

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS] and the Senator from New York [Mr. D'AMATO] were added as cosponsors of S. 1616, a bill to establish a visa waiver pilot program for nationals of Korea who are traveling in tour groups to the United States.

S. 1702

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Michigan [Mr. LEVIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1702, a bill to require institutions of higher education to provide voter registration information and opportunities to students registering for class, and for other purposes.

S. 1735

At the request of Mr. PRESSLER the names of the Senator from Colorado [Mr. CAMPBELL] and the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] were added as cosponsors of S. 1735, a bill to establish the United States Tourism Organization as a nongovernmental entity for the purpose of promoting tourism in the United States.

S. 1838

At the request of Mr. FAIRCLOTH, the name of the Senator from Alabama [Mr. HEFLIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1838, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue coins in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the first manned flight of Orville and Wilbur Wright in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.

S. 1886

At the request of Mr. FRIST, the name of the Senator from Tennessee [Mr. THOMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1886, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of educational grants by private foundations, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 26

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Vermont [Mr. JEFFORDS] was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 26, a concurrent resolution to authorize the Newington-Cropsey Foundation to erect on the Capitol Grounds and present to Congress and the people of the United States a monument dedicated to the Bill of Rights.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 64

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the names of the Senator from Virginia [Mr. WARNER] and the Senator from California [Mrs. BOXER] were added as cosponsors of Senate Concurrent Resolution 64, a concurrent resolution to recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II.

SENATE RESOLUTION 276

At the request of Mr. ROBB, the names of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. THOMAS], the Senator from Rhode Island [Mr. PELL], the Senator from Or-

egon [Mr. HATFIELD], and the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. BUMPERS] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 276, a resolution congratulating the people of Mongolia on embracing democracy in Mongolia through their participation in the parliamentary elections held on June 30, 1996.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and the District of Columbia, Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold a hearing on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at 9:30 a.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, on oversight of the implementation of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider S. 1877, the Environmental Improvement Timber Contract Extension Act, a bill to ensure the proper stewardship of publicly owned assets in the Tongass National Forest in the State of Alaska, a fair return to the United States for public timber in the Tongass, and a proper balance among multiple use interests in the Tongass to enhance forest health, sustainable harvest, and the general economic health and growth in southeast Alaska and the United States.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, at 11 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 10, 1996, at 11 a.m. to hold an open hearing on intelligence matters.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
1996 CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER OF
THE YEAR AWARD

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I note with great pride that one of my staff members has been honored with a very special award: Charlotte Moreland, who serves me on the minority staff of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, has been named 1996 Congressional Staffer of the Year by the Vietnam Veterans of America.

I can think of no one who has earned this award more than Charlotte. She has been a loyal member of my personal staff ever since I joined the Senate in 1984, and I have been most grateful for the many strengths she brought to that job. But Charlotte really found her forté when I became chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs in 1993, and she became my Special Projects Director on the committee. She has continued to work for me in my capacity now as the committee's ranking Democratic member.

Charlotte has helped countless veterans from West Virginia and all around the country obtain the services and benefits they are due from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Some of the work she has done is truly amazing; she has been able to get results where many others have failed, or failed to even try, lacking the drive and compassion that are Charlotte's trademark.

Charlotte was born and raised in West Virginia, and she has never lost the stubborn persistence, tenacity, and deep caring that are so characteristic of my home State. Charlotte is a vigorous—I might say, ferocious—advocate for the underdog, the vulnerable, those who would otherwise get lost in the system. She is not afraid to fight Government bureaucracy, redtape, and complacency, and she will follow through on a case until all avenues of help are exhausted.

Whether it involves quality or availability of medical care in a VA hospital, or timely and appropriate decisions on disability claims, veterans need a place to turn when they believe the system has failed them. Charlotte acts as my eyes and ears out in the community, listening to the concerns of individual veterans and reporting them back to me, so that I can address systemic problems through legislation and oversight. I count on her tremendously, and I truly would not be able to perform my job well on the committee if she were not performing hers.

Charlotte is a prime example of a very special class of employees—dedicated congressional staffers who labor, often anonymously, behind the scenes, making our Government work and providing services to our citizens. Too often they do not receive the recognition they so richly deserve. In saluting Charlotte, I salute also these other unsung heroes. As Members of Congress, we are often in the limelight. But our accomplishments would be far less without the dedicated staff that serve us, and we should never forget that.

Veterans—in West Virginia and throughout our country—are incredibly lucky to have Charlotte as their

advocate. I am grateful to have her on my staff, and enormously proud of all she has accomplished.●

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider, en bloc, the following nominations on the Executive Calendar:

No. 514, Gary A. Fenner of Missouri to be U.S. district judge for the western district of Missouri, and No. 587, the nomination of Mary Ann Vial Lemmon of Louisiana to be U.S. district judge for the eastern district of Louisiana.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object, Mr. President. Let me begin by thanking the two distinguished colleagues from Nevada for their cooperation this afternoon in allowing us to get to this point. As the majority leader indicated, they care deeply about this issue. Nevada is well served by their representation and their determination on this issue.

I also want to thank the majority leader for his effort to work with us. He has said again today what he said yesterday. He is prepared to try to work through these things in a way that would allow us to resolve all of the outstanding questions.

He has given me his assurance again today that we will attempt—all we can do is attempt—to work through the list of the 23 judges that are currently on the calendar. This is the first downpayment.

I appreciate his willingness to work with us on all of them. I believe that this is a good process. I think it is the way we should proceed.

So I am very pleased that we have been able to reach this point.

So I have no objection.

Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, reserving the right to object—and I assure the two distinguished leaders that I have no intention of objecting—I will just say that I congratulate both leaders for being able to reach this point where I think there is, indeed, light at the end of the tunnel.

I think that the courtesies that they have shown to me and to other Members of this body on both sides of the aisle really is a very positive indication of the cooperation that will allow us to get through the list of judges that have been approved by the Judiciary Committee.

I also would echo the comments by the two distinguished Senators from Nevada about how far they have been able to go, and I thank them for being willing to cooperate on the Defense authorization bill which I know is very, very important.

I congratulate both leaders for the work that they have done. I think this is a spirit of cooperation that we need more of. I congratulate both of them for their work.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request of the majority leader?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed, en bloc, as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Gary A. Fenner, of Missouri, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

Mary Ann Vial Lemmon, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to just note with regard to the nomination of Mary Lemmon from Louisiana there are other judges that had been on the list longer. But there was a particular problem with this judge due to the fact that she does hold office. I believe she is a judge. And she has to qualify in the next day or two or she would not be able to run for reelection. And then, if she did not get this position, she would be really caught in the middle. That is why we moved this one up to sort of the head of the list. I am glad it worked out.

I thank the Democratic leader for his comments.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1996

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 11; further, that immediately following the prayer the

Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved, as usual, for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 a.m. as under the previous order, with Senator DASCHLE, or his designee, controlling the first 40 minutes, and Senator COVERDELL in control of the last 20 minutes.

I further ask that at 10 a.m. the Senate turn to the consideration of S. 1894, the Department of Defense appropriations bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will begin the DOD appropriations bill tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. Several amendments are expected to be offered. Therefore, votes can be expected during Thursday's session of the Senate, and the Senate may be asked to be in session into the evening in order to make progress on the appropriations bill.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 295

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 295 be placed back on the calendar.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate at 6:42 p.m., adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 11, 1996, at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 10, 1996:

THE JUDICIARY

GARY A. FENNER, OF MISSOURI, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI.
MARY ANN VIAL LEMMON, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA.