

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, October 18, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the investigative report of the Thirtymile Fire and the prevention of future fire fatalities.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 312 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

For further information, please contact John Watts of the Committee staff at (202) 224-5488.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, October 24, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the science and implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan including its effect on species restoration and timber availability.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 312 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

For further information, please contact Kira Finkler of the Committee staff at (202) 224-8164.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 11, 2001, at 2:30 P.M., in open session to consider the nominations of Linton F. Brooks to

be Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration; Marvin R. Sambur to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; William Winkenwerder, Jr. to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Everett Beckner to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration; and Mary L. Walker to be General Counsel of the Air Force.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 11, 2001 at 2:30 pm to hear testimony on S. 685, "Strengthening Working Families Act of 2001."

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 11, 2001 at 9:30 am to consider the nomination of Mark W. Everson to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, ATMOSPHERE, AND FISHERIES

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, and Fisheries of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 11, 2001, at 9:30 am, on role of the Coast Guard and NOAA in strengthening security against maritime threats.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 11, 2001, at 2:30 pm, on needs of fire services in responding to terrorism.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. I ask unanimous consent Janelle Sagness, an intern in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during today's deliberations.

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

FOREIGN OPERATIONS EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now

proceed to Calendar No. 147, H.R. 2506, the foreign operations appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator DASCHLE, and in light of the objection, I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 147, H.R. 2506, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 147, H.R. 2506, the foreign operations appropriations bill, 2002:

Harry Reid, Patrick Leahy, Richard J. Durbin, Ron Wyden, Barbara A. Mikulski, Daniel K. Akaka, Russell D. Feingold, Jack Reed, Zell Miller, Tim Johnson, Paul S. Sarbanes, Jean Carnahan, Daniel K. Inouye, Barbara Boxer, Ernest F. Hollings, Patty Murray, Edward M. Kennedy.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that cloture vote on the motion to proceed occur at 5:30 p.m., Monday, October 15, and that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 433 and 438 through 451; that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly

of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John L. Brownlee, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Timothy Mark Burgess, of Alaska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska for the term of four years.

Harry Sandlin Mattice, Jr., of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Robert Garner McCampbell, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Matthew Hansen Mead, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

Michael W. Mosman, of Oregon, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon for the term of four years.

John W. Suthers, of Colorado, to be United States Attorney for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

Susan W. Brooks, of Indiana, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years.

Todd Peterson Graves, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Terrell Lee Harris, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

David Claudio Iglesias, of New Mexico, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

Charles W. Larson, Sr., of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Gregory Gordon Lockhart, of Ohio, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

NOMINATION OF JOHN L. BROWNLEE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, it is a pleasure for me to take the opportunity today to say a few words about an outstanding young American who the President has nominated and the Senate has confirmed to be the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

John Brownlee is exceptionally well-qualified to serve in this position. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and the Law School of the College of William and Mary. Following his graduation from law school, John served for two years as a law clerk for the Honorable Sam Wilson, Chief U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. He served four years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney here in the District of Columbia where he gained extensive experience as a federal prosecutor. John also has experience in the private sector as an attorney with the law firm of Woods, Rogers and Hazlegrove in Roanoke, Virginia.

I have known this outstanding young man for almost eighteen years and have followed his career development with great interest. John is very capable and dedicated, with extraordinary character and high moral standards. A graduate of the ROTC program at Washington & Lee University, where he

also lettered in varsity football each year, John entered the U.S. Army upon graduation as an infantry officer. He also volunteered for and graduated from the Army's Airborne and Ranger training programs.

John's 4-year military career was primarily as an officer in the Army's 3rd Infantry, the "Old Guard", where he served initially as a Rifle Platoon Leader and later commanded the prestigious Army Drill Team. While on duty at Ft. Myer, Virginia, John also served as a military social aide to President George H.W. Bush and, through night courses, earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration. John continues to serve his country as a Major in the Army Reserve.

John and his lovely wife, Lee Ann along with their two year old daughter, Thompson Ann, currently live in Roanoke. Lee Ann is a news anchor for Channel 10 and one of the most popular personalities in southwest Virginia.

John was appointed Acting U.S. Attorney on August 30, 2001. He is already hard at work as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in the Western District. John has already tried and won his first case as the U.S. Attorney.

I am particularly proud of this young man, having watched him develop over many years. As many of my colleagues know, John is the son of Les Brownlee, the Republican Staff Director of the Armed Services Committee, who has worked for me and the Armed Services Committee for almost 18 years. So, it is with a great deal of pride and personal pleasure that I have urged my colleagues to support unanimously the confirmation of John L. Brownlee as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

NOMINATION OF GREGORY LOCKHART

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I am pleased that today we have confirmed Greg Lockhart to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio. I am in full and strong support of this nomination.

I have known Greg Lockhart for over 25 years. I know from my personal experiences working with Greg that he is an extremely well qualified nominee, who possesses great integrity and personal virtue.

Greg's experience is extensive. He served in the U.S. Air Force for three years from 1966 to 1969, including service in Vietnam. Following his military service, he attended Wright State University, where he graduated in 1973. He then earned a law degree from Ohio State University in 1976. He's been a career prosecutor ever since.

I worked with Greg first in Xenia, when he was the legal advisor to the Xenia and Fairborn police departments and I was serving as Greene County prosecutor. I hired him to be assistant county prosecutor in 1978. He became an assistant U.S. attorney in 1987. While in this position, Greg served as Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) prosecutor for

two years, with duties including the prosecution of all violations of federal law, such as contract fraud, murder, firearms, drugs, money laundering, and organized crime. Additionally, Greg has handled the civil defense of all manner of lawsuits brought against the United States, including medical and tort claims, discrimination, the training of agents and appellate practice.

There is no doubt in my mind that Greg Lockhart has the qualifications and skills necessary to serve in this post. With 25 years of experience as a prosecutor, Greg will fill this position in a pragmatic, tempered, and thoughtful way. I thank my colleagues for joining me in supporting this nomination.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

MAKING FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.J. Res. 68, a 1-week continuing resolution, just received from the House, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 68) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 68) was read the third time and passed.

NATIONAL CHARACTER COUNTS WEEK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 204 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 204) expressing the sense of Congress regarding the establishment of National Character Counts Week.

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