

committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Tuesday, August 26, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

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#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 285, 312, 313, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Roger Francisco Noriega, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

##### UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

Stephen D. Krasner, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2005.

Charles Edward Horner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term expiring January 19, 2007.

##### FOREIGN SERVICE

PN778 Foreign Service nominations (101) beginning James M. Cunningham, and ending Howard M. Krawitz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of June 25, 2003.

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#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2003

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 9 a.m., Wednesday, July 30; I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 14, the Energy bill, as provided under the previous order.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that there be 2½ hours of debate in relation to the Cantwell amendment, with 30 minutes under the control of the chairman; further, that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote in relation to the Cantwell amendment.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that following that vote, the Senate proceed to 60 minutes of debate, with 30 minutes under the control of Senator LEAHY and 30 minutes under the control of myself, and that following that debate, the Senate proceed to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Estrada nomination.

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

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#### PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of S. 14, the Energy bill. Under the previous order, there will be 2½ hours of debate remaining on the Cantwell amendment. Following the disposition of that amendment, there will be 60 minutes prior to the cloture vote on the Estrada nomination. This will be the seventh cloture vote on the Estrada

nomination. Following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the electricity amendment. It is expected that the Senate will be able to act on the two Bingaman second-degree amendments in a relatively short period of time. It is hoped that following those amendments, we will be able to reach an agreement as to when the Senate can dispose of the underlying electricity amendment, and the chairman will continue to work toward that agreement tomorrow. Senators should expect a very busy day tomorrow as the Senate continues to work through the energy-related amendments.

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

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:49 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at 9 a.m.

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#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 29, 2003:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ROGER FRANCISCO NORIEGA, OF KANSAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS).

##### UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

STEPHEN D. KRASNER, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2005.

CHARLES EDWARD HORNER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2007.

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.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING JAMES M. CUNNINGHAM AND ENDING HOWARD M. KRAWITZ, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 25, 2003.