

enemy that we cannot surrender to or give ground to. Their objective is fear. Their method is death. They will never be appeased. If we were to withdraw early, we would abandon Iraq to violence, but we also would cause irreparable damage to this country.

It is not about Iraq, it is about defending America. We were attacked on our soil. The cut-and-run caucus is always there. Surrender is always their option. They are appeasers. An appeaser is someone who throws his friend to the alligators hoping they eat him last. No man lives when freedom fails. The best men rot in filthy jails. Those who yell, "appease, appease," are hanged by those they tried to please.

My wife and I have been married 46 years. We have 20 kids and grandchildren, and I say this: We are winning the war on terror, and winning it in their territory. I ask God to richly bless the decisionmakers and the troops.

GASOLINE PRICES

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, there have been several speeches today—I was not here, but I got a briefing—about the high gasoline prices, and I want to clarify some of the comments raised by the minority leader today and his Members in the press.

The minority is so eager to blame others for high gas prices they seem to ignore the fact that they do not bother to consult the media when they have a deadline. I am more interested in reducing high gasoline prices for American families than to bluster the selfish political advantage, unlike the minority.

I took the time to consider the non-partisan experts of the Energy Information Administration and what they had to say. According to the EIA, there are three reasons leading to high gasoline prices. First, the Nation has not fully recovered from hurricane damage. Twenty percent of the domestic oil production and three refineries, representing nearly 5 percent of refining capacity, remain offline. However, offshore production is resuming and refineries are restarting. The EIA points out that the industry delayed maintenance to maximize production following the hurricanes. Today they must switch over to summer blends.

Yet the focus is on the politics. The senior Senator from New York charged the refiners are purposely withholding capacity from traditionally operating at 90 percent to the current operation of 85 percent. In demanding an investigation, that Senator also implied that the refiners should not maintain their facilities to ensure a safe work environment for employees or they should not switch to special summer blends.

One thing was clear. The senior Senator from New York did not bother to consider the fact that nearly 5 percent of domestic refining capacity is still

offline due to hurricanes. Mr. President, 90 percent minus 5 percent equals 85 percent, as the investigation found.

Second, companies are increasing inventories to hedge against potential disruption in the future. Most of the time, the minority would call such risk management responsible but not when they celebrate the misfortune of the American people.

The third reason has to do with MTBE, and I won't get into that. I will only say this. I am the chairman of a committee that is called the Environment and Public Works Committee. It is our responsibility to handle most of the problems. We are in an energy crisis. There is no question about it. But for any Democrat to stand on the floor of this Senate and try to point the finger at Republicans for high gasoline prices is really absurd.

I have sat there and watched the votes take place. We are not able to vote on ANWR in northern Alaska. Right down party lines, Republicans are supporting it, the Alaskans are supporting it, the Democrats are opposing it. We are not able to go offshore and take advantage of the tremendous reserves that are there. It is right down party lines. Right down party lines they stopped us from being able to have tax incentives to go after marginal production.

I am from a State that has marginal production. There is a statistic that if we had all the marginal production flowing today that has been plugged in the last 10 years, it would be more than we are currently importing from Saudi Arabia.

Lastly, in the area of nuclear energy, it goes right down party lines.

I had a refinery bill that would have coupled with some of the closed military bases and said cities can use EDA grants to go in there and set up refineries and employ people and increase our refining capacity, and it was blocked right down party lines.

So the Democrats are clearly responsible for these problems we have in trying to increase the productivity, increase the production that is potentially out there today.

With that, Mr. President, I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:45 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:12 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 24, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ANITA K. BLAIR, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE MICHAEL L. DOMINGUEZ.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

MARK V. ROSENKER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, VICE ELLEN G. ENGLEMAN, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DIRK KEMPTHORNE, OF IDAHO, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, VICE GALE ANN NORTON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DANIEL S. SULLIVAN, OF ALASKA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS), VICE EARL ANTHONY WAYNE.

LESLIE V. ROWE, OF WASHINGTON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU.

ROBERT S. FORD, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA.

ANNE E. DERSE, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PAUL A. DENETT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR FOR FEDERAL PROCUREMENT POLICY, VICE DAVID SAFAVIAN.

THE JUDICIARY

DANIEL PORTER JORDAN III, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI, VICE TOM S. LEE, RETIRED.

PHILIP S. GUTIERREZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE TERRY J. HATTEB, JR., RETIRED.

GUSTAVO ANTONIO GELPI, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO, VICE HECTOR M. LAFFITTE, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ERIK C. PETERSON, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE J. B. VAN HOLLEN, RESIGNED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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MARK A. PETRY, OF INDIANA
SUSAN B. PHILLIPS, OF VIRGINIA
KARINA RAMOS, OF VIRGINIA
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CHARLES L. RUSH, OF FLORIDA
JUSTINA L. TORRY, OF MISSOURI

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DANIEL T. CROCKER, OF CALIFORNIA
MARY A. NANDI, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REX KENNETH MOSER, OF TEXAS

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

MAUREEN GREWE, OF MARYLAND

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION WITHIN AND INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED: CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

ASIF J. CHAUDHRY, OF WASHINGTON

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IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS DIRECTOR, AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 10506 AND 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. CRAIG R. MCKINLEY, 0000

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. STEPHEN M. SPEAKES, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. RONALD D. SILVERMAN, 0000

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. MICHAEL A. RYAN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COLONEL JOSEPH ANDERSON, 0000
 COLONEL ALLISON T. AYCOCK, 0000
 COLONEL ROBERT B. BROWN, 0000
 COLONEL EDWARD C. CARDON, 0000
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 COLONEL GENARO J. DELLAROCO, 0000
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 COLONEL REUBEN D. JONES, 0000
 COLONEL STEPHEN R. LANZA, 0000
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 COLONEL XAVIER P. LOBETO, 0000
 COLONEL ROGER F. MATHEWS, 0000
 COLONEL BRADLEY W. MAY, 0000
 COLONEL JAMES C. MCCOONVILLE, 0000
 COLONEL PHILIP E. MCGHEE, 0000
 COLONEL JOHN R. MCMAHON, 0000
 COLONEL JENNIFER L. NAPPER, 0000
 COLONEL JAMES C. NIXON, 0000
 COLONEL ROBERT D. OGG, JR., 0000
 COLONEL HECTOR E. PAGAN, 0000
 COLONEL DAVID D. PHILLIPS, 0000
 COLONEL CURTIS D. POTTS, 0000
 COLONEL DAVID E. QUANTOCK, 0000
 COLONEL MICHAEL S. REPASS, 0000
 COLONEL BENNET S. SACOLICK, 0000
 COLONEL JEFFREY G. SMITH, JR., 0000
 COLONEL THOMAS W. SPOEHR, 0000
 COLONEL KURT J. STEIN, 0000
 COLONEL FRANK D. TURNER III, 0000
 COLONEL KEITH C. WALKER, 0000
 COLONEL PERRY L. WIGGINS, 0000

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. ALAN T. BAKER, 0000

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. MICHAEL H. MITTELMAN, 0000

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. MATTHEW L. NATHAN, 0000

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. MARK A. HANDLEY, 0000
 CAPT. CHRISTOPHER J. MOSSEY, 0000

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. WILLIAM A. BROWN, 0000
 CAPT. KATHLEEN M. DUSSAULT, 0000
 CAPT. STEVEN J. ROMANO, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be captain

ROBERT J. TATE, 0000

To be lieutenant commander

RONALD G. TERRELL, 0000
 FERDINAND G. HAFNER, 0000
 RENE LAVERDE, 0000
 EDWARD A. SYLVESTER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT AS REGULAR OFFICERS IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be commander

WILLIAM L. YARDE, 0000

To be lieutenant commander

STEVEN A. BLAUSTEIN, 0000
 SHAWN S. CLAUSSEN, 0000
 BRUCE R. DESCHERE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 5721:

To be lieutenant commander

GREGORY G. ALLGAIER, 0000
 ROBERT C. BOYER, 0000
 ROBERT T. BRYANS, 0000
 RUSSELL J. CALDWELL, 0000
 WILLIAM CHAMBERS, 0000
 GARY M. CHASE, 0000
 MICHAEL S. DAVIS, 0000
 WILLIAM M. DAVIS, 0000
 MICHAEL F. DELANEY, 0000
 THEODORE E. ESSENFIELD, 0000
 MATTHEW D. FANNING, 0000
 EDWARD K. FLOYD, 0000
 DANIEL F. GERAGHTY, 0000
 GEOFFREY A. GORMAN, 0000
 AMY E. GRAHAM, 0000
 BLAIR H. GUY II, 0000
 WILLIAM HENDERSHOT, 0000
 ROSEMARY HENSON, 0000
 MANUEL HERNANDEZ, 0000
 KENNETH L. HOLLAND, 0000
 WILLIAM S. HORTON, 0000
 ROBERT S. HUSCHAK, 0000

JOHN C. LEPAK, 0000
 ANDRE B. LESTER, 0000
 LEONARD J. LONG, 0000
 CHARLES H. MAHER, 0000
 JOHN M. MANN, 0000
 MICHAEL B. MARTINEZ, JR., 0000
 GINA L. MCCAINE, 0000
 KARRICK S. MCDERMOTT, 0000
 BRADLEY J. MCINNIS, 0000
 ETHAN D. MITCHELL, 0000
 JOHN C. MOE, 0000
 PATRICK R. MURPHY, 0000
 JOHN D. NAYLOR, 0000
 DANIEL K. NEICE, 0000
 STEPHEN R. OKRESK, 0000
 MIKAL J. PHILLIPS, 0000
 MARK A. QUINN, 0000
 MICHAEL J. RAK, 0000
 KELAND T. REGAN, 0000
 JOHN M. RHODES, 0000
 TODD A. SANTALA, 0000
 ALBERT C. SEEMAN, 0000
 RICHARD E. SESSOMS, JR., 0000
 PETER M. SIWEK, 0000
 ROBERT W. SPEIGHT, 0000
 LINDA C. STONE, 0000
 EDWARD D. SUNDBERG, 0000
 CORA C. TAYLOR, 0000
 CARLOS URBIZU, 0000
 AARON T. WASHINGTON, 0000
 TIMOTHY J. YANK, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be colonel

CHANTEL NEWSOME, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be major

STEVEN L. ALGER, 0000
 PEGGY L. DICKSON, 0000
 ALEXANDER M. KASIRI, 0000
 JAMES B. KOPP, 0000
 EVERETT S. ONG, 0000
 RACHELLE PAULKAGIRI, 0000

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on April 24, 2006 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

JOHN G. EMLING, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 27, 2006.