

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that from Friday, December 16 through Monday, January 23, 2012, the majority leader be recognized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

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

ORDERS FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2011

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 257, H.R. 3630, the House payroll bill that we have talked about, as provided under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Senators should expect a series of rollcall votes tomorrow morning beginning at 9 a.m. in relation to a 2-month extension of the payroll tax, unemployment insurance, the doc fix, disaster aid, and the omnibus appropriations conference report.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:38 p.m., adjourned until Saturday, December 17, 2011, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

JOHN THOMAS FOWLKES, JR., OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, VICE BERNICE B. DONALD, ELEVATED.

KEVIN MCNULTY, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, VICE GARRETT E. BROWN, JR., RETIRING.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

RICHARD B. BERNER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH, DEPART-

MENT OF THE TREASURY, FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NANCY J. POWELL, OF IOWA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, PERSONAL RANK OF CAREER AMBASSADOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO INDIA.

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be brigadier general

COLONEL JEFFREY K. BARNSON
COLONEL ABEL BARRIENTES
COLONEL KIMBERLY A. CRIDER
COLONEL THERON G. DAVIS
COLONEL CHRISTOPHER L. EDDY
COLONEL LYMAN L. EDWARDS
COLONEL JOHN C. FLOURNOY, JR.
COLONEL KATHRYN J. JOHNSON
COLONEL KENNETH D. LEWIS, JR.
COLONEL STEPHEN J. LINSSENMEYER, JR.
COLONEL VINCENT M. MANGUSO
COLONEL UDO K. MCGREGOR
COLONEL ERIC S. OVERTURF
COLONEL KAREN A. RIZZUTI
COLONEL VINCENT M. SARONI
COLONEL JAMES P. SCANLAN

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on December 16, 2011 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

RICHARD SORIAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE CHRISTINA H. PEARSON, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 26, 2011.