

APPENDIX G

COMMISSIONER BIOGRAPHIES

ANTHONY J. PRINCIPI —CHAIRMAN



Nominated by President George W. Bush. Recently served as Vice President of the Pfizer Corporation and is a decorated Vietnam War veteran. Mr. Principi was nominated to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs by President Bush on December 29, 2000, and was confirmed by the Senate on January 23, 2001. He once served as a Republican chief counsel for the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. He also has been a top official with defense contractor Lockheed Martin. Mr. Principi is a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and first saw active duty aboard the destroyer USS *Joseph P. Kennedy*. He later commanded a River Patrol Unit in Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Mr. Principi earned his law degree from Seton Hall University in 1975 and was assigned to the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps in San Diego, California. In 1980, he was transferred to Washington as a legislative counsel for the Department of the Navy.

JAMES H. BILBRAY



Nominated by President George W. Bush following consultation with Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV). Primary area of practice is government relations and administrative law. Former Congressman Bilbray received his bachelor of arts degree in government and public administration from the American University in Washington, DC, in 1962, and his J.D. from the Washington College of Law in 1964. He is a Nevada native, and prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1987, he was a Nevada State Senator, serving as Chairman on the Taxation Committee and as a member of the Judiciary Committee. During his four terms in the U.S. Congress, he served as Chairman of the Small Business Subcommittee on Taxation, Tourism and Procurement. He was also a member of the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and Intelligence Committees. He joined the firm of Kummer, Kaempfer, Bonner & Renshaw as Of Counsel in 1996, where he specialized in dealing with local, state, and Federal issues. In 2001, he received an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, for his extensive contributions to the State and U.S. government.

PHILIP COYLE



Nominated by President George W. Bush following consultation with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA-8). Mr. Coyle is a Senior Advisor to the President of the Center for Defense Information and a defense consultant. Formerly the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Test and Evaluation (1994-2001), Mr. Coyle is a recognized expert on worldwide and U.S. military research, development and testing. During the 1995 BRAC, he served as the Co-Chairman of the DoD Joint Cross-Service Group for Test and Evaluation. Prior to serving at the Pentagon, Mr. Coyle served as Laboratory Associate Director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California, and as Deputy to the Laboratory Director. During the Carter Administration, Mr. Coyle served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs in the Department of Energy. With more than 40 years of experience in testing and test-related matters, he was selected by *Aviation Week* magazine as one of its "Laurels" honorees for 2000—a select group of people recognized for outstanding contributions in the aerospace field.

ADMIRAL HAROLD W. (HAL) GEHMAN, JR. (USN, RET)



Nominated by President George W. Bush following consultation with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. (R-TN). Retired after 35 years of service on active duty in the U.S. Navy in October 2000, with his last assignment as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic, and as the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Joint Forces Command—one of the five U.S. Unified Commands. Immediately after retiring, Admiral Gehman served as Co-Chairman of the Department of Defense review of the terrorist attack on the USS *Cole*. In 2003, he served as Chairman of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering and received a commission in the Navy from the NROTC program. He served at all levels of leadership and command before being promoted to four-star admiral in 1996. He became the 29th Vice Chief of Naval Operations in September 1996. As Vice Chief, he was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, formulated the Navy's \$70 billion budget, and developed and implemented policies governing the Navy's 375,000 personnel.

JAMES V. HANSEN



Nominated by President George W. Bush following consultation with House Speaker Dennis Hastert (IL-14). Congressman Hansen was elected to the 97th Congress and to the 10 succeeding terms (January 3, 1981, to January 3, 2003). He did not seek re-election to the 108th Congress in 2002. During the 105th Congress, he served as Chairman of the Standards and Official Conduct Committee. During the 107th Congress, he served as Chairman of the Committee of Resources. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955. He also served as a member of the Farmington, Utah, City Council from 1960 to 1972. He then was elected to the Utah State House of Representatives from 1973 to 1980 and served as Speaker of the House from 1979 to 1980.

GENERAL JAMES T. HILL (USA, RET)



Nominated by President George W. Bush. Former Commander of the U.S. Southern Command. General Hill previously served as the Commanding General, I Corps, and Fort Lewis. He is from El Paso, Texas, and was commissioned into the infantry following graduation from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, in 1968. He also graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the National War College. In addition, he holds a master's degree in personnel management from Central Michigan University. General Hill's other key assignments include Commanding General 25th Infantry Division and Deputy Commander U.S. Forces UN Mission Haiti.

GENERAL LLOYD W. "FIG" NEWTON (USAF, RET)



Nominated by President George W. Bush following consultation with Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, M.D. (R-TN). Currently serves as Executive Vice President of Pratt & Whitney, Military Engines. Former Commander of Air Education and Training Command, headquartered at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He was responsible for the recruiting, training, and education of Air Force personnel. His command included the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces, and Air University. He was also commander of three wings and an air division and held numerous staff positions. From 1993 to 1995, he was Director of Operations, J-3, U.S. Special Operations Command. General Newton is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, F-4, F-15, C-12, and F-117 stealth fighter. He earned a bachelor of science degree in aviation education from Tennessee State University and a master of arts degree in public administration from George Washington University.

SAMUEL K. SKINNER



Nominated by President George W. Bush following consultation with House Speaker Dennis Hastert (IL-14). Mr. Skinner is the retired Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of USF Corporation, one of the nation's leading transportation and logistics companies. He also served from 1993-1998 as President of Commonwealth Edison Company and its holding company, Unicom Corporation. Prior to joining Commonwealth Edison, Mr. Skinner served as Chief of Staff to President George H.W. Bush. Prior to his White House service, he served in the President's Cabinet for nearly three years as Secretary of Transportation. As Secretary, Mr. Skinner was credited with numerous successes, including the development of the President's National Transportation Policy and the development and passage of landmark aviation and surface transportation legislation. Mr. Skinner is currently an Adjunct Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He served as a member of the Illinois National Guard and the U.S. Army reserve from 1957-1968.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SUE E. TURNER (USAF, RET)



Appointed by President George W. Bush. General Turner retired in 1995, following 30 years of active duty. Her key assignments included Director, Nursing Services, Office of the USAF Surgeon General; Chief Nurse, Wilford Hall Medical Center; and the Medical Inspection Team, USAF Inspector General. General Turner joined the Air Force Nurse Corps in 1965 and went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Incarnate Word College and a master of science degree in nursing from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She also completed Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and National Security Management. In recent years, General Turner has served on the American Battle Monuments Commission and on the board of directors of a large credit union.

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Left to Right Commissioner James V. Hansen; Commissioner Samuel K. Skinner; Commissioner Philip E. Coyle III; Commissioner Sue Ellen Turner; Chairman Anthony J. Principi; Commissioner James T. Hill; Commissioner James H. Bilbray; Commissioner Harold W. (Hal) Gehman; Commissioner Lloyd W. “Fig” Newton.

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