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All – Tonight the Senate confirmed:

Gene Cretz (Ghana)  
Deborah Malec (Liberia)  
Tom Armbruster (Marshall Islands)  
Bruce Wharton (Zimbabwe)  
Greta Holtz (Oman)  
Alexander Laskaris (Guinea)  
Marcie Ries (Bulgaria)  
John Koenig (Cyprus)  
Michael Kirby (Serbia)  
James Cunningham (Afghanistan)

As well as our two pending Foreign Service lists.

Senator Rand Paul objected to proceeding with Richard Olson's confirmation despite efforts to convince him otherwise. Sen. Paul's Chief of Staff told Amb. Grossman that:

- The procedure "was not even close".
- They were totally "blindsided". No advance warning. "Does not even know these people."
- He does not oppose Rick but Pakistan policy is important to the Senator. The Senate leadership will not let him go forward with what interests Senator Paul and so.....

Special thanks to Ambassadors Grossman and Crocker who each spent much for the day on the phone to various Senators working to clear the path for both nominees.

Dave