

of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report detailing—

(1) all Agency drinking water research the Assistant Administrator finds is not of sufficiently high quality; and

(2) all Agency drinking water research the Assistant Administrator finds duplicates other Agency research.

Mr. ROTH. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate disagree with the amendment of the House and agree to the request for a conference, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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

The Presiding Officer (Mr. FRIST) appointed Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. REID, and Mr. LAUTENBERG conferees on the part of the Senate.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, as in executive session, the Senate immediately proceed to the consideration of the following Executive Calendar nominations, No. 513, James Jones; No. 576, Donald Molloy.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that any statements relating to any of the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, and the Senate then immediately return to legislative session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed, en bloc, as follows:

#### THE JUDICIARY

James P. Jones, of Virginia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

Donald W. Molloy, of Montana, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Montana.

#### NOMINATION OF JAMES P. JONES

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, one characteristic shared by most top-notch judges is patience. It is an attribute which James P. Jones, the President's nominee to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, has in abundance. This is fortu-

nate, because he has waited a very long time for this day. Jim was first nominated to be a Federal district judge over 16 years ago, but his nomination became entangled in presidential politics and never came to the Senate floor for consideration. That was 1980. He was recommended for this position again last summer, renominated last December, favorably reported unanimously by the Judiciary Committee in March, and has been pending on the Executive Calendar ever since. I know he's relieved to have finally completed this torturous journey, and I'm pleased that he will finally be able to demonstrate what those of us acquainted with him have known for years—that he will make an exemplary judge.

I have known Jim Jones for over 20 years. His experience will help him discharge the responsibilities which will be placed upon him. He's been a litigator in private practice for almost 28 years. He has served as a state senator, assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth, and law clerk in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

In addition to his keen intellect and superior legal skills, Jim has the character and even disposition crucial for a successful jurist. Not only is Jim well-suited for the position, he has dedicated much of his life outside his legal practice to public service. He has been involved in many community and bar-related activities, and he has recently served as president of the Virginia Board of Education.

I was pleased to be given the opportunity to recommend Jim Jones to the President for this nomination, and I am confident that Jim will serve with distinction as a Federal district court judge in the western district of Virginia. I'm glad he will finally have a chance to serve.

With that Mr. President, I thank my colleagues for supporting this nomination and I yield the floor.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 19, 1996

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in

adjournment until the hour of 9 a.m. on Friday, July 19; further, that immediately following the prayer the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; and that the Senate immediately resume consideration of the reconciliation bill under the previous order.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. ROTH. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow morning there will be a series of rollcall votes beginning at 9 o'clock a.m. on or in relation to amendments to the reconciliation bill, and following that series of votes the Senate will continue to debate amendments to the bill.

However, no further votes will occur during Friday's session of the Senate or during Monday's session of the Senate. Any votes ordered on those amendments will occur at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Also, it is the majority leader's intention to turn to the agricultural appropriations bill at 2 p.m. on Monday. Again, Senators intending to offer amendments or raise points of order with respect to the reconciliation bill must do so either tomorrow or Monday.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:30 p.m., adjourned until Friday, July 19, 1996, at 9 a.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 18, 1996:

#### THE JUDICIARY

JAMES P. JONES, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.  
DONALD W. MOLLOY, OF MONTANA, TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA.