

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

Rear Adm. (lh) Jeffrey A. Cook, 2672

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

George P. Nanos, Jr., 1992

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably 11 nomination lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy which were printed in full in the RECORDS of April 21 and 29, 1998, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

(The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORDS of April 21 and April 29, 1998, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

In the Air Force nominations beginning Phillip M. Armstrong, and ending *Rex A. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 21, 1998.

In the Army nomination of Gary W. Krahn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 21, 1998.

In the Marine Corps nominations beginning Richard D. Coulter, and ending Karim Shihata, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 21, 1998.

In the Navy nominations beginning Michale D. Cobb, and ending Raymond B. Roll, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 21, 1998.

In the Navy nomination of Daniel D. Thompson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 21, 1998.

In the Army nominations beginning Eugene N. Acosta, and ending Curtis L. Yeager, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 29, 1998.

In the Marine Corps nomination of Gary F. Baumann, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 29, 1998.

In the Marine Corps nominations beginning Michael L. Andrews, and ending Robert C. Wittenberg, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 29, 1998.

In the Marine Corps nominations beginning James N. Adams, and ending Thomas J. Zohlen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 29, 1998.

In the Marine Corps nominations beginning Louis P. Abraham, and ending Mark G. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 29, 1998.

In the Marine Corps nominations beginning Ruben Bernal, and ending James Werdann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the RECORD of April 29, 1998.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2105. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to conduct a study of the Niobrara River watershed and the operations of Fort Randall Dam and Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri River to determine the feasibility of alleviating certain bank erosion and sedimentation problems; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. BENNETT (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 2106. A bill to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park, Utah, to include portions of certain drainages that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw owned by the State of Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. REED):

S. 2107. A bill to enhance electronic commerce by promoting the reliability and integrity of commercial transactions through establishing authentication standards for electronic communications, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER (by request):

S. 2108. A bill to amend chapter 19, of title 38, United States Code, to provide that Service-members' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance under such chapter may, upon application, be paid to an insured person who is terminally ill; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself and Mr. STEVENS):

S. 2109. A bill to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. DODD, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2110. A bill to authorize the Federal programs to prevent violence against women, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 2111. A bill to establish the conditions under which the Bonneville Power Administration and certain Federal agencies may enter into a memorandum of agreement concerning management of the Columbia/Snake River Basin, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to appoint an advisory committee to make recommendations regarding activities under the memorandum of understanding, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 233. A resolution to authorize the testimony and document production and representation of Senate employees in *People v. James Eugene Arenas*; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Res. 234. A resolution to honor Stuart Balderson; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GREGG (for Mr. LOTT):

S. Con. Res. 98. A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 2105. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to conduct a study of the Niobrara River watershed and the operations of Fort Randall Dam and Gavins Point Dam on the Missouri River to determine the feasibility of alleviating certain bank erosion and sedimentation problems; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

NIORARA RIVER AND MISSOURI RIVER LEGISLATION

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, earlier this year I introduced S. 1672, the Missouri River Erosion Control Act of 1998. It will create an important new program to provide homeowners on the Missouri River with the assistance they need to protect their homes from shoreline erosion.

Today, my colleague Senator JOHNSON and I are introducing a second bill that I hope will help to preserve the character of the Missouri River for generations to come. Up and down the Missouri River, South Dakotans can tell you that the river is slowly changing as a result of the dams built under the authority of the Pick-Sloan Act. While the dams undoubtedly have made positive contributions to South Dakota by controlling floodwaters and making affordable electricity available to promote rural development, they also ended the Big Muddy's ability to carry a full sediment load for long distances. Sediments are now being deposited into shallow areas of the river, causing the water table to rise, flooding shoreline lands and worsening erosion. In addition, the sediment build-up has made navigation nearly impossible in some areas.

These problems have grown particularly severe near the city of Springfield, where a delta is forming downstream from the confluence of the Missouri and Niobrara Rivers. In order to better understand the causes of the sediment build-up and to develop solutions to address it, I am introducing legislation today to direct the Corps of Engineers to conduct a study of the lower Missouri and Niobrara River watershed. It is my hope that this study will provide the blueprint necessary to alleviate the sediment build-up, reduce future sedimentation, and preserve the character of the rivers for years to come. I hope my colleagues will give this legislation their full support.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.