

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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(B) CONTENTS.—The report under this paragraph shall include—

(i) an analysis of any changes in the number of cases filed with the United States Merit Systems Protection Board alleging violations of section 2302(b)(8) or (9) of title 5, United States Code, since the effective date of the Act;

(ii) the outcome of the cases described under clause (i), including whether or not the United States Merit Systems Protection Board, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, or any other court determined the allegations to be frivolous or malicious; and

(iii) any other matter as determined by the Government Accountability Office.

(2) MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each report submitted annually by the Merit Systems Protection Board under section 1116 of title 31, United States Code, shall, with respect to the period covered by such report, include as an addendum the following:

(i) Information relating to the outcome of cases decided during the applicable year of the report in which violations of section 2302(b)(8) or (9) of title 5, United States Code, were alleged.

(ii) The number of such cases filed in the regional and field offices, the number of petitions for review filed in such cases, and the outcomes of such cases.

(B) FIRST REPORT.—The first report described under subparagraph (A) submitted after the date of enactment of this Act shall include an addendum required under that subparagraph that covers the period beginning on January 1, 2008 through the end of the fiscal year 2008.

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 AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
 MEET
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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDUCUARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate and continue an executive business meeting on Friday, November 16, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in room S-216, of the Capitol.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, November 16, 2007. The Committee will meet off the Senate Floor in the Reception Room to consider the nomination of Michael W. Hager to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Management after the first floor vote that occurs on Friday.

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

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 PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR
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Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my research director, Ron Hindle, be given floor privileges for the remainder of the day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WEBB. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 3 and 4 en bloc, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Denmark and the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Finland; that the protocols be advanced through their various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification, and that there now be a division vote on the resolutions en bloc.

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

A division has been requested.

Senators in favor of the resolutions of ratification will rise and stand until counted.

Those opposed will rise and stand until counted.

On a division, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification are agreed to.

The resolutions of ratification agreed to are as follows:

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Copenhagen on May 2, 2006 (Treaty Doc. 109-19).

Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol Amending the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki on May 31, 2006 (Treaty Doc. 109-18).

Mr. WEBB. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

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 EXECUTIVE CALENDAR
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Mr. WEBB. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar Nos. 378 through 391, the nomination of Michael Hager to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs, reported out earlier today by the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and all nominations on the Security's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on 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:

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY
 SERVICE

Mark D. Gearan, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring December 1, 2010.

Julie Fisher Cummings, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring September 14, 2011.

Donna N. Williams, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2009.

Tom Osborne, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2012.

Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2009.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Douglas A. Brook, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Robert L. Smolen, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

IN THE AIR FORCE

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 general

Lt. Gen. Carroll H. Chandler, 9115

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

Col. Donald L. Rutherford, 5430

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

To be brigadier general

Colonel Joseph Carvalho, Jr., 7925

Colonel Rhonda L. S. Cornum, 2574

Colonel Keith W. Gallagher, 5366

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. Thomas F. Metz, 5686

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

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey A. Sorenson, 3510

THE JUDICIARY

Reed Charles O'Connor, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.