

The period of Judge Kollar-Kotelly's service as presiding judge, from 2002 to 2009, has been, of course, a period of enormous challenge for the FISA Court. The work of the court, apart from limited releases of statistical information and the rare case in which a redacted opinion has been released publicly, occurs in secrecy. But while little is publicly known about her service as presiding judge, from the vantage point of the Senate Intelligence Committee I can say with confidence that the American people should be very grateful for her leadership of this most important court.

Congratulations, Judge Kollar-Kotelly, and thanks for a job well done.●

CONGRATULATING THE GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009

● Mr. LUGAR. Madam President, I take the opportunity today to congratulate the class of 2009 at George Washington Community High School in Indianapolis, IN. This class has achieved the notable result of having all 89 spring and summer graduates accepted to college—a rare feat for any high school in America. Many of these students will be the first members of their families to attend college. Only about 5 percent of the adults in the surrounding community have attended college.

I am especially proud of what the students, teachers, and families of Washington High School are achieving because the school and community have played a big role in my early career and in the life of my family. My grandfather, Thomas L. Green, lived on the West Side of Indianapolis near Washington High School. Although he had only a fifth-grade education, he established Thomas L. Green and Company, a food machinery manufacturing firm, in a factory near the high school.

When I returned to Indianapolis in 1960 after my Navy service, I joined my brother, Thomas R. Lugar, in managing the food machinery business. Many of our employees and interns came from the neighborhood surrounding George Washington High School. Thanks to the leadership of Principal Cloyd Julian and others, we joined the George Washington Business club, through which we met frequently with the students and teachers.

In late 1963, a delegation from the West Side came to my office at the factory to encourage me to run for the Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners. They felt that schools on the West Side were being neglected, and they wanted to ensure that the perspective of our community was heard. I accepted their challenge and won a seat on the board in May of 1964. This responsibility deepened my involvement in the affairs of George Washington and other schools in our neighborhood.

I was elected mayor of Indianapolis in 1967 and continued to stay closely

involved with the school. During this period, George Washington had developed a legendary basketball program that was followed closely on the West Side. The school won the Indiana High School Basketball State Championship in 1965 and 1969. We attended every tournament game and any pep rallies. It was wonderful to see the high school as a leader politically, academically, and athletically.

I take a moment to recount this cherished history because George Washington is a prime example of how a school can succeed through the hard work of its students and teachers, the support of the community, and the expectation of achievement. These students have dedicated themselves to setting an example for their younger siblings and the classes that will follow them at George Washington. The teachers never stop preaching about the advantages of going to college and never let the students assume that their education ends with high school. And parents have supported these students, even if the experience of college is a new one for their families.

The most fundamental element of American competitiveness and progress is the quality of education that our children receive. We must make sure that all of our young people are educated 100 percent of them. We cannot afford to be satisfied with less. George Washington High School clearly has embraced this challenge.

I am privileged to recognize this marvelous school and the students who are graduating and going to college, for this signal achievement. It is clear that the students at George Washington have the vision and inspiration to move ahead, which is so important to their lives but also to the success of our great country. I look forward to following their achievements and supporting their dreams in the years ahead.

Below is a complete list of the remarkable George Washington High School Class of 2009:

Edgardo Aboytes, Megan Adams, Armando Alejo, Mauricio Arreola, Salvador Arteaga, Jose Arteaga, Louis Aumann, Imelda Benitez-Vasquez, Sarah Boles, Devon Brogan, Dawn Caffery, Sebastiana Campos, Aloric Carson, Ariel Casillas, Katherine Cook, Erik Cook, Cheris Drotz-Smith, Joyce East, Luis Escatel, Petra Felder.

Edith Flores, Anthony Fuller, Manuel Gil, Dortha Glenn, Noe Gonzalez, John Graves, Christopher Hall, Katey Hicks, Kaela Hunt, Kathryn Hunter, Tiffany Ingalls, Alma Jimenez, Dujuan Johnson, Cleveland Johnson, Charles Lile, James Locke, Adelmor Lopez, Rubi Lopez, Daniel Luckett, Karina Magallanes.

Jessica Martinez, Joshua Masters, Angela McClure, Ashley McClure, Patrick McDonald, Frederick McKnight, Keith McLemore, Adem Meftah, Shantina Moore, Fernando Mora, James Morris, Felicia Moy, Nohemi Ocampo, Rick Owens, Andrew Parsley, Julian Peters, Kiara Ragland, Miguel Ramirez, Tisha Ramirez, Daniel Rangel.

Matthew Reeves, Jeffery Riley, Tiffany Riley, Brittney Ritchie, Marcos Rivera, Marvin Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, Fernando Rojas, Marcus Ross, Emanuel Ruiz,

Loniqua Smith, Erica Snyder, Gregorio Soto, Brittany Spears, Jason Stark-Jines, DeVaughn Stokes.

India Tinsley, Samantha Turner, Maria Valdez, Kenneth Valentine, Cassandra Vest, Sherry Whitescarver, Brandy Whitescarver, Victoria Wilcox, Calvin Williams, Rodshied Williams, William Wilson, Cassandra Wilson, Jose Zelaya.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following bill was discharged from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 1007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny a deduction for excessive compensation of any employee of an employer; to the Committee on Finance.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-1740. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Etoxazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8413-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1741. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance; Technical Amendments" (FRL-8417-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1742. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report relative to the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 12938 with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1743. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1744. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA): Rule To Simplify and Improve the Process of Obtaining Mortgages and Reduce Consumer Settlement Costs; Withdrawal of Revised Definition of 'Required Use'" ((RIN2502-AI61)(FR-5180-F-06)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1745. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishing U.S. Ports of Entry in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and Implementing the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program; Change of Implementation Date" (RIN1651-AA77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 22, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1746. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Western Electricity Coordinating Council Regional Reliability Standard Regarding Automatic Time Error Correction" (Docket No. RM08-12-000) as received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 16, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1747. A communication from the Director, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (4) reports relative to vacancy announcements within the Agency; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1748. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Approval of Section 110(a)(1) Maintenance Plan for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for Cherokee County" (FRL-8911-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1749. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Continuous Instrumental Test Methods; Correction" (FRL-8910-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1750. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of the New Source Review Program for Particulate Matter Less Than w.5 Micrometers (PM_{2.5})" (FRL-8910-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1751. A communication from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revised Designation of Critical Habitat for the Wintering Population of the Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) in Texas" (RIN1018-AV46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to

the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1752. A communication from the Chief, Branch of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for Peninsular Bighorn Sheep and Determination of a Distinct Population Segment of Desert Bighorn Sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*)" (RIN1018-AV09) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1753. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Florida; Removal of Gasoline Vapor Recovery from the Southeast Florida Area" (FRL-8911-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 27, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1161. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize programs to increase the number of nurse faculty and to increase the domestic nursing and physical therapy workforce, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1162. A bill to require notification of the Federal Aviation Administration with respect to wildlife strikes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1163. A bill to add 1 member with aviation safety expertise to the Federal Aviation Administration Management Advisory Council; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1164. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Automated Defibrillation in Adam's Memory Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1165. A bill to promote the development of health care cooperatives that will help businesses to pool the health care purchasing power of employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. BAYH, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. Res. 164. A resolution amending Senate Resolution 400, 94th Congress, and Senate Resolution 445, 108th Congress, to improve congressional oversight of the intelligence activities of the United States, to provide a

strong, stable, and capable congressional committee structure to provide the intelligence community appropriate oversight, support, and leadership, and to implement a key recommendation of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. Res. 165. A resolution to encourage recognition of 2009 as the "Year of the Military Family"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 166. A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 148

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act.

S. 348

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 348, a bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate discrimination in the immigration laws by permitting permanent partners of United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to obtain lawful permanent resident status in the same manner as spouses of citizens and lawful permanent residents and to penalize immigration fraud in connection with permanent partnerships.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) were added as cosponsors of S. 451, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S.