

have had enough hearings. As far as I am concerned, 29-plus is enough.

The military has demonstrated, with all clarity, that they are prepared and willing to honestly and aggressively prosecute wrongdoers. They are also committed to protecting our citizens. They have given their lives, many of them, in that effort. They volunteered to serve in our military. They are the finest military this world has ever known. In the heat of combat they have shown restraint. They have not used heavy weapons, and they have held back in order to be sure innocent civilians are not injured. They do everything they can on a daily basis to reach out to the people of Iraq and Afghanistan, to appeal to their hearts and minds, to encourage them on the road to building a new and better life for themselves and their families. They do the things that Americans have no idea of on a daily basis to try to reach out and reconcile and improve our relationship with the people in that area of the globe.

It is positively damaging to that effort when Members of Congress make the kinds of statements that have been made, when news media outlets, great organs of information, make mistakes, twist, exaggerate, misrepresent things that have occurred. It is not right. We need to show more responsibility. We need to show more discipline. It is not justified. No matter how strongly one feels politically and wants to try to blame the President for all these things, it is not just being heard in this body, it is not just the American people who are hearing criticisms of the President. These comments are being heard throughout the globe. It is not helpful to our efforts to build a better and more peaceful world.

I thank the Chair for the opportunity to say these words, late at night though it is. I believe we are at a point where our Congress needs to improve its behavior. We need to show more restraint. If we do so, this will allow our soldiers to have a better chance to succeed at the difficult mission they have and the one they are working at so ably and so courageously.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M.
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2005

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2005.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:35 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 20, 2005, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 16, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOHN G. GRIMES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE JOHN P. STENBIT.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WAN J. KIM, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE RENE ACOSTA, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

NOMINATED, SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be commander

PAUL L SCHATTTGEN
HARRIS B HALVERSON II
BARRY K CHOY
MICHAEL D FRANCISCO
MARK P MORAN
DOUGLAS D BAIRD, JR
DANIEL S MORRIS, JR
DAVID A SCORE
STEPHEN F BECKWITH

To be lieutenant commander

JAMES A ILLG
ALEXANDRA R VON SAUNDER
ROBERT A KAMPHAUS
RICHARD T BRENNAN
ADAM D DUNBAR
PETER C FISCHEL
JEREMY M ADAMS
DAVID J DEMERS
MICHAEL J SILAH
SCOTT M SIROIS
DEVIN R BRAKOB
SARAH L SCHERER
DAVID J ZEZULA

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 W. PETERSON, 0000

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Thursday, June 16, 2005:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JORGE A. PLASENCIA, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR CUBA BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 27, 2006.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

JAY T. SNYDER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2007.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

CHRISTOPHER J. HANLEY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CRAIG ROBERTS STAPLETON, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.
EDUARDO AGUIRRE, JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR TO ANDORRA.

ROGER DWAYNE PIERCE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO REPUBLIC OF CAPE VERDE.
DONALD E. BOOTH, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

MOLLY HEERING BORDONARO, OF OREGON, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA.

JULIE FINLEY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

RICHARD J. GRIFFIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, AND TO HAVE THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE.

ROBERT JOHANN DIETER, OF COLORADO, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO BELIZE.

ZALMAY KHALILZAD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ.

RODOLPHE M. VALLEE, OF VERMONT, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC.

PAMELA E. BRIDGEWATER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA.

ANN LOUISE WAGNER, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO LUXEMBOURG.

TERENCE PATRICK MCCULLY, OF OREGON, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALI.

RICHARD J. GRIFFIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (DIPLOMATIC SECURITY).

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

FOREIGN SERVICE

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DONALD B. CLARK AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL T. FRITZ, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 24, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHRISTINE ELDER AND ENDING WITH SAMANTHA CARL YODER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TODD B. AVERY AND ENDING WITH JOHN P. YORRO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL HUTCHINSON AND ENDING WITH MARIE ZULUETA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 4, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHARLES W. HOWELL AND ENDING WITH HECTOR U. ZUCCOLOTTO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MAY 9, 2005.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on June 16, 2005, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

THOMAS V. SKINNER, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 24, 2005.