

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs will hold hearings entitled "Cross Border Fraud: Improving Transnational Law Enforcement." The upcoming hearings will examine the nature and scope of cross-border fraud problems and the state of binational U.S.-Canadian law enforcement coordination, and will explore what steps can be taken to fight such crime in the future.

The hearings will take place on Thursday, June 14 and Friday, June 15, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., each day, in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Christopher A. Ford of the Subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed sessions to receive testimony on the lessons learned from the attack on U.S.S. *Cole*, on the Report of the Crouch/Gehman Commission and on the Navy's Judge Advocate General manual investigation into the attack, including a review of appropriate standards of accountability for our military service.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., on pending committee business.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3 at 2:30 p.m., to conduct an oversight hearing. The committee will review FERC's April 26, 2001, order addressing wholesale electricity prices in California and the Western United States.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Subcommittee on En-

ergy and Water Development of the Committee on Appropriations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a joint oversight hearing. The committee will receive testimony on the state of the nuclear power industry and the future of the industry in a comprehensive energy policy.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 10 a.m., for an oversight hearing on Federal election practices and procedures.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 10 a.m., in SD-226.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 3, 2001, from 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m., in Dirksen 608 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 2 p.m., in SD-226.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Frances Coleman and Andrew Hartman, both assigned to my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of S. 1.

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

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Financial Disclosure Reports required by the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended and Senate Rule 34 must be filed no later than close of business on Tuesday, May 15, 2001. The reports must be filed with the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. The Public Records office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. to accept these filings, and will provide written receipts for Senators' reports. Staff members may obtain written receipts upon request. Any written request for an extension should be directed to the

Select Committee on Ethics, 220 Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

All Senators' reports will be made available simultaneously on Thursday, June 14th. Any questions regarding the availability of reports should be directed to the Public Records office (224-0322). Questions regarding interpretation of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 should be directed to the Select Committee on Ethics (224-2981).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 46, 66, 67, 68, 69, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

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 be printed in the record, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative business.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Charles S. Abell, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Brenda L. Becker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Theodore William Kassinger, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Michael P. Jackson, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Transportation.

COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) David R. Nicholson

Rear Adm. (lh) Ronald F. Silva

PN193. Coast Guard nominations (167) beginning Quincey N. Adams, and ending Kathryn L. Wunderlich, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2001.

PN203. Coast Guard nominations (236) beginning Benes Z. Aldana, and ending Marshall E. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 22, 2001.

PN223. Coast Guard nominations (112) beginning Pauline F. Cook, and ending Tarik L. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 3, 2001.

NOMINATION OF CHARLES S. ABELL

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, it is with mixed emotions that I come before my colleagues today to express my profound congratulations to Mr. Charles S. Abell on the occasion of his confirmation by the Senate as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force

Management Policy. I have had the great pleasure and distinct honor to work with Charlie Abell for the past 8 years, during his service as a professional staff member on the Senate Armed Services Committee. While we are all extremely proud of him, it is difficult to see him go.

Charlie Abell began his service to country with a distinguished 26-year career in the U.S. Army. Charlie enlisted in the Army in 1966, and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1992. During his military career, he served as both an infantry officer as well as a Cobra attack helicopter pilot. He was a highly decorated officer who led an infantry platoon, an infantry company, and attack helicopter units during two combat tours in Vietnam. Charlie has always been at the "scene of action."

Mr. Abell's decorations include the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, the Purple Heart, two bronze stars for Valor, 14 Air Medals, two for valor, the Army Commendation Medal for valor and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Following his successful Army career, Charlie joined the Senate Armed Services Committee staff. He has been a most valued member of our "team". Charlie has been the lead staff member for the Personnel Subcommittee for the past eight years, and has been responsible for a wide range of issues concerning military personnel and quality of life. His expertise and counsel have been invaluable to the members of the Armed Services Committee—and indeed the Senate as a whole—as we have worked over the past several years to reform the military retirement system, enhance military pay, improve the military health care system, and honor our commitment to all military retirees to provide health care for life. Charlie's achievements with our Committee have truly touched the lives of all members of the military services—Active Duty, Reserve Components and retirees—and their families as well. I offer my sincere gratitude for his outstanding work in these endeavors on behalf of myself and all of the members and staff of the Committee on Armed Services.

Today, Charlie Abell was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy. While it is difficult for us to lose such a valuable member of our committee staff, we are all very proud of Charlie and know that he will be a very important addition to Secretary Rumfeld's staff. We will miss his professionalism, his depth of knowledge, his humility, and most of all his friendship. Charlie is a

true professional and will continue to serve his country, and the Department of Defense with honor and distinction. I wish he and his wife, Cathy, fair winds and following seas, and will truly miss daily interactions with this dear friend and outstanding American.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

AUTHORIZING PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 82 submitted by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 82) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs and representation by the Senate Legal Counsel.

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

Mr. JEFFORDS. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 82) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2001

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. on Friday, May 4. I further ask unanimous consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1, the education bill, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. JEFFORDS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume

the education bill tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. The next two amendments in order will be a Craig amendment and an amendment offered by Senator KENNEDY or his designee. Votes ordered on those amendments will be stacked to occur on Tuesday morning. On Monday, the Senate will consider the budget conference report beginning at 10 a.m. Monday afternoon the Senate will consider the Bolton nomination with both votes scheduled to occur in a stacked sequence beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday. The order of the votes on Tuesday morning is as follows: confirmation of the Bolton nomination; adoption of the budget conference report; the Craig amendment regarding ESEA funding; and the Kennedy or designee amendment. No votes will occur on Friday or Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JEFFORDS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:48 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 4, 2001, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 3, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CHARLES S. ABELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BRENDA L. BECKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

THEODORE WILLIAM KASSINGER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MICHAEL P. JACKSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID R. NICHOLSON
REAR ADM. (LH) RONALD F. SILVA

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING QUINCEY N. ADAMS, AND ENDING KATHRYN L. WUNDERLICH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 19, 2001.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING BENES Z. ALDANA, AND ENDING MARSHALL E. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 22, 2001.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING PAULINE F. COOK, AND ENDING TARIK L. WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 3, 2001.