momentarily from the House. Senator DASCHLE and I want to notify the President we are moving toward completion of our work tonight.

Later on, when we have the final announcement, we will advise the Senate that it would reconvene, the 105th Congress, second session, following a live quorum the morning of January 27, and there would be a live quorum which would proceed morning business until 2 p.m. on that day, and on Tuesday night, January 27, at 9 p.m., we would have the President's State of the Union Address. So the Senate will convene, then, that night at 8:30 in order to proceed to the body of the Hall of the House of Representatives to hear the address.

There will be no legislative business on Tuesday, January 27 except for those actions that may be cleared for unanimous consent. Therefore, no votes will occur during the session on that Tuesday.

Senators should be aware that the following items are expected to be considered during the early days of the second session of the 105th Congress: