

provide adequate funding for the Perkins program.

For all of these reasons, I am thrilled that Congress continues its strong support for this critical program by passing this legislation today.

Mr. BENNETT. I ask unanimous consent that the conference report be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The conference report was agreed to.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Nos. 771, 772, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, and 785. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and then the Senate return to legislative session.

Before the Chair rules, I note for the record that with respect to Calendar No. 779, the Mishkin nomination, if a vote were held, Senator BUNNING is opposed to the nomination and would have been recorded as a "no" on confirmation.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

##### REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

R. Hunter Biden, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of five years.

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 271:

##### To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Gary T. Blore, 3199

Rear Adm. (lh) John P. Currier, 0852

Rear Adm. (lh) Joel R. Whitehead, 5138

##### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009, vice Philip Merrill, resigned.

Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import

Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009.

J. Joseph Grandmaison, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2009. (Reappointment)

##### FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Geoffrey S. Bacino, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2013.

##### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Frederic S. Mishkin, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the unexpired term of fourteen years from February 1, 2000.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Edmund C. Moy, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years.

##### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Lawrence A. Warder, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education.

Troy R. Justesen, of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, Department of Education.

##### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Ronald S. Cooper, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 27. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3711, the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security bill, as under the previous order.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, today, we invoked cloture on the motion to proceed to the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security bill, and we have had a full day of debate.

Tomorrow, we will be on the bill and Members are encouraged to come to the floor and speak. Again, this is a very carefully crafted bipartisan bill. It is very targeted and will move us closer to energy independence. So we hope we can finish the bill at the earliest time.

We have other important issues to address before we finish our work prior to the August adjournment. Therefore,

the leader hopes that we can continue to work on other measures as we process this important energy security measure.

#### RECESS UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:23 p.m., recessed until Thursday, July 27, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate: Wednesday, July 26, 2006:

##### REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

R. HUNTER BIDEN, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

DONNA R. MCLEAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

##### To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) GARY T. BLORE

REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN P. CURRIER

REAR ADM. (LH) JOEL R. WHITEHEAD

##### EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

JAMES LAMBRIGHT, OF MISSOURI, TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2009.

LINDA MYSLIWOY CONLIN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2009.

J. JOSEPH GRANDMAISON, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2009.

##### FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

GEOFFREY S. BACINO, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 27, 2013.

##### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

FREDERIC S. MISHKIN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2000.

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

EDMUND C. MOY, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

##### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

LAWRENCE A. WARDER, OF TEXAS, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

TROY R. JUSTESEN, OF UTAH, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

##### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

RONALD S. COOPER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

The above nominations were approved subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted Committee of the Senate.