

executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 833 and 875; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate proceed, with no intervening action or debate, to vote on Calendar Nos. 833 and 875, in that order; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TO AMEND THE REVISED ORGANIC ACT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6116 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6116) to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 6116) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Veterans' Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2045 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2045) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to reside within fifty miles of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Burr amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the bill, as

amended, be read three times and passed; that the motion to reconsider be made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that any statements related to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3337) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

On page 2, line 19, strike "the District of Columbia" and insert "the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area".

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (S. 2045), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2045

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT THAT JUDGES ON UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS RESIDE WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(a) RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7255 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 7255. Offices, duty stations, and residences

"(a) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—The principal office of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims shall be in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, but the Court may sit at any place within the United States.

"(b) OFFICIAL DUTY STATIONS.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the official duty station of each judge while in active service shall be the principal office of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

"(2) The place where a recall-eligible retired judge maintains the actual abode in which such judge customarily lives shall be considered the recall-eligible retired judge's official duty station.

"(c) RESIDENCES.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), after appointment and while in active service, each judge of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims shall reside within 50 miles of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

"(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to recall-eligible retired judges of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims."

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 72 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 7255 and inserting the following new item:

"7255. Offices, duty stations, and residences."

(b) REMOVAL.—Section 7253(f)(1) of such title is amended by striking "or engaging in the practice of law" and inserting "engaging in the practice of law, or violating section 7255(c) of this title".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 7255 of such title, as added by subsection (a), and the amendment made by subsection (b) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (b) shall apply with respect to judges confirmed on or after January 1, 2012.

AUTHORIZING THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 616.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 616) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has received a request from a Federal law enforcement agency seeking access to records that the Subcommittee obtained during its recent investigation into the anti-money laundering and terrorist financing vulnerabilities created when a global bank uses its U.S. affiliate to provide U.S. dollars, U.S. dollar services, and access to the U.S. financial system to high risk affiliates, high risk correspondent banks, and high risk clients.

This resolution would authorize the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, acting jointly, to provide records, obtained by the subcommittee in the course of its investigation, in response to this request and requests from other government entities and officials with a legitimate need for the records.

I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statement be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 616) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 616

Whereas, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs conducted an investigation into the anti-money laundering and terrorist financing vulnerabilities created when a global bank uses its U.S. affiliate to provide U.S. dollars, U.S. dollar services, and access to the U.S. financial system to high risk affiliates, high risk correspondent banks, and high risk clients;

Whereas, the Subcommittee has received a request from a federal law enforcement agency for access to records of the Subcommittee's investigation;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the

Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to law enforcement officials, regulatory agencies, and other entities or individuals duly authorized by federal, state, or foreign governments, records of the Subcommittee's investigation into the anti-money laundering and terrorist financing vulnerabilities created when a global bank uses its U.S. affiliate to provide U.S. dollars, U.S. dollar services, and access to the U.S. financial system to high risk affiliates, high risk correspondent banks, and high risk clients.

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that from Thursday, December 13, through Monday, December 17, the majority leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2012; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following morning business, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 3 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; and that following morning business, the Senate begin consideration of H.R. 1, the legislative vehicle for the emergency supplemental appropriations bill.

I will also say we are going to have an amendment process there. People should be able to offer amendments. We ought to be able to finish the bill very quickly. If people have amendments, they should visit with the two managers of the bill. I assume the managers will be Senator LEAHY and Senator COCHRAN.

Finally, at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. On Monday we will begin consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill. There will be a 5:30 vote on confirmation of the Olguin nomination.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:29 p.m., adjourned until Monday, December 17, 2012, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Thursday, December 13, 2012:

THE JUDICIARY

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

FRANK PAUL GERACI, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.