

the United States Senate is to offer "advice and consent" on the executive branch's nominations, which includes the nomination of federal judges for our independent judiciary.

Perhaps the most visible aspect of the advise-and-consent clause is the Senate's power to confirm nominations or reject them, thus denying consent. There are myriad ways to offer advice to the executive branch; here's a brief description of our process in Florida.

Florida's Federal Judicial Nominating Commission, a diverse non-political panel comprised of attorneys and lay persons, receives and reviews applications from prospective federal judges. The Commission forwards top candidates to my attention. This screening process evolved so that Senator CONNIE MACK and I jointly interviewed leading applicants and made joint recommendations to the White House.

During the period that Mr. Hill has served as chairman of this Commission, the United States Senate has confirmed the nominations of the following Floridians to serve as United States District Court judges:

MIDDLE DISTRICT

The Honorable John Antoon II
The Honorable Richard Lazzara
The Honorable James Moody
The Honorable Gregory Presnell
The Honorable John Steele
The Honorable James David Whittemore

NORTHERN DISTRICT

The Honorable Stephan Mickle

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Honorable William P. Dimitrouleas
The Honorable Alan Gold
The Honorable Paul C. Huck
The Honorable Adalberto Jordan
The Honorable Donald Middlebrooks
The Honorable Patricia A. Seitz

By any measure, this is an impressive list. We express our appreciation to the Senate Judiciary Committee and its chairman, Senator ORRIN HATCH, for prompt and thorough review of nominees from Florida.

As we approach the end of the 106th Congress, we salute the citizen involvement of the dedicated men and women who serve on Florida's Federal Judicial Nominating Commission. Its members and its chairman, Mr. Benjamin Hill III, personify public service.●

TRIBUTE TO JOE DINI

● Mr. BRYAN. Mr. President, the Speaker of the House of the Nevada State Assembly is one of Nevada's treasures and he happens to be a very close personal friend of mine.

I have been privileged to know Joe Dini since I first served with him in the state assembly during the 1969 legislative session and I continue to value his friendship.

Joe Dini was born and raised in the small town of Yerington, NV, he attended the University of Nevada and returned to the community of his birth to work along side his father in the family business.

In 1966 he was elected to the Nevada State Assembly, the first of his 17 terms; a record unrivaled since our state entered the union in 1864.

As a legislator, he has become the legislature's leading authority on western water issues. He served on the Western States Water Council and chaired the Water Policy Committee of the Council of State Governments-West.

In 1973, he was selected by his colleagues to serve a Speaker Pro Tempore and the following session, in 1975, as Majority Leader.

During his long and distinguished tenure, the State of Nevada has undergone dramatic changes. The state's population has increased by more than five fold. Nevada has become more urban and most of the state's population growth has been in Southern Nevada which now accounts for two-thirds of the state's population.

Not only is Joe Dini the longest serving member of the Assembly, but he has also been elected by his peers as the Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly an unprecedented eight times. Another record unparalleled in our state's history.

This extraordinary accomplishment is even more remarkable when one considers that rural Nevada, Joe Dini's political base, today represents just 15 percent of the state's over all population. He is a Nevada treasure, the likes of which we will surely not see again.

Now in the twilight of his career of public service, he is being showered with the honors and recognition he so richly deserves.

As with so many of us who have pursued a life of public service, Joe's family, his wife and his children have sacrificed much to make his service possible. Nevadans owe a debt of gratitude to Joe Dini's family as well.

I am pleased to join with Joe's many friends in paying my respect, to my friend—the much loved and respected, and Pizen Switch's number one citizen, Joe Dini.●

TRIBUTE TO ROGER SANT

● Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, it is my privilege to recognize the truly world-changing efforts of Roger Sant, a distinguished and successful businessman who, in his six years as Chairman of World Wildlife Fund, has brought profound changes to the way conservation is accomplished here in the United States and, indeed, around the world.

Having taught corporate finance at Stanford University's Graduate School of Business early in his career, Mr. Sant moved east to lead the Ford Administration's energy conservation efforts as head of the energy conservation program at the Federal Energy Administration. In 1981, he founded AES Corporation, a publicly held global power company characterized by its innovative approaches to energy production. Throughout his career, culmi-

nating in his chairmanship of WWF, Mr. Sant has been committed to conservation in all its aspects, inspired by the imperative of leaving a living planet to future generations.

As the involved and inspiring chairman of World Wildlife Fund, Mr. Sant has encouraged the organization to think big, working to achieve conservation results at a new ecoregional, landscape scale. He has applied his business acumen as well as a range of skills and approaches honed through his work in government, academia, and the nonprofit world to make a compelling case for conservation to decision makers around the world, from heads of state to government leaders in the United States. Encouraging partnerships, he has supported significant and innovative cooperative arrangements between conservation organizations, governments and private entrepreneurs, and among governments, all with the goal of advancing conservation priorities at a scale that can achieve lasting results. His personal support of conservation initiatives has made a world of difference.

As Roger Sant steps down on September 19 after six years as WWF Chairman, he continues his personal commitment to conserving the world's endangered species and spaces. Based on his track record, we all can give thanks for his substantial conservation achievements as well as for all we know he will achieve for conservation in the coming years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 4810) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 103(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1374. An act to authorize the development and maintenance of a multiagency campus project in the town of Jackson, Wyoming.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment:

S. 624. An act to authorize construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 755. An act to establish the Guam War Claims Review Commission.

H.R. 1460. An act to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to decrease the requisite blood quantum required for membership in the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe.

H.R. 1775. An act to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2090. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to contract with the National Academy of Sciences to establish the Coordinated Oceanographic Program Advisory Panel to report to the Congress on the feasibility and social value of a coordinated oceanography program.

H.R. 2296. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide that the number of members on the legislature of the Virgin Islands and the number of such members constituting a quorum shall be determined by the laws of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3222. An act to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve literacy through family literacy projects and to reauthorize the inexpensive book distribution program.

H.R. 3378. An act to authorize certain actions to address the comprehensive treatment of sewage emanating from the Tijuana River in order to substantially reduce river and ocean pollution in the San Diego border region.

H.R. 3632. An act to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3657. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4104. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize funding to carry out certain water quality and environmental restoration projects for the Mississippi Sound, Mississippi, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4318. An act to establish the Red River National Wildlife Refuge.

H.R. 4583. An act to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs.

H.R. 4840. An act to reauthorize the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act.

H.R. 4957. An act to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the legislative authority for the Black Patriots Foundation to establish a commemorative work.

H.R. 5123. An act to require the Secretary of Education to provide notification to States and State educational agencies regarding the availability of certain administrative funds to establish school safety hotlines.

H.J. Res. 102. Joint resolution recognizing that the Birmingham Pledge has made a significant contribution in fostering racial harmony and reconciliation in the United States and around the world, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 368. Concurrent resolution establishing a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the United States Capitol.

H. Con. Res. 394. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of S. 1374.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 7:49 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1027. An act to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, and for other purposes.

S. 1117. An act to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

S. 1937. An act to amend the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act to provide for sales of electricity by the Bonneville Power Administration to joint operating entities.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills and joint resolution were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 755. An act to establish the Guam War Claims Review Commission; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1460. An act to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to decrease the requisite blood quantum required for membership in the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 1755. An act to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2296. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide that the number of members on the legislature of the Virgin Islands and the number of such members constituting a quorum shall be determined by the laws of the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3222. An act to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve literacy through family literacy projects and to reauthorize the inexpensive book distribution program; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 3378. An act to authorize certain actions to address the comprehensive treatment of sewage emanating from the Tijuana River in order to substantially reduce river and ocean pollution in the San Diego border region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3657. An act to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of public domain land in the San Bernardino National Forest in the State of California, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4104. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize funding to carry out certain water quality and environmental restoration projects for the Mississippi Sound, Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4318. An act to establish the Red River National Wildlife Refuge; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4583. An act to extend the authorization for the Air Force Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 4840. An act to reauthorize the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5123. An act to require the Secretary of Education to provide notification to States and State educational agencies regarding the availability of certain administrative funds to establish school safety hotlines; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.J. Res. 102. Joint resolution recognizing that the Birmingham Pledge has made a significant contribution in fostering racial harmony and reconciliation in the United States and around the world, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 368. Concurrent resolution establishing a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the United States Capitol; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3632. An act to revise the boundaries of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2090. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to contract with the National Academy of Sciences to establish the Coordinated Oceanographic Program Advisory Panel to report to the Congress on the feasibility and social value of a coordinated oceanography program.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-10703. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Office of Resolution Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled