

of Transportation issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Vortice*, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

S. 662

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding sections 12106 and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (46 U.S.C. App. 289), and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel VORTICE (Bari, Italy, registration number 256), if the vessel meets the ownership requirements of section 2 of the Shipping Act, 1916 (46 U.S.C. App. 802).

The bill (S. 662), as amended, was passed.

CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR THE VESSEL "DUSKEN IV"

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 880) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Dusken IV*, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

S. 880

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding sections 12106 and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, section 8 of the Act of June 19, 1886 (24 Stat. 81, chapter 421; 46 U.S.C. App. 289), and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 U.S.C. App. 883), the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel DUSKEN IV (United States official number 952645).

The bill (S. 880), as amended, was passed.

COMMENDING OF DR. JASON C. HU

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 125 submitted earlier today by Senator MURKOWSKI.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 125) commending Dr. Jason C. Hu, Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reso-

lution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statement relating to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

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

The resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 125), with its preamble, read as follows:

S. RES. 125

Whereas Dr. Jason C. Hu has served with distinction as Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) since June 1996, and has ably represented the interests of the Republic of China on Taiwan;

Whereas Dr. Hu has been a firm and consistent advocate of democratic principles throughout his distinguished career;

Whereas Dr. Hu has established many deep friendships with Members of Congress and other Americans during his tenure in Washington; and

Whereas Dr. Hu has been asked to return to Taiwan to serve as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate hereby—

(1) commends Dr. Jason C. Hu for his service as Representative of the TECRO office; and

(2) expresses to Dr. Hu and his family its best wishes for his continued success in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 246 and No. 258.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations appear at this point in the RECORD, 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 en bloc are as follows:

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sheila Foster Anthony, of Arkansas, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1995.

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 and to be appointed as Chief of Staff, United States Air Force under the provisions of title 10, U.S.C., section 8033:

To be general

Gen. Michael E. Ryan, 0000.

STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF MS. SHEILA ANTHONY TO BE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, as the ranking Democratic member of the

Senate Commerce Committee, I am proud to support the nomination of Ms. Sheila F. Anthony to serve as a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission [FTC]. The FTC is now functioning with only four Commissioners. Because of the Commission's myriad of responsibilities, it is imperative the agency operates with maximum participation of its designated Commissioners to ensure its efficiency.

The primary duties of the Federal Trade Commission are: First, to protect consumers from unfair and deceptive practices, and second to ensure the operation of an efficient and competitive market-place. As part of its administrative responsibilities, the Commission administers a number of Federal statutes, including the Federal Trade Commission Act, which provides the Commission its consumer protection authority, and the Sherman, Clayton & Robinson-Patman antitrust statutes, as well as the Fair Credit Reporting, Fair Debt Collection Practices, and Truth in Lending Acts. A few of the Commission's specific duties include safeguarding the public from false advertisement of goods and services, telemarketing fraud, unfair pricing of products, unfair mergers and acquisitions, illegal boycotts, and other unfair methods of competition.

Ms. Anthony's record reveals she is well qualified to serve as a Commissioner on the FTC. Her past experience includes serving as an Assistant Attorney General with the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as working as a private practice attorney on matters such as copyright, trademark, and antitrust.

Ms. Anthony has stated she is ready to take on the many present challenges of the FTC. I look forward to working with her and urge my colleagues to support her nomination.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO AWARD A GOLD MEDAL

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2248 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2248) to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support

swift passage of H.R. 2248. This bill is identical to the bill that I introduced along with Senator SARBANES as original cosponsor. Both bills authorize the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to His All Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, leader of the Orthodox Christian Church.

It is fitting that we recognize the tremendous leadership this religious figure provides to nearly 300 million people worldwide during his upcoming visit to our country.

While many consider countries such as Russia and Greece to be Orthodox Christian strongholds, the fact is that nearly 5 million United States citizens of Greek, Russian, Ukrainian, and Serbian descent are Orthodox Christians. The contributions of these Americans to our rich history and culture exemplify the values, ideals, and dreams of this great Nation.

The Patriarch Bartholomew has followed a calling in his life—to selflessly serve not only people of Greek origin, but millions of believers from all over the world, through his strong faith.

Patriarch Bartholomew was enthroned as the 270th spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christians in 1991. This new title came with enormous responsibilities and burdens. But, the Patriarch Bartholomew was prepared to meet the task. Not only has he fulfilled the demanding role as preeminent leader of Orthodox Christians, he has dedicated himself and used his station to promote worthy, noble causes.

Mr. President, in the name of religious unity and cooperation, Patriarch Bartholomew is working to promote interfaith dialog between the Orthodox Church, and the Roman Catholic Church, leading Protestant denominations, Muslim leaders, and various other faiths.

He has also sought to strengthen the bonds between Judaism and Orthodox Christianity. In 1994, the Patriarch worked side by side with Rabbi David Schneier and the Appeal of Conscience Foundation to cosponsor the Peace and Tolerance Conference, bringing together Christians, Jews, and Muslims for human and religious freedom.

And Patriarch Bartholomew's compassion is far-reaching. In the war-torn countries of the Balkans, he has helped to advance reconciliation among Catholic, Muslim, and Orthodox communities.

As a citizen of Turkey, Patriarch Bartholomew is deeply concerned about the need to sustain the cause of peace. He has been a dynamic leader in efforts to ease Greek-Turkish tensions and to promote international cooperation, adherence to international law, and respect for human rights of victims of aggression.

Mr. President, Patriarch Bartholomew, also referred to as the "Green Patriarch" has a sincere commitment to the environmental legacy we will one day leave to our children. Together with global leaders, he convened an international environmental

symposium emphasizing the health and well-being of the world's oceans. The Patriarch is also a cosponsor of an annual conference addressing the protection of our global environment.

Mr. President, in October of this year, Patriarch Bartholomew will visit the United States to offer his spiritual message of unity, compassion, and brotherhood. It is my belief that Congress should honor the work of this great leader in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to religious freedom, tolerance, world peace, environmental protection, and human rights.

In closing, Mr. President, I call upon my colleagues to support bestowing the Congressional Gold Medal upon a visionary for our times, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. I would also like to take the opportunity to extend thanks to my 48 colleagues in the Senate who have lent their bipartisan support to this effort.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator D'AMATO, chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, in urging immediate passage of H.R. 2248.

Patriarch Bartholomew will be visiting the United States from October 19 through November 17, 1997. This bill awards the Congressional Gold Medal to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of approximately 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide. The occasion of this legislation is to recognize Patriarch Bartholomew's outstanding contributions to world peace and understanding during his tenure as head of this ancient branch of Christianity and to honor Patriarch Bartholomew's first visit to the United States as Patriarch. As a Greek-Orthodox American and member of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore, I am particularly gratified to join in this tribute.

During his American visit Patriarch Bartholomew will meet with thousands of Orthodox faithful and will take the opportunity to convey his message of reconciliation to Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs. His All Holiness has been a leader in ecumenical understanding and has convened important meetings which have brought together participants of all religious backgrounds. In 1994, in cooperation with Rabbi David Schneier and the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, he cosponsored a Peace and Tolerance Conference in Istanbul where Christians, Jews, and Muslims joined together to discuss important and pressing issues.

As spiritual head of world Orthodoxy, Patriarch Bartholomew has been a leader in the quest for peace throughout the world, particularly in Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and the Middle East. He has vigorously spoken out against extremists and those who would use violence to achieve their ends and has counseled respect for all peoples, irrespective of their nationality and religion; his ministry has been a call to our best virtues.

From his historical seat in Istanbul, Turkey, Patriarch Bartholomew has served as a mediator between East and West, Christians and Muslims, and as a force for openness and tolerance in the newly emerging independent countries of Eastern Europe.

As he pursues the goal of peace, Patriarch Bartholomew is equally vigorous in his desire to preserve and promote the Earth's environment as a reflection of God's creation. Working with the European Commission, the Worldwide Fund for Nature, and his Royal Highness Prince Philip, he has cosponsored significant international conferences on the environment, including one scheduled for this month on the future ecological health of the Black Sea.

I believe it is most fitting that the visit and the accomplishments of Patriarch Bartholomew should be recognized and honored by this Gold Medal as it will reflect the appreciation of the American people for his ministry of peace and reconciliation.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2248) was passed.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE MEMORIAL BUILDING

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2443, which was reported by the Environment and Public Works Committee today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2443) to designate the Federal building located at 601 Fourth Street, N.W., in the District of Columbia, as the "Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office Memorial Building", in honor of William H. Christian, Jr., Martha Dixon Martinez, Michael J. Miller, Anthony Palmisano, and Edwin R. Woodruffe.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2443) was considered read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in