

Jochum, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration. The Committee will also vote on the nomination of Mr. Grant D. Aldonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Mr. Kenneth I. Juster, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Ms. Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service; and Mr. Robert Glenn Hubbard, of New York, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisors.

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 10 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The committee will receive testimony on the President's proposed budget for FY2002 for the Department of Energy.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on The Nation's Investment in Biomedical Research: Opportunities and Outcomes during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 10, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 2:45 p.m. in room 495 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an Oversight Hearing to receive the goals and priorities of the Alaska Native community for the 107th Congress.

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 10, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., in SD226.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on Aviation of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. on Air Traffic Control.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 10, immediately following the Subcommittee on National Parks Historic Preservation and Recreation hearing, to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on H.R. 880, a bill to provide for all right, title, and interest in certain property in Washington County, UT, to be vested in the United States.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 10, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on the President's proposed budget for FY2002 for the National Park Service.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at 10:15 a.m. to receive testimony regarding FY02 Budget requests for the Department of Transportation and the General Services Administration.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Christie Onoda and John Carwell of Senator DODD's staff be granted the privilege of the floor during the remainder of the debate on S. 1.

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

MODIFICATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 402

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the instruction line of amendment No. 402 be modified to conform to the pending Jeffords substitute amendment. Amendment No. 402 was previously agreed to.

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

NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 75 and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 75) designating the week beginning May 13, 2001, as "National Biotechnology Week."

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

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 75) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 75

Whereas biotechnology is increasingly important to the research and development of medical, agricultural, industrial, and environmental products;

Whereas public awareness, education, and understanding of biotechnology is essential for the responsible application and regulation of this new technology;

Whereas biotechnology has been responsible for breakthroughs and achievements that have benefited people for centuries and contributed to increasing the quality of human health care through the development of vaccines, antibiotics, and other drugs;

Whereas biotechnology is central to research for cures to diseases such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, heart and lung disease, Alzheimer's disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and innumerable other medical ailments;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to crop yields and farm productivity, and enhances the quality, value, and suitability of crops for food and other uses that are critical to the agriculture of the United States;

Whereas biotechnology promises environmental benefits including protection of water quality, conservation of topsoil, improvement of waste management techniques, reduction of chemical pesticide usage, production of renewable energy and biobase products, and cleaner manufacturing processes;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to the success of the United States as the global leader in research and development, and international commerce;

Whereas biotechnology will be an important catalyst for creating more high-skilled jobs throughout the 21st century and will lead the way in reinvigorating rural economies; and

Whereas it is important for all Americans to understand the beneficial role biotechnology plays in improving quality of life and protecting the environment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning May 13, 2001, as "National Biotechnology Week"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the

United States to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 821

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 821 and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 106-554, appoints the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) to the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Education Foundation.

The Chair, on behalf of the democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, announces the appointment of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consideration of the following nominations, reported by the Judiciary Committee: Daniel Bryant, PN 214; Larry Thompson, PN 200; reported by the Banking Committee: Grant Aldonas, PN 216, Robert Hubbard, PN 264, Kenneth Juster, PN 192.

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 session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Larry D. Thompson, of Georgia, to be Deputy Attorney General.

Daniel J. Bryant, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Kenneth I. Juster, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

Grant D. Aldonas, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Robert Glenn Hubbard, of New York, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

NOMINATION OF DANIEL BRYANT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, Dan Bryant is well-known to many of us, espe-

cially those of us serving on the Judiciary Committee. We knew him first as an able member of the House Judiciary Committee staff and through his work as the Chief Counsel of the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, working under Chairman HYDE and Congressman MCCOLLUM. At his confirmation hearing, Mr. HYDE, Mr. CONYERS, Senator BIDEN and both Senators from Virginia all came to testify on his behalf.

Mr. Bryant is respectful of the Senate and, I feel, all Senators. We are already working with Mr. Bryant as he is serving as a consultant to the Department while his nomination is pending. His history and current work give me every reason to support his nomination. I look forward to working with him in the days and months ahead. His is a most demanding job. I congratulate Dan and his family on his confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

NOMINATION OF LARRY THOMPSON

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am delighted that the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously reported the nomination of Larry Thompson to be Deputy Attorney General to the Senate. The Deputy Attorney General is number two in command at the Department of Justice and plays a key role as a top advisor to the Attorney General. Former Deputies include William Rogers and Byron White, Nicholas Katzenbach and Warren Christopher, Harold Tyler, Jamie Gorelick and Eric Holder.

The Deputy has traditionally assumed responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Department. The Deputy often has direct oversight of a number of divisions and units within the Department, including the FBI and those with criminal jurisdiction. The Deputy position may assume even greater significance in this Administration, since we have not seen any indication that there will be an Associate Attorney General with whom the Deputy might share those leadership responsibilities.

I know that Mr. Thompson is a strong conservative. I have confidence that we can work together. I believe him when he indicates that he is prepared to have a candid and responsive relationship with the Judiciary Committee, including the Democratic Senators.

I know that Mr. Thompson served previously as a United States Attorney and that he appreciates, as those of us who served as local prosecutors understand, where the front lines of law enforcement are, how they must be supported and that partisan politics have no business in law enforcement.

It was not only his testimony but the testimony of Mr. Thompson's home State Senators that I found compelling. Both Senator CLELAND and Senator MILLER came to the Committee and gave strong support. Those statements matter. His home state Senators would be expected to know him best and it was clear to me that they know him well.

Senator CLELAND's endorsement was without reservation. Senator MILLER described him as a consummate professional, quiet yet strong, someone who exercises enormous common sense, a person of great substance and little ego, and one who will put principle ahead of politics every time. We were assured that Larry Thompson comes with no agenda, and will base every decision on what is right, not what is popular or politically expedient.

With those kinds of endorsements and assurances, and with the frank exchanges that we had during the course of the hearing process, I feel confident in supporting the nomination of Larry Thompson. I look forward to working with Mr. Thompson in the days ahead and I congratulate Mr. Thompson and his entire family on his confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, May 14. I further ask unanimous consent that on Monday, 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 begin a period of morning business with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN or his designee, 12 noon to 1, and Senator THOMAS or his designee, 1 to 2.

Further, I ask unanimous consent that at 2 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 1, the education bill, and Senator REID be recognized in order to call up amendment No. 460.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. For the information of all Senators, when the Senate convenes at 12 noon on Monday, there will be 2 hours of morning business. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the education bill and the Reid amendment No. 460. Under the order, if it is agreed to, there will be up to 1 hour of debate on the amendment which will then be laid aside.

Also on Monday, Senator CLELAND will be recognized at 4 p.m. to resume debate of his modified amendment No. 376. A vote in relation to the Reid amendment will begin at 5:30 p.m. and following that vote and some closing remarks, a vote is expected in relation