

the great power and the great potential for science to bring cures, to bring treatment, and to bring a better quality of life to people in this country and, indeed, around the world. Our challenge is to make sure that as we allow that science to advance, not just allow it, we propel it, we push it, we do so in a way that is consistent with our moral values and with a framework of ethics that we all respect. It is a challenge. It is the sort of thing that traditionally legislators have not had to deal a lot with it. They would deal with it on a periodic basis.

Now the reality is, with science moving so fast, we are going to have to be accustomed to dealing with these tough issues, struggling with them. We all struggle with them. It is easy to vote yes or no at the end of the day. But those "yes" or "no" votes do represent real struggles, both internally and as we talk to family and talk to friends, and as we talk to scientists. It is clearly something that is very powerful in our own lives.

We moved through confirming four judges—I mentioned that last night—the Water Resources Development Act, which we passed under the leadership of Chairman INHOFE last night—yesterday afternoon, last night—and passing the Voting Rights Act after 41 years of real success. Then we went on this child custody protection bill which has to do with parental consent, with people taking minors across the border, without their parents' consent, for an abortion. That is a very important issue. That comes on the heels of an issue we passed last night, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, which arguably could be considered the most comprehensive child crime protection bill that we passed in a generation. So it is quite remarkable as well.

VISITING FAMILY

Mr. FRIST. I am blessed today to have with me, although I haven't seen them yet—I will be with them here in about 3 or 4 minutes—members of my own family. I say that in part because it is a real pleasure and honor for us to be here, occupying these positions, whether it is majority leader, which I clearly understand I am here for just a period of time in this position, or having that opportunity to serve our 6 million constituents back in Tennessee or as Senators representing, indeed, the entire Nation, for us to be able to welcome visitors here or family members here and share with them the enduring values of freedom and democracy that are represented in this Capitol building as we walk through it and work through this working edifice, this emblem and symbol of democracy around the world but also a working building where we conduct the Nation's business that I just outlined, or I go down the hall to my office, the Howard Baker Majority Leader's Suite. And as I work there all day and a lot of nights, I look out that window and look out on that

expansive mall with the Smithsonian Institutions on either side and the Washington Monument reaching for the sky and the Lincoln Memorial. That is all right here.

So I have with me today my niece, Mary Lauren Allen, the daughter of my sister Mary, and her husband Lawson Allen, and for the first time together, they have all three of their children, Cole Allen, Frist Allen, and Harrison Allen. They have been here separately. And it is so much fun for me to walk them over to that window and look out at the Smithsonian and look out at that Lincoln Memorial out there and the Washington Monument. It is a real honor and delight for me to have Mary Lauren and Lawson and especially Harrison and Frist and Cole to walk them through these marble halls in the great Rotunda. Lawson's parents Sam and Phyllis are here as well. I have had the pleasure of having them in the past and hosting them here as well. It is a big family.

THANKING THE PAGES

Mr. FRIST. I thank the pages who are here. I think we have almost 50 pages who are here for a part of the summer. The pages, I am talking to them most of the time in here on both sides of the aisle. I talked to them about an hour ago and had the chance to welcome each of them and to thank them for their tremendous service in making this place click. When we hand these papers up and they are taken over to the Chair or the Parliamentarian, it is by those pages. They are here before we start every day, and they are here until after we leave every day. So I wanted to thank them, which I had the opportunity to do earlier as well.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 24, 2006

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:13 p.m., adjourned until Monday, July 24, 2006, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 21, 2006:

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

BIJAN RAFIEKIAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2007, VICE LINDA MYSLIWIY CONLIN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SHARON LYNN HAYS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, VICE KATHIE L. OLSEN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ROBERT W. JOHNSON, OF NEVADA, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF RECLAMATION, VICE JOHN W. KEYS, III, RESIGNED.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

JAMES R. KUNDER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE FREDERICK W. SCHECK.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KAREN B. STEWART, OF FLORIDA, 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 REPUBLIC OF BELARUS.

MARY MARTIN OURISMAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BARBADOS, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, SAINT LUCIA, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA, GRENADA, AND SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

JANE M. DOGGETT, OF MONTANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2012, VICE STEPHEN MCKNIGHT, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

RONALD J. JAMES, OF OHIO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE REGINALD JUDE BROWN. MAJOR GENERAL TODD I. STEWART, USAF, (RET.), OF OHIO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ARTHUR JAMES COLLINGSWORTH, TERM EXPIRING.

IN THE NAVY

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

To be commander

GREGORY R. BART, 0000
JAMES P. BENOIT, 0000
TERRENCE W. COSTELLO IV, 0000
ROBERT J. CROW, 0000
KRISTA J. DELLAPINA, 0000
HENRIQUE M. DEOLIVEIRA, 0000
THOMAS L. DORWIN, 0000
TIMOTHY P. JENNINGS, 0000
MARK F. KLEIN, 0000
SHANNON H. KOPPLIN, 0000
ANDREW D. LEVITZ, 0000
EVA M. LOSER, 0000
MICHAEL R. MAULE, 0000
CAREN L. MCCURDY, 0000
ANN K. MINAMI, 0000
JOHNNY M. NILSEN, 0000
EDWARD B. OBRIEN III, 0000
BETHANY L. PAYTONOBRIEN, 0000
MEREDITH L. ROBINSON, 0000
GREGORY J. SMITH, 0000

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

To be commander

RICKIE V. ADSIDE, 0000
CHRIS A. ANDERSON, 0000
ALBERT R. BAKER, 0000
ROBIN T. BARNES, 0000
DOUGLAS M. BRIDGES, 0000
JUANITO R. BUCKLEY, 0000
RICHARD C. BUELL, 0000
ERIC H. BURKS, 0000
RICARDO BYRDSONG, 0000
CHARLES W. COLBERT, 0000
ROBERT CSORBA, 0000
ROBERT E. DARE, 0000
JEFFERY P. DAVIS, 0000
ROBERT K. DEGUZMAN, JR., 0000
DAVID W. EGGE, 0000
SEAN M. EGGE, 0000
THOMAS S. FULFORD, 0000
PRESTON L. GILL, 0000
BARRY L. GOLDEN, 0000
MARIE E. GREEN, 0000
SAMANTHA J. GREEN, 0000
GENE A. HAWKS, 0000
GARY HAYMAN, 0000
JONATHAN B. HAYNES, 0000
DANIEL B. HODGSON, 0000
DAVID K. HOWELL, 0000
BARON D. JOLIE, 0000
ELENA A. KUTNEY, 0000
DAVID M. LOCKNEY, 0000
ROBERTO Q. MAGALLANO, 0000
SETH A. MANTI, 0000
RAMON O. MARIN, 0000
DARRELL L. MATHIS, 0000
JAMES R. MATTHEWS, 0000
RICHARD K. MCCARTHY, 0000
MARVIN H. MCGUIRE IV, 0000
WILLIAM H. MITCHELL, 0000
MARK W. MORGAN, 0000
JEFFREY M. NARWOLD, 0000
KARL E. OETTL, 0000
MATTHEW N. OTT III, 0000
ERIC OXENDINE, 0000
JOSEPH W. PARRAN, 0000
BOBBY R. PITTS, 0000
JEFFERY T. RATHBUN, 0000
DAVID J. RHONE, 0000
DAVID E. SMITH, 0000
WILLIAM B. STEVENS, 0000
SHANE A. THRAILKILL, 0000