

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Bingaman (Ranking Member), Mr. Akaka, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Landrieu, Mrs. Feinstein, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Salazar, and Mr. Menendez.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Kohl (Ranking Member), Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Carper, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Salazar.

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Conrad (Ranking Member), Mr. Sarbanes, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Menendez.

Select Committee on Ethics: Mr. Johnson (Vice Chairman), Mr. Pryor and Mr. Salazar.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Mr. Rockefeller (Vice Chairman), Mr. Levin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Bayh, Ms. Mikulski, and Mr. Feingold.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

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RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senators be permitted to introduce bills and submit statements for the RECORD until 12 noon today.

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

INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR TIMOTHY KAINES

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, we had a historic moment in the Commonwealth of Virginia this past weekend. I was privileged, along with Senator ALLEN, to attend the inauguration of our new Governor. We have an unusual situation in the Commonwealth of Virginia where our Governors are elected in what we call the off year for elections in America, but it was a very significant occasion for the people of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

An interesting footnote in history: our capitol building in Richmond is under renovation at this time. Consequently, very wisely, Governor Kaine selected Williamsburg, VA, for the purposes of his inauguration. As I said, it was a rainy day, but we all enjoyed it.

On behalf of the Congressional delegation and the people of Virginia, I am privileged to place into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the inaugural address given by Governor Timothy Kaine, Virginia's 70th Governor on January 14, 2006. Due to the extensive renovation of Virginia's Capitol in Richmond, Satur-

day's inauguration was held at the Colonial Capital of Williamsburg for only the third time in the Commonwealth's history and the first since that of Thomas Jefferson in 1779.

Williamsburg, Virginia was home to the first Capitol building in America and served as the home of the House of Burgesses. It is fitting that this inauguration took place in Williamsburg as Virginia and Nation prepares to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Jamestown settlement in 2007.

We in Virginia are proud of our long-standing spirit of cooperation and bipartisanship among the various branches of government in the Commonwealth and with the members of our congressional delegation serving in Washington. I look forward to working with Governor Kaine as he is the eighth Governor to serve Virginia during my service in the United States Senate. It is in this spirit of bipartisanship that I ask unanimous consent that Governor Kaine's inaugural address to the Commonwealth of Virginia be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From Colonial Capitol, Williamsburg, Virginia, Jan. 14, 2006]

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF TIM KAINES—70TH GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Mr. President Pro Tem, Members of the General Assembly, Mr. Chief Justice, Members of the Supreme Court, Mr. Attorney General, ladies and gentlemen:

I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me. With the support of God and my family, I pledge my energy and enthusiasm to the mission of serving this Commonwealth.

I salute with great respect our dear friend Governor Mark Warner, and I ask that all Virginians join me in showing their public appreciation for his outstanding leadership.

I congratulate Lieutenant Governor Bolling, Attorney General McDonnell and all the members of the General Assembly who have stepped forward to offer their talents to advance our common good.

This is a glorious day—the weather is to remind us not to take ourselves too seriously. And how far Virginia has come since we last gathered for an inauguration in Williamsburg!

Patrick Henry was sworn in here as the newly-formed Commonwealth's first Governor in 1776 and, three years later, Thomas Jefferson followed in his footsteps. Henry and Jefferson stood here in the midst of a war raging on our country's soil, a war that threatened the very existence of Virginia and our young nation.

They stood here at a time, just as today, when Virginians serving freedom's cause sacrificed their lives so that democracy could prevail over tyranny. They stood here proclaiming the Promise of Virginia, when the world around them doubted that the land of their vision would survive.

Could Henry or Jefferson have imagined the powerful success of their democratic experiment, their beloved Virginia, as it appears today? As a people, we have come through storm after storm, working out the meaning of our own destiny and coming closer and closer to the Virginia ideal of equality that Jefferson articulated in America's Declaration of Independence.

As we stand here now, our hearts should be filled with the magnitude of the debt we owe to the generations of leaders—the celebrated and the unknown—who fought and worked to create our Commonwealth. The Promise of Virginia is bright today because of their efforts, and it is up to us to carry the work forward for future generations.

Today's ceremony honors and renews that experiment, and continues the promise that Virginia—which has so often led our nation through the past four centuries—will continue to lead our nation in the 21st century. And we will lead, we will keep the Promise of Virginia bright, if we stay true to the best values that have guided our first 400 years.

First, we reaffirm the necessity of courage. This is the defining trait of those who came to Virginia aboard the Discovery, Godspeed and Susan Constant, landing just a few miles from this place at Jamestown Island in 1607. They knew that earlier efforts, by the Spanish and English, to establish settlements in this region had ended in disaster. But they crossed treacherous seas to arrive at a new world because they understood the need to do and to dare. Their survival and success depended upon bold leadership. We must be equally bold to tackle the challenges of our day.

Second, we acknowledge that individual opportunity is the most powerful engine of progress. The first English settlers came as part of a commercial venture, the Virginia Company, seeking economic riches in the New World. Others came seeking the opportunity to worship as they pleased or to trade away an aristocracy of birth for an aristocracy of merit. When individuals have the opportunity to set their own purpose, and determine the bar for their own achievements, they are able to harness their God-given talents and ensure our economic and social success.

And third, we recognize that our destiny is a shared destiny and that our commitment to community is a condition of our advancement. Our Virginia might not exist today were it not for the generosity extended to those first settlers by the native Virginia tribes living in this region. Without the hospitality of Chief Powhatan or the compassion of Pocahontas, those in Jamestown would have perished. Throughout Virginia's history, we have succeeded only when we have welcomed all to the table of Thanksgiving.

That same sense of community is required of us today. We must include all Virginians in our efforts. We should continue to welcome newcomers to this Commonwealth and nation, just as Chief Powhatan did 400 years ago.

Hemos venido hoy día, a este lugar para recordar la promesa de nuestros antepasados. Como gobernador, seré justo e incluyente de todas las comunidades, con la certeza que juntos lograremos construir un mejor futuro para Virginia. [We have come here today to remember the promise made by our forefathers. As Governor, I will be fair and inclusive of all communities with the certainty that together we can achieve a better future in Virginia.]

And, we should use this historic time to help those who first helped us by working with the federal government to see that Virginia's native Indian tribes are finally recognized.

Our challenges today are different than those faced by the Jamestown settlers, or the first Virginia governors. But they require fidelity to the same values. We may not have new geographic worlds to discover, but there are still worlds of research and knowledge, of information and creativity, of commerce and service, of reconciliation and brotherhood, that await our exploration.

To keep the Promise of Virginia, to succeed, we will embrace our best, historic values and we will work together. Ours will be a non-partisan, Virginia agenda that includes all. At the heart of what I pledge to you today is the desire to keep Virginia moving forward.

To the people of Virginia: I pledge an administration that will keep the Promise of Virginia strong. An administration guided by the Virginia values of courage, opportunity and community. We will lead boldly and manage wisely; we will protect the liberties endowed by our Creator; we will affirm that family and faith is our bedrock, hard work our way and education our path to progress. When we are true to that promise, we will succeed and truly honor the legacy we inherit.

To the parents of Virginia: I pledge that our top priority will be raising the focus of our public education system from competence to excellence.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that progress depends on the broadest possible diffusion of knowledge among the entire population. More than ever, we are now in a position to provide all children with the opportunity to learn and fulfill their God-given potential. And we acknowledge that lifelong learning—from the expansion of early childhood education to world-class higher education, and beyond—is our Commonwealth's top priority.

To the taxpayers of Virginia: I pledge that we will always remember that what government spends is not its money. It's your money. We will place a premium on accountability; ensuring that your dollars are used responsibly in meeting the priorities that we share.

To those who commute and travel in Virginia: I pledge that my administration will begin immediately and work urgently to address the transportation dilemma that complicates our lives and threatens our prosperity. Together, let us find answers through a dialogue that is shaped not simply in terms of dollars and cents, but also by new solutions and common sense. A lack of coordination and planning has us stuck where we are today. Let it not be fear and politics that leaves us stranded here.

To the working families of Virginia and those that employ them: I pledge an administration focused on fostering opportunity and encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit; an administration focused on ensuring that every hard-working Virginian—no matter where they live—has access to a good paying job to provide for their family.

We will also work with you to find solutions to the problem of accessible, affordable health care; a burden that is overwhelming working families, small businesses and government budgets.

To those who protect us, our guardsmen, law enforcement officers, firefighters and EMTs: I pledge an administration that will work to ensure you have the resources and the support you need to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. The work you do is dangerous and essential. And we salute your dedication.

To those who serve in local governments: I pledge an administration that is a good partner with a focus on cooperation and collaboration. The people we serve are the same people you serve. When we work together, we serve them better.

To those who love Virginia's natural beauty: I pledge an administration that will be a good steward of Virginia's blessings of natural beauty. Our natural resources are essential to both our way of life and our ability to make a living. The streams we fish, the trails we hike, the fields that we harvest and the hills that we hunt with our children today must be protected for them and their children tomorrow.

And to the children of Virginia: I pledge an administration that will do its all to leave you with a Commonwealth greater than the one we found; filled with opportunities, greater than those of our dreams; a Commonwealth where the Promise of Virginia rings true for every son and daughter.

I seek the help of all Virginians—regardless of party or region, race or religion—in keeping the promise of Virginia.

Let us rise to the leadership example of Virginia's first four hundred years. Let us affirm and carry forward our values of courage, opportunity and community.

Let us remember that civility is not a sign of weakness—that cooperation and compromise are necessary for progress and for the sensible solutions we can all embrace to keep the promise of Virginia strong. Under God's hand, we have thrived. If we stay faithful to our history, we will succeed.

Let us work together.

Let us begin.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2006, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:52 a.m., adjourned until Friday, January 20, 2006, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 18, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

GALE A. BUCHANAN, OF GEORGIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMICS, VICE JOSEPH J. JEN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PRESTON M. GEREN, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE R. L. BROWNLEE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JAMES S. SIMPSON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATOR, VICE JENNIFER L. DORN.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

ROBERT M. COUCH, OF ALABAMA, TO BE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, VICE RONALD ROSENFIELD.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROGER SHANE KARR, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE NICOLE R. NASON.

TYLER D. DUVALL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE EMIL H. FRANKEL.

DAVID C. SANBORN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, VICE WILLIAM SCHUBERT.

NICOLE R. NASON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, VICE JEFFREY WILLIAM RUNGE.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

JAMES B. GULLIFORD, OF MISSOURI, TO BE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE STEPHEN L. JOHNSON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICHARD A. BOUCHER, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, VICE CHRISTINA B. ROCCA.

MARK D. WALLACE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR U.N. MANAGEMENT AND REFORM, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR, VICE PATRICK FRANCIS KENNEDY.

MARK D. WALLACE, OF FLORIDA, 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.

JACKIE WOLCOTT SANDERS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

JACKIE WOLCOTT SANDERS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPECIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN THE UNITED NATIONS.

PATRICIA A. BUTENIS, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH.

DONALD T. BLISS, OF MARYLAND, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

BEN S. BERNANKE, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES ALTERNATE GOVERNOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE ALAN GREENSPAN.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

JOHN A. SIMON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, VICE ROSS J. CONNELLY, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

DAVID L. NORQUIST, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE ANDREW B. MANER.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on January 18, 2006 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

EUGENE HICKOK, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2008, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 17, 2005.