

down to the privates, sailors, airmen, and marines who are making possible this freedom throughout the world.

We will stay the course. We will meet every challenge. We shall not waiver in the mission of this country. I just pray and hope the American people have a complete and full understanding of the risks they are taking and the absolutely essential requirement that this Nation continue its leadership and succeed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 248, the nomination of LTG John P. Abizaid to be General; and Calendar Nos. 254 through 277, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, the Army, and the Navy.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed, en bloc, as follows:

IN THE ARMY

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

To be general

Lt. Gen. John P. Abizaid, 6229

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brigadier General George A. Alexander, 7321
Brigadier General Edmund T. Beckett, 5971
Brigadier General Wesley E. Craig, Jr., 6586
Brigadier General James R. Mason, 7632
Brigadier General Gerald P. Minetti, 5388
Brigadier General Richard C. Nash, 9717
Brigadier General Gary A. Pappas, 3580
Brigadier General Clyde A. Vaughn, 8410
Brigadier General Dean A. Youngman, 4722

To be brigadier general

Colonel William E. Aldridge, 6293
Colonel Louis J. Antonetti, 5832
Colonel Michael W. Beaman, 0589
Colonel Robert T. Bray, 7857
Colonel Nelson J. Cannon, 2178
Colonel Robert P. Daniels, 0451
Colonel David M. Davison, 7296
Colonel David M. DeArmond, 0169
Colonel Myles M. Deering, 1556
Colonel James B. Gaston, Jr., 0282
Colonel Alan C. Gayhart, Sr., 1480
Colonel David K. Germain, 4847
Colonel Frank J. Grass, 4493
Colonel Gary L. Jones, 7353
Colonel James E. Kelly, 1864
Colonel Kevin R. McBride, 7136
Colonel James I. Pylant, 3241
Colonel Steven R. Seiter, 6859

Colonel Thomas L. Sinclair, 7981
Colonel Frank T. Speed, Jr., 2477
Colonel Deborah C. Wheeling, 9217
Colonel Matthew J. Whittington, 0327

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be brigadier general

Col. William J. Germann, 0850

IN THE ARMY

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

To be brigadier general

Col. William M. Jacobs, 6398

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. John W. Bergman, 6022
Brig. Gen. John J. McCarthy, Jr., 8507

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be brigadier general

Col. Thomas F. Deppe, 3181

IN THE NAVY

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 admiral

Adm. William J. Fallon, 0304

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Michael M. Dunn, 3491

IN THE ARMY

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

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Keith B. Alexander, 9763

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, Jr., 5925

IN THE 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. Terry L. McCreary, 1209

The following named officers 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. Martin J. Brown, 4202
Capt. William A. Kowba, 6939
Capt. Michael J. Lyden, 0018

The following named officers 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)

Captain John M. Bird, 4297
Captain John T. Blake, 9104
Captain Fred Byus, 2722
Captain Frank M. Drennan, 9259
Captain Mark E. Ferguson, III, 0136
Captain John W. Goodwin, 7120
Captain Richard W. Hunt, 0833
Captain Arthur J. Johnson, Jr., 1340
Captain Mark W. Kenny, 5645
Captain Joseph F. Kilkenny, 3925
Captain William E. Landay, 9427
Captain Michael A. LeFever, 2036
Captain Gerard M. Mauer, Jr., 9770
Captain Douglas L. McClain, 4212
Captain William H. McRaven, 3730
Captain Richard O'Hanlon, 7322
Captain Kevin M. Quinn, 3457
Captain Raymond A. Spicer, 7586
Captain Peter J. Williams, 1065

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be general

Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, 8617

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

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Daniel P. Leaf, 9223

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Kelley, 2386

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Douglas Burnett, 0970

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Craig S. Ferguson, 1196

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5035:

To be admiral

Vice Adm. Michael G. Mullen, 9509

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. William T. Hobbins, 8417

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

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Randall M. Schmidt, 1246

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position

of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Walter E.L. Buchanan III, 7387

IN THE ARMY

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

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Dan K. McNeill, 4203

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

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William G. Boykin, 5846

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Robert R. Blackman, Jr., 0141

NOMINATIONS PLACE ON THE SECRETARY'S
DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN457 Air Force nominations (436) beginning REBECCA G. ABRAHAM, and ending JEFFREY YUEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 26, 2003

PN458 Air Force nominations (18) beginning BRIAN J. ACKER, and ending ANGELA D. WASHINGTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 26, 2003

PN459 Air Force nominations (16) beginning PAUL M. BARZLER, and ending CHARLES W. WILLIAMSON, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 26, 2003

PN691 Air Force nomination of James R. Burkhart, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN692 Air Force nominations (6) beginning CHARLES M. BELISLE, and ending BRETT A. WYRICK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN693 Air Force nominations (85) beginning GLENN D. ADDISON, and ending DANIEL J. ZACKMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 26, 2003

PN694 Air Force nomination of Thomas K. Hunter, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN695 Air Force nomination of Jeffrey J. King, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN716 Air Force nominations (3) beginning JEAN B. DORVAL, and ending GARY M. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN717 Air Force nomination of Richard J. Delorenzo, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN718 Air Force nomination of Gerald M. Schneider, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN719 Air Force nomination of Jane B. Taylor, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN720 Air Force nominations (5) beginning DARRELL A. JESSE, and ending NORBERT S. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN721 Air Force nominations (4) beginning THOMAS C. BARNETT, and ending JEAN A. VARGO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN722 Air Force nomination of Edward C. Callaway, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN723 Air Force nomination of H. Michael Tennerman, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN724 Air Force nomination of Steven E. Ritter, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN725 Air Force nomination of Bryan A. Keeling, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN726 Air Force nomination of Robert L. Zabel, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN727 Air Force nominations (3) beginning DARRYL G. ELROD, JR., and ending KEVIN R. VANVALKENBURG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN728 Air Force nomination of Drew Y. Johnson, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN729 Air Force nomination of Rachel L. Beck, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN740 Air Force nomination of Larry J. Mastin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2003

PN741 Air Force nominations (5) beginning ROBERT L. DAUGHERTY, JR., and ending CHARLES V. RATH, JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2003

IN THE ARMY

PN666 Army nomination (102) beginning CRAIG M. ANDERSON, and ending DIANE M. ZIERHOFFER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2003

PN667 Army nominations (12) beginning ANULI L. ANYACHEBELU, and ending DONALD G. ZUGNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2003

PN668 Army nominations (72) beginning DOREEN M. AGIN, and ending BONNITA D. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of null date

PM669 Army nominations (10) beginning KEVIN R. ARMSTRONG, and ending NANCY A. VINCENTJOHNSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 20, 2003

PN696 Army nomination of James A. Decamp, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN697 Army nomination of Timothy H. Sughruue, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN698 Army nominations (2) beginning LESLIE J. MITKOS, JR., and ending BERRIS D. SAMPLES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN699 Army nominations (2) beginning PATRICIA J. MCDANIEL, and ending NICH-

OLAS K. STRAVELAKIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN700 Army nomination of Scott D. Kothenbeutel, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN701 Army nomination of Glenn T. Bessinger, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 5, 2003

PN730 Army nominations (5) beginning JANE M. ANDERHOLT, and ending JAY A. WHITAKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN731 Army nominations (7) beginning RODNEY A. ARMON, and ending MARK W. THACKSTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN732 Army nomination of Anthony Sullivan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN733 Army nomination of Bryan C. Sleigh, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN742 Army nomination of Kenneth S. Azarow, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2003

PN743 Army nomination of Michael F. McDonough, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2003

IN THE NAVY

PN562 Navy nomination of Michael U. Rump, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2003

PN563 Navy nominations (2) beginning WILLIAM A. DAVIES, and ending GARY S. TOLLERENE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2003

PN564 Navy nominations (2) beginning DOUGLAS W. FENSKE, and ending MICHAEL J. KAUTZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2003

PN565 Navy nominations (3) beginning BRIAN H. MILLER, and ending PERRY T. TUEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2003

PN566 Navy nominations (3) beginning GERALD W. CLUSEN, and ending MARK A. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2003

PN567 Navy nominations (7) beginning KENNETH J. BRAITHWAITE, and ending ANDREW H. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2003

PN568 Navy nominations (7) beginning CHRISTOPHER M. BALLISTER, and ending CARL M. M. LEE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2003

PN569 Navy nominations (8) beginning JEFFREY D. ADAMSON, and ending MARCUS K. NEESON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 30, 2003

PN589 Navy nominations (236) beginning DANFORD S. K. AFONG, and ending THEODORE A. WYKA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2003

PN590 Navy nominations (23) beginning SCOTT F. BOHNENKAMP, and ending CHRISTOPHER L. WALL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2003

PN591 Navy nominations (15) beginning CHARLES L. COLLINS, and ending CYNTHIA R. SUGIMOTO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2003

PN592 Navy nominations (29) beginning GREGORY S. ADAMS, and ending PETER A. WITHERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 1, 2003

PN604 Navy nominations (10) beginning BRADFORD E. ABLESON, and ending OLRIC R. WILKINS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2003

PN605 Navy nominations (10) beginning CHRISTOPHER A. BARNES, and ending SCOTT M. STANLEY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2003

PN606 Navy nominations (32) beginning THOMAS M. BALESTRIERI, and ending ROBERT S. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2003

PN607 Navy nominations (30) beginning LISA L. ARNOLD, and ending PEGGY W. WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2003

PN608 Navy nominations (22) beginning SCOTT W. BAILEY, and ending KEVIN R. WHEELOCK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2003

PN609 Navy nominations (15) beginning MATTHEW R. BEEBE, and ending STEVEN M. WIRSCHING, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2003

PN610 Navy nominations (35) beginning EVAN A. APPLEQUIST, and ending RICHARD D. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2003

PN611 Navy nominations (86) beginning WILLIAM B. ADAMS, and ending DANIEL J. ZINDER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 8, 2003

PN638 Navy nominations (3) beginning REBECCA E. BRENTON, and ending WARREN C. GRAHAM, III, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN639 Navy nominations (6) beginning KATHY A. BARAN, and ending MARGARET A. TAYLOR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN640 Navy nominations (5) beginning MICHAEL D. DISANO, and ending VINCENT M. SCOTT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN641 Navy nominations (6) beginning NANCY R. DILLARD, and ending CHRISTOPHER L. VANCE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN642 Navy nominations (7) beginning JEAN E. BENFER, and ending CYNTHIA L. WIDICK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN643 Navy nominations (7) beginning DAVID L. BAILEY, and ending RUSSELL L. SHAFFER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN644 Navy nominations (7) beginning ROBERT W. ARCHER, and ending JIM O. ROMANO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN645 Navy nominations (8) beginning CHRISTOPHER L. ABBOTT, and ending WILLIAM A. WRIGHT, III, which nominations

were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN646 Navy nominations (13) beginning CHARLES S. ANDERSON, and ending PHILIP A. YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN647 Navy nominations (19) beginning BRIAN K. ANTONIO, and ending THOMAS L. VANPETTEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN648 Navy nominations (239) beginning EUGENE M. ABLER, and ending MICHAEL E. ZAMESNIK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN649 Navy nomination of Judy L. Miller, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN650 Navy nominations (7) beginning THOMAS W. HARRINGTON, and ending ROBERT L. YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN651 Navy nominations (11) beginning MATTHEW O. FOLEY, III, and ending FRANK G. USSEGLIO, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN652 Navy nominations (13) beginning CRAIG E. BUNDY, and ending CLIFF P. WATKINS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN653 Navy nominations (13) beginning WILLIAM M. ARBAUGH, and ending RICHARD E. WOLFE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN654 Navy nominations (14) beginning DANIEL M. BLESKEY, and ending WILLIAM E. VAUGHAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN655 Navy nominations (22) beginning BARTLEY G. CILENTO, JR., and ending JAMES L. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN656 Navy nominations (31) beginning NANCY J. BATES, and ending LLOYD G. WINGFIELD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN657 Navy nominations (52) beginning ANNEMARIE ADAMOWICZ, and ending MARY A. WHITE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 14, 2003

PN734 Navy nominations (7) beginning SHERRY L. BRELAND, and ending JULIA D. WORCESTER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 12, 2003

PN745 Navy nominations (46) beginning RAUL D. BANTOG, and ending DONNA M. WILLOUGHBY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 16, 2003

PN758 Navy nominations (6) beginning LINSLEY G. M. BROWN, and ending JOSEPH S. NAVRATIL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 2003

PN686 Public Health Service nominations (173) beginning THOMAS D. MATTE, and ending RONALD R. PINHEIRO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2003

NOMINATION OF GENERAL ABIZAID

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, just a day or so ago the Armed Services Com-

mittee, as is its responsibility, held a nearly 4-hour hearing on the nomination of General Abizaid, U.S. Army, for appointment to the grade of full general. Within days, a change of command will take place such that he will succeed General Franks as the Commander of the U.S. Central Command. I think General Franks has performed his duties with extraordinary professionalism, courage, and conviction, and his strength of mind and knowledge were an inspiration to all members of the Armed Forces who served in his command throughout the ongoing operations in Afghanistan and the ongoing operations in Iraq.

I have come to know General Franks quite well. He is a lovely individual—he has his soft side—a marvelous husband, and he has a wife who has given him enormous support throughout his long and distinguished career in the Army.

We are fortunate now to have an individual whom General Franks encouraged the President and the Secretary of Defense to have succeed him, and that is General Abizaid.

General Abizaid will have as his responsibility the Central Command which extends from Africa right up to the European sector where it abuts with General Jones's role as the Chief of U.S. Forces in that area. He served as General Franks's principal deputy in the planning and execution of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The committee, in the course of the hearings, was very complimentary of both General Franks and General Abizaid and their staff and particularly the men and women in the Armed Forces who executed their plans, especially in the historic, stunning, 17-day advance to Baghdad that led to the overthrow of the Saddam Hussein regime.

We all recognized throughout that hearing, as we did this morning in our briefings with Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld and GEN Peter Pace, that this operation is continuing in terms of the risks to the men and women in the Armed Forces every hour of the day. They are courageously facing those risks, and we must stay the course in this situation.

General Abizaid, throughout his hearing, repeatedly said he is prepared to pick up the responsibilities of General Franks and stay that course and bring, from the military perspective, the fastest possible conclusion to the hostilities, such that Ambassador Bremer, working in parallel with CENTCOM, can reestablish a form of government under the control of the Iraqi people, and to bring to the Iraqi people the basic necessities of life, be it electricity, sewage, or otherwise.

Now, the most challenging phase of the military operation, as we said in the course of the hearings, really once the major combat was secured, was finally bringing the situation under control to provide a sense of security throughout Iraq, and that is being done. We are making progress.