

we can go forward on this nominations package, but not having received that yet, Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am disappointed that my friend objected, but I want the record to be spread with this:

We have done a good job on nominations the last couple of months. Actually, in the last 3 months, we have accomplished quite a bit. But I am kind of reminded of my days of being a younger man and running a foot race. I wasn't fast enough for the short races, so I ran long races. But unless I started fast, it was really hard to catch up. That is my concern about these nominations. We have started so slowly, I am not sure we can catch up. I hope we can.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I will say that there will be nominations we will be able to work our way through, but as I indicated, the particular package the majority leader just proffered as it is currently constituted will not be able to go forward because of our inability to receive from the administration the assurances that have been routinely given at this point with regard to recess appointments.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the nominations received by the Senate during the 112th Congress, 1st session, remain as status quo notwithstanding rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with the following exceptions: Calendar Nos. 43, 67, 112, 185, 413, Presidential nominee 2, Presidential nominee 14, Presidential nominee 95, Presidential nominee 96, Presidential nominee 158, Presidential nominee 317, and Presidential nominee 653.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 438; that there be 90 minutes for debate—60 minutes divided in the usual form and 30 minutes under the control of Senator SESSIONS; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on Calendar

No. 438; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

Mr. REID. For everyone's knowledge, Mr. President, that is John Gerrard to be a district judge for the District of Nebraska.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 421, 503, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, with the exception of COL Bradley D. Spacy; then 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the Record; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Assistant Secretary of State (Administration).

Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Russian Federation.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Brad Carson, of Oklahoma, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army.

Michael A. Sheehan, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Merle D. Hart

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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. Frank Gorenc

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Brian E. Dominguez

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the

Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. John P. Currenti

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Colonel John D. Bansemer
Colonel David B. Been
Colonel Michael T. Brewer
Colonel Thomas A. Bussiere
Colonel Clinton E. Crosier
Colonel Albert M. Elton, II
Colonel Michael A. Fantini
Colonel Timothy G. Fay
Colonel Edward A. Fienga
Colonel Steven D. Garland
Colonel Thomas W. Geary
Colonel Cedric D. George
Colonel Blaine D. Holt
Colonel Scott A. Howell
Colonel Ronald L. Huntley
Colonel Allen J. Jamerson
Colonel James C. Johnson
Colonel Mark D. Kelly
Colonel Scott A. Kindsvater
Colonel Donald E. Kirkland
Colonel Bruce H. McClintock
Colonel Martha A. Meeker
Colonel John E. Michel
Colonel Charles L. Moore, Jr.
Colonel Gregory S. Otey
Colonel John T. Quintas
Colonel Michael D. Rothstein
Colonel Kevin B. Schneider
Colonel Scott F. Smith
Colonel Ferdinand B. Stoss
Colonel Jacqueline D. Van Ovost
Colonel James C. Vechery
Colonel Christopher P. Weggeman
Colonel Kevin B. Wooton
Colonel Sarah E. Zabel

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 major general

Brig. Gen. Michael J. Lally, III

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Colonel John W. Baker
Colonel Margaret W. Burcham
Colonel Richard D. Clarke, Jr.
Colonel Roger L. Cloutier, Jr.
Colonel Timothy R. Coffin
Colonel Peggy C. Combs
Colonel Bruce T. Crawford
Colonel Jason T. Evans
Colonel Stephen E. Farmen
Colonel John G. Ferrari
Colonel Kimberly Field
Colonel Duane A. Gamble
Colonel Ryan F. Gonsalves
Colonel Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr.
Colonel Steven R. Grove
Colonel William B. Hickman
Colonel Christopher P. Hughes
Colonel Daniel P. Hughes
Colonel Daniel L. Karbler
Colonel Ronald F. Lewis
Colonel James B. Linder
Colonel Michael D. Lundy
Colonel David K. MacEwen
Colonel Todd B. McCaffrey
Colonel Paul M. Nakasone
Colonel Paul A. Ostrowski
Colonel Laura J. Richardson
Colonel Steven A. Shapiro
Colonel James E. Simpson
Colonel Mark R. Stammer