

committee is similar to this torpedo on this chart.

Democrats can say they have not raised taxes yet, but they have launched that torpedo right at this thriving, vibrant American economy. The torpedo is named "tax increases" and they are on the way. That is a fact. I don't see anything that is going to intercept that torpedo because the vote tomorrow will put us on a road we cannot get out of. It is going to put us in a situation where the votes will not exist to cut taxes, and we are going to allow even existing tax reductions to phase out, and taxes will jump, and it will amount to the largest tax increase in American history, from what the experts tell us.

It is late. This is an important point and an important time for our country. When we pass a budget, it doesn't do a whole lot. A budget basically has a couple of things it does. It sets the total level of spending. That level has been raised over what the President has asked for. It creates a mechanism that could allow us to extend tax cuts for less than 60 votes, or do other revenue changes for less than 60 votes. But the budget we are passing is going to put us into a situation where we will increase spending and we will be put on a road to increase taxes.

I think that is a wrong direction for our Nation, and I doth protest.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M.  
TOMORROW

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

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:42 p.m., adjourned until Friday, March 23, 2007, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 22, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN C. ROOD, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, VICE ROBERT JOSEPH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES. (NEW POSITION)

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

LT. GEN. MARTIN E. DEMPSEY, 0000

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

To be major general

- BRIGADIER GENERAL MARI K. EDER, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM H. GERETY, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL F. HAMM, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE R. HARRIS, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN J. HASHEM, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL ADOLPH MCQUEEN, JR., 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL DAVID A. MORRIS, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL MAYNARD J. SANDERS, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL GREGORY A. SCHUMACHER, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL J. SCHWEIGER, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL RICHARD J. SHERLOCK, JR., 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL DEAN G. SIENKO, 0000

To be brigadier general

- COLONEL MARCIA M. ANDERSON, 0000
- COLONEL DOUGLAS P. ANSON, 0000
- COLONEL WILLIAM G. BEARD, 0000
- COLONEL WILLIAM M. BUCKLER, 0000
- COLONEL ALFRED B. CARLTON, 0000
- COLONEL ROBERT G. CATALANOTTI, 0000
- COLONEL MICHELE G. COMPTON, 0000
- COLONEL JOHN C. HANLEY, 0000
- COLONEL KATHERINE P. KASUN, 0000
- COLONEL ROBERT W. KENYON, 0000
- COLONEL KAREN E. LEDOUX, 0000
- COLONEL PETER S. LENNON, 0000
- COLONEL CHARLES D. MARTIN, 0000
- COLONEL GARY A. MEDVIGY, 0000
- COLONEL SAMUEL T. NICHOLS, JR., 0000
- COLONEL JAMES D. OWENS, JR., 0000
- COLONEL JEFFREY E. PHILLIPS, 0000
- COLONEL LESLIE A. PURSER, 0000
- COLONEL DAVID W. PUSTER, 0000
- COLONEL DANIEL I. SCHULTZ, 0000
- COLONEL MICHAEL R. SMITH, 0000
- COLONEL JEFFREY W. TALLEY, 0000
- COLONEL MEGAN P. TATU, 0000
- COLONEL NICKOLAS P. TOOLIATOS, 0000
- COLONEL JAMES T. WALTON, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 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. GEORGE J. TRAUTMAN III, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. HAROLD D. STARLING II, 0000

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

To be lieutenant commander

- KIRSTEN R. MARTIN, 0000
- PATRICK A. ROPP, 0000
- RICHARD V. TIMME, 0000

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PROMOTION WITHIN AND INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

- EDWARD W. BIRGELLS, OF TEXAS
- CARLEENE HOPE DEL, OF FLORIDA
- MICHAEL TILESTON FRITZ, OF WYOMING
- WILLIAM A. JEFFERS, OF FLORIDA

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

- STEPHEN F. CALLAHAN, OF VIRGINIA
- ROBERT FRANCIS CUNNANE, OF FLORIDA
- ALEXANDER DICKIE IV, OF TEXAS
- KARL FICKENSCHER, OF NORTH CAROLINA
- STEPHEN M. HAYKIN, OF WASHINGTON
- JANINA JARUZELSKI, OF NEW JERSEY
- ELISABETH A. KVITASHVILI, OF VIRGINIA
- DAVID E. MCCLLOUD, OF FLORIDA
- KEVIN J. MULLALLY, OF TEXAS
- GARY WILLIAM NEWTON, OF FLORIDA
- HERMANIA B. PANGAN, OF VIRGINIA
- SUSAN G. REICHEL, OF VIRGINIA
- DENISE A. ROLLINS, OF MICHIGAN
- MARILYNN ANN SCHMIDT, OF VIRGINIA
- ELZADIA WASHINGTON-DANAUX, OF TENNESSEE
- JACK WINN, OF FLORIDA
- ANDREA J. YATES, OF FLORIDA

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES FOR PERSONNEL ACTION IN THE REGULAR CORPS OF THE U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS THEREFORE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND REGULATIONS:

To be assistant surgeon

- SUNEE R. DANIELSON
- MARY E. EVANS

IN THE ARMY

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

To be lieutenant colonel

MELISSA W. JONES, 0000

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

To be lieutenant colonel

BARBARA J. KING, 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., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

JAMES F. BECK, 0000  
KEVIN S. MCKIERMAN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be colonel

DANIEL L. HURST, 0000

To be lieutenant colonel

EMMANUEL R. BONNECARRERE, 0000  
LARRY D. CHRISTOPHER, 0000  
SAMUEL H. FISTEL, 0000  
JUAN M. LOPEZ, 0000

To be major

JOHN G. MARKLEY, 0000  
JACQUELYN OHERRIN, 0000  
ADAM H. SIMS, 0000  
GEORGE T. TALBOT, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

To be lieutenant colonel

- EDUARDO A. ABISELLAN, 0000
- CHRISTOPHER C. ABRAMS, 0000
- JOHN K. ADAMS, 0000
- TED A. ADAMS, 0000
- JOHN C. ALLEE, 0000
- CHRISTOPHER W. ALLEN, 0000
- JOSEPH T. ALLEN, JR., 0000
- GEOFFREY M. ANTHONY, 0000
- VINCENT D. APLEWHITE, 0000
- JOHN ARMELLINO, JR., 0000
- STEPHEN P. ARMES, 0000
- MITCHELL K. ARNIZEN, 0000
- JOHN B. ATKINSON, 0000
- STEPHEN C. AUGUSTIN, 0000
- TERRY L. BAGGETT, 0000
- PAUL D. BAKER, 0000
- RAYMOND G. BAKER, 0000
- SCOTT A. BALDWIN, 0000
- CRAIG P. BARNETT, 0000
- JOHN M. BARNETT, 0000
- TIMOTHY E. BARRICK, 0000
- MICHAEL B. BARRY, 0000
- STEPHEN R. BECK, JR., 0000
- PATRICK A. BECKETT, 0000
- MARC A. BEGIN, 0000
- DOUGLAS C. BEHEL, 0000
- THOMAS J. BEIKIRCH, 0000
- MARLIN C. BENTON, JR., 0000
- DAVID BERNATOVICH, 0000
- WILLIAM C. BERRIS, 0000
- CHARLES N. BLACK, 0000
- CHAD A. BLAIR, 0000
- RUSSELL C. BLATW, 0000
- BRET A. BOLDING, 0000
- RICHARD J. BORDONARO, 0000
- TODD V. BOTTOMS, 0000
- MATTHEW C. BOYKIN, 0000
- ROBERT J. BRAATZ, 0000
- ROBERT G. BRACKNELL, 0000
- DAVID P. BRADNEY, 0000
- RONALD C. BRADNEY, 0000
- TERRY L. BRANSTETTER, JR., 0000
- IAN D. BRASURE, 0000
- ROLLIN D. BREWSTER III, 0000
- PETER J. BROWN, 0000
- ROBERT J. BRUDER, 0000
- JOHN H. BRUGGEMAN, JR., 0000
- TIMOTHY R. BRYANT, 0000
- VICTOR J. BUNCH, 0000
- KENNETH A. BURGER, 0000
- HEATHER M. BURGESS, 0000
- RUSSELL C. BURTON, 0000
- SHAWN P. CALLAHAN, 0000
- MICHAEL J. CALLANAN, 0000
- MICHAEL T. CARSON, 0000
- RONNIE A. CARSON, JR., 0000
- JENNIFER E. CARTER, 0000
- MELVIN G. CARTER, 0000
- TODD M. CAUSO, 0000
- MICHAEL S. CASEY, 0000
- WALTER D. CERKAN, 0000
- ERIK L. CHRISTENSEN, 0000
- IAN R. CLARK, 0000
- WILLIAM P. CLARK, 0000
- TIMOTHY L. CLARKE, 0000
- ERIN D. COADY, 0000
- JAME O. COLLAZO, 0000
- STEPHEN G. CONROY, 0000
- SAMUEL C. COOK, 0000
- MATTHEW D. COOPER, 0000
- ROBERT D. COOPER, 0000
- EDITH W. CORDERY, 0000
- GUY R. COURSEY, 0000
- IAN D. COURTNEY, 0000
- KENNETH L. CRABTREE, 0000
- BRIAN E. CRANE, 0000