

gas off our coast and put it in that pipeline that runs from Mobile, AL, to Tampa, FL. That is what we are doing right now. They built, in 2002, an oil and gas pipeline right off our coast, and shipped it over there. But they do not want oil drilling 150 miles from their coast.

We are working this out now. We are giving them a guaranteed protection of 125 miles. The Governor, Jeb Bush, is on board now and Senators are on board so maybe we are making progress. I think we have more protection than is justified. But it will allow us, probably, to have as much territory available to drill in as we could drill in for the foreseeable future. So maybe that will be acceptable under all the circumstances.

But they object to revenue sharing so States get a little part of it. One of our Senators, Mr. BINGAMAN from New Mexico, has complained about it. We should not have any revenue sharing.

We had 4,000 wells out there, all these deep gulf wells, and the States don't get a dime out of it—not a dime. But a State like New Mexico that has a lot of oil and gas and a great deal of federally owned lands in those States, what do they get? They get 50 percent of that. This will be just a little over a third; 37 percent would be shared with the coastal States and would be earmarked for coastal funds—12 percent for the Land and Water Conservation Fund nationwide, and 50 percent to the Federal Government. These are moneys, new moneys coming into the Treasury of the United States that do not exist today. Until we get this approval and this moratorium lifted, we are not going to have any money. You know, until we reach accord here and lift this moratorium and allow the drilling to occur, we are not going to have any money.

So it is not a taking from the Treasury of the United States. It is an increase to the Treasury of the United States, and we should see it in that fashion.

The gulf coast has environmental problems of quite a large degree. We had severe hurricane damages on our coast. The whole area—whole areas in Louisiana are sinking, and we will have to spend large amounts of money to deal with that. So there are a lot of things that this money could be used for that benefit, not just the people of those States but all the many hundreds and thousands—millions, really—of visitors that come to the gulf coast areas every year. We will set up estuaries, wetlands, and things that will just make the area better. We would like to do that for the Nation and not just Alabama.

I think the objections are not substantial. I believe it is time for us to complete this step. We are at record prices for oil. How do we get our oil? Sixty percent of it we obtain from foreign sources. So we pay this world price, transferring \$200 billion in American wealth out of our country to those

countries when we could keep it at home by producing large amounts off our gulf coast.

Just to mention those amounts, they are quite huge. It is 1.3 billion barrels of oil that are projected to be in the Gulf of Mexico. That exceeds the proven reserves of Oklahoma and Wyoming combined, two of our largest oil-producing States. There are almost 6 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, enough to heat and cool 6 million homes for 15 years, for example. These supplies are significant enough that they will impact prices. I can't say what the prices will be a few years from now when this oil and gas comes on line, but whatever it is, it will be less if this oil and gas is coming on line than if it is not.

That will redound to the benefit of the American consumers that we represent—the ones who have sent us here and asked us to do something about energy prices. All of us have told them we are going to do something about it. This is one vote about which you can have no doubt. If you vote to produce oil and gas off the coast of America, you will help reduce the price of oil and gas in America. Not only that, you will keep at home billions of dollars that might otherwise be sent to foreign nations, some of which are hostile to us. It is the right thing to do. We need to follow through on it.

I am optimistic more than I have been in quite a number of years. It is particularly thrilling to see Senator MARTINEZ of Florida, who has worked so hard on this issue, and Senator BILL NELSON from Florida, who earlier today said he would support the Senate bill.

So we are moving to make this a reality. It will be a positive step for this country. The only thing we have to fear is there will be some on the other side for what reason I can only imagine who will want to filibuster this legislation. Hopefully that won't happen. I hope not. We need to move it forward and pass it this year.

I thank the Presiding Officer and I yield the floor.

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until Friday, 10 a.m., July 28, 2006.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:26 p.m., recessed until Friday, July 28, 2006, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 27, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DEBORAH JEAN JOHNSON RHODES, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DAVID PRESTON YORK, RESIGNED.

RODGER A. HEATON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JAN PAUL MILLER, RESIGNED.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR PERSONNEL ACTION IN THE REGULAR COMPONENT OF THE PUBLIC

HEALTH SERVICE SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS THEREFORE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS:

To be senior surgeon

JUDITH LOUISE BADER
VICTOR M. CACERES
MICHAEL A. CAROME
DAVID K. ESPEY
WALTER G. HLADY
ROLAND HOWARD LAMKIN
ANTHONY W. MOUNTS
BRENT PENNINGTON
DOUGLAS B. TROUT

To be surgeon

TECORA DENEICE BALLOM
STEPHANIE ROSE BIALEK
MARIA VICTORIA CANO
SCOTT K. FRIDKIN
DAVID M. FRUCHT
DAVID PHILIP GOLDMAN
JAMES P. HENDRICKS
JOHN K. ISKANDER
CHARLES EDWARD LEE
MICHAEL TIMOTHY MARTIN
CATHERINE ANNA MCLEAN
JONATHAN H. MERMIN
LORI MARIE NEWMAN
NANCY E. ROSENSTEIN
TARAZ SAMANDARI
BRUCE COLLIER TIERNEY
WEIGONG ZHOU

To be senior assistant surgeon

DANIEL SETH BUDBITZ
SOJU CHANG
CATHERINE CHIA-SHINE CHOW
NANCY WATSON KNIGHT
DIANNA L. MAHONEY
JAY KUMAR VARMA

To be senior dental surgeon

WILLIAM F. CAPELLI II
ELMER J. GUERRERO
SUZANNE KAY SAVILLE

To be dental surgeon

ANITA FARUQI ARNOLD
MOHAMED K. AWAD
MICHAEL J. MCLAUGHLIN
AARON R. MEANS, SR.
ROSS W. SILVER
RICHARD DEAN STRICKLIN

To be senior assistant dental surgeon

SCOTT WILLIAM BROWN
STEPHANIE M. BURRELL
WILLIAM J. ESPOSITO
LAURA REGINA FUENTES
PAMELA F. HAMILTON
CRAIG S. KLUGER
ANTHONY LAWRENCE LIKES
MICHAEL JEFFREY OVERBECK
ANGIE J. ROACH
JAMES W. SULLIVAN
BRIDGET R. SWANBERG-AUSTIN
LEIRA A. VARGA-DEL TORO
MELISSA JEAN WAGES
RANDLE LEE WELLS
STELLA YUK KWAN LAU WISNER

To be senior nurse officer

JEFFRY L. BRINKLEY
SHELLA D. CARNES
MARY HARDING
ROSA F. MYERS
LAURA E. SHAY
JEANETTE P. STUBBERUD

To be nurse officer

LARRY ALONSO
LYDIA ALVAREZ
YVONNE L. ANTHONY
LINDA JO BELSITO
PAULA ANITA BRIDGES
ANNETTE ROSEMARY DEBISSETTE
DAVID J. DINTELMAN
ALEX GARZA
WANDA W. GONZALEZ
TIMOTHY G. GRUBER
BLONDELL W. JOHNSON
RUTH KAWANO
KATHLEEN L. KNECHT
DOROTHEA E. LEVENHAGEN
SUZANNE V. LIPKE
DONNA M. RIBBONS
LINDA M. SCOTT
BEVERLY ANN SMITH
MICHAEL M. STEELE

To be senior assistant nurse officer

DAWN ANN-MARIE ANDERSON-GARY
VALENE NANCY BARTMESS
MARIE A. CASEY
WANDA D. CHESTNUT
SUSANNA NANSHIM CHOI
PAMELA M. COOK
SEAN TYLER CREIGHTON
EILEEN MARY FALZINI
SUZANNE S. M. FILLIPPI
REBECCA ANNE FOX
DION ERIC FRANKLUND
EDDIE L. FRAZIER
ANDREA M. GRIEF

TROY L. JOHNSON
CHARLES MICHAEL KERNS
TERRY KILPATRICK
JEFFREY D. KROUSKOP
THEL MOORE, JR.
FERREL V. NELSON
ANITA E. POLLARD
WILLIAM F. REKWARD
SHERBET LENORA SAMUELS
TANIA EVA SCHUPPIUS
HELEN S. THIRY-CHMELA
SEAN-DAVID A. WATERMAN
JENNIFER L. WILLIAMS
TRACIE L. WRIGHT

To be assistant nurse officer

GERI L. TAGLIAFERRI

To be senior engineer officer

DANA JAY BAER

To be engineer officer

MARC M. FLEETWOOD
ROBIN M. HOLDEN
SCOTT R. SNELL

To be senior assistant engineer officer

NEIL W. AUSTIN
SEAN M. BOYD
CHRISTEN P. GLIME
LEONARD E. HOTHAM
ERIC R. LINDMAN
JOHN DAVID MAZORRA
THOMAS J. MOELLER
JENNIFER E. MOSSER
MARK A. NASI
KENNETH J. RAMONDO
JONATHAN KENNEDY RASH

To be senior scientist

DEBORAH A. LEVY
REBECCA L. SHEETS

To be scientist

CHRISTINE JEAN BENALLY
HEIDI LYNN BLANCK
JOHN JOSEPH ECKERT
LAURENCE M. GRUMMER-STRAWN

To be senior assistant scientist

BORIS R. APONTE
ANGELA DINKINS COLEMAN
RHONDA LYNN KOCH
LISA NICOLE PEALER
DAVID ALAN THOMPSON
BETH CARLTON TOHILL

To be sanitarian

CHRIS B. BUCHANAN
MARSHALL S. GRAY, JR.
PATRICK J. HINTZ
GARY DAVID PERLMAN
EDWIN VAZQUEZ

To be senior assistant sanitarian

JASON EDWARD BARR
MARK A. BYRD
DAVID B. CRAMER
CELESTE L. DAVIS
THOMAS M. FAZZINI
JENNIFER A. FREED
BRIAN K. JOHNSON
TINA J. LANKFORD
DINO ANTHONY MATTORANO
ROBERT E. MCCLEERY
STEPHEN ROBERT PIONTKOWSKI
KEITH A. SCHWARTZ
JOHN W. SPRIGGS
MARK TURNER STRAUSS
CRAIG RICHARD UNGERECHT

To be senior veterinary officer

CLARA JOSTING WITT

To be veterinary officer

KIM D. TAYLOR

To be senior assistant veterinary officer

PRINCESS ROSE CAMPBELL

To be senior pharmacist

DANIEL A. DIGGINS, JR.
MURRAY F. POTTER

To be pharmacist

CHRISTINE S. CASTILLO
MICHELLE DILLAHUNT
SAMUEL LOREN FOSTER
SUSAN J. FREDERICKS
MARY ELIZABETH KREMNZER
NITIN KANTILAL PATEL
DAVID L. RANSOM

JILL G. REID
NITA SOOD
TODD MICHAEL STANKEWICZ
BRENDA LUCY STODART
MELVIN P. TEMPEL
TODD A. WARREN
CHRISTINE HEEKYUNG YU

To be senior assistant pharmacist

IRENE AHLSTROM
MITZIE ALTHEA ALLEN
ROBIN ANN BARTLETT
BRADLEY MICHAEL BISHOP
MICHAEL P. BOURG
TIMOTHY R. BOWMAN
RENU CHHABRA
SHANNON LIN CORNELL
DARYL K. DINEYAZHE-TOYA
MICHAEL A. EDDY
DARYL K. GARVIN
DEAN TREVOR GOROSKI
ROBERT W. HAYES
GARY BRENT HOBBS
MARCI CATALANO KIESTER
CHRISTOPHER CLAYTON LAMER
JOY ELLEN LEE
MICHAEL P. LEE
CHRISTINA CATHERINE MEAD
NINA CYNTHIA MEZU-NWABA
JEFFREY TAUFIC MOUAKKET
TIMOTHY MICHAEL MURRAY
BRIAN MATTHEW NAROG
AMY L. OSBORN
LAURA LEA PINCOCK
VASAVI TIRUMURA REDDY
NORA LYNN ROSELLE
KENNETH R. SAY
RYAN RUSSELL SCHUPBACH
NATHALIE RENEE SEOLDO
MAYA ANGELOU THOMPSON
QUYEN TINH TIEN
TAMI N. VAUGHAN
GERARDO ZENON VAZQUEZ
BRIAN R. WREN
CATHERINE C. YU
MARYJO ZUNIC

To be dietitian

ANN MARIE STATEN

To be senior assistant dietitian

JANIS RAE ARMENDARIZ

To be therapist

RITA BAKSHI SHAPIRO
GARY WILLIAM SHELTON

To be senior assistant therapist

MARIA LEOLA BACILIO
KAREN EMI KAJIWARA-NELSON
JON MICHAEL SCHULTZ
JODI ANNE TANZILLO

To be health services officer

MARCIA FAYE BRITT
VALERIE ANTOINETTE DARDEN
GAIL ANN DAVIS
RAFAEL ALBERTO DUENAS
SHANNON B. FARR
WANDA L. FINCH
JANELLE M. FROELICH
JANET LYNN HAWKINS
SHARYN MARIE HEALY
JOHN DENNIS JAWORSKI
DANA CORNELIUS JONES
STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER KELLER
ARNOLD KETCHUM
ELIJAH K. MARTIN, JR.
BARBARA A. MASSEY
SHEILA PACK MERRIWEATHER
DAVID JOSEPH MORRISSETTE
DENNIS SCOTT SLATE
GAIL S. WILLIAMS
GINA BURROUGHS WOODLIEF

To be senior assistant health services officer

LORRAINE NINO ALEXANDER
MARK A. BRYANT
JENNIFER MARIE CARD
MICHELLE ANDERSON COLLEDGE
ALI BEY DANNER
DIONE MARIE HARJO
NANCY RENATA MAUTONE-SMITH
RHONDA LYNN PLAQUE
JAMES R. REID II
CATHERINE T. SALISBURY
JAMIE ROBERT SELIGMAN
TORRIS CRAIG SMITH
SHERRY L. TAYLOR

To be assistant health services officer

TRACY JACINDA BRANCH
JENNIFER ANN DIPETRA
RAQUEL ANTONIA PEAT

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

CARROLL F. POLLETT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be lieutenant colonel

DAVID W. WILSON, 0000

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

To be lieutenant colonel

LISA M. WEIDE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 624:

To be major

KERRY K KING, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

LAWRENCE N. PETZ, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

YOLANDA RUIZISALES, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

PAUL G. ARBOUR, 0000
RALPH E. BAILEY, 0000
THOMAS H. BLACKSTOCK, JR., 0000
MARTA CARCANA, 0000
DAVID W. CAREY, 0000
KENNETH T. CHAMBERLAIN, 0000
RICHARD T. CURRY, 0000
GORDON L. ELLIS, 0000
RUSSEK N. FEASTER, 0000
WENDUL G. HAGLER II, 0000
DANIEL R. HOKANSON, 0000
DAVID W. MAJOR, 0000
CLIFFORD D. MCCABE, 0000
DENNIS R. MILLER, 0000
BRIAN A. MONTAGUE, 0000
GREGORY C. PORTER, 0000
JAMES E. PORTER, JR., 0000
SCOTT H. SCHOFIELD, 0000
SCOTT R. SMITH, 0000
RONNIE M. STRONG, 0000
DAVID A. STUCKEY, 0000
JAMES E. TAYLOR, 0000
DAVID S. VISSER, 0000
WILBUR E. WOLF III, 0000
JAMES P. WONG, 0000
JAMES M. ZARLENGO, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 531:

To be major

ROBERT J. GALLAGHER, 0000

IN THE NAVY

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

To be commander

GEORGE A. QUIROA, 0000

To be lieutenant commander

JASON O. HEATON, 0000
PATRICK M. MCGILL, 0000
JOYCE C. ROSS, 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

CRISTAL B. CALER, 0000
KEVIN L. CRABBE, 0000
TRENT R. DEMOSS, 0000
MARK DOVER, 0000
ROBERT B. FARMER, 0000
DAVID FERREIRA, 0000
ALBERT R. MEDFORD, 0000
CHARLES K. NIXON, 0000
KIMBERLY J. SCHULZ, 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

MATTHEW I. BORBASH, 0000
MARC C. ECKARDT, 0000
MICHAEL A. KUYPERS, 0000
BRETT S. MARTIN, 0000
CATHERINE MCDOUGALL, 0000
MICHAEL J. ROTH, 0000
FRANK M. SCHENK, JR., 0000
WILLIAM L. SOMMER, 0000
TROY J. TWOREK, 0000

ROBERT W. WITZLEB, 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

LARRY J. CARPENTER, 0000
JEFF A. DAVID, 0000
JEFFREY D. GORDON, 0000
BRENDA K. MALONE, 0000
CARLA M. MCCARTHY, 0000
JENSIN W. SOMMER, 0000
PAULINE A. STORUM, 0000