

any statements relating to the bill appear in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 6743) was read the third time and passed.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT—H.R. 4354

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent when the Senate receives from the House H.R. 4354, a bill regarding the U.S. Capitol Police Memorial Fund, the bill be considered read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill appear in the RECORD.

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

Mr. GORTON. I further ask consent that if the language of H.R. 4354, as amended, as received, is different than that of the bill currently at the desk, this consent be vitiated.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. GORTON. I ask unanimous consent the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nominations of James E. Newsome, Keith C. Kelly, Charles Rawls, and Barbara Pedersen Holum, and further that the Senate proceed to their consideration and consideration en bloc the following nominations on the Executive Calendar, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 707, 708, 710, 712, 713, 714, 715, 717, 723, 724, 725, 727, 729, 736, 737, 782, 791, and 792, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Foreign Service.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; any statements relating to the nominations appear in the RECORD; and 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 considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### THE JUDICIARY

John D. Kelly, of North Dakota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Dan A. Polster, of Ohio to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

Robert G. James, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Ralph E. Tyson, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana.

Raner Christercunean Collins, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Deborah K. Kilmer, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Neal F. Lane, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Clyde J. Hart, Jr., of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Commissioner of Customs.

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

Elizabeth Bresee, of New York to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Jacob Joseph Lew, of New York, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

#### THE JUDICIARY

Kim McLean Wardlaw, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Richard Nelson Swett, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Denmark.

Arthur Louis Schechter, of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

James Howard Holmes, 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 Republic of Latvia.

John Bruce Craig, of Pennsylvania, 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 Sultanate of Oman.

David Michael Satterfield, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lebanon.

Charles F. Kartman, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for the Korean Peace Talks.

William B. Milam, of California, 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 Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bill Richardson, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of Energy.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Howard Hikaru Tagomori, of Hawaii, to be United States Marshal for the District of Hawaii for the term of four years.

Paul M. Warner, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

#### IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

Foreign Service nominations beginning Homi Jamshed, and ending Joseph E. Zadrozny, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 18, 1998.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Robert Bigart, Jr., and ending Carol J. Urban, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 15, 1998.

#### NOMINATION OF RAYMOND W. KELLY

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, today this body formally approved the nomination of Raymond W. Kelly, of New York, to be Commissioner of Customs. I am deeply, deeply pleased and believe that we have a Customs Commissioner of whom we can be proud, who will do the kind of outstanding work that Ray Kelly has done over the years in law enforcement.

He is a native New Yorker. He spent quite a bit of his time as a young man in the village of Island Park, where I live and grew up. So it is a great pleasure to see him come to this highly regarded position. I know he is going to be an outstanding Commissioner, and I look forward to working with him.

#### NOMINATION OF JACOB JOSEPH LEW

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, as we confirm the nomination of Mr. Jack Lew to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, I want to take this opportunity to highlight a problem that OMB has the power to help correct, but to this date has chosen not to.

As many are aware, there is a real problem right now in rural America brought about the dismal farm prices. The only way that commodity prices are going to increase is to boost exports. Certainly, passage of Fast Track, funding of the IMF, continuing normal trade relations with China, and lifting sanctions are necessary parts of the strategy to grow our export markets.

However, there is also a tool, the Export Enhancement Program, that the federal government can be using to help boost exports and revive farm exports in the near term. Congress has done its part in providing appropriations for this program, but the Administration has failed to utilize the program.

The EEP program is designed to help our agricultural exports compete in the face of subsidized competition in international markets. Despite clear evidence that subsidized competition is eroding U.S. markets, particularly for wheat flour, the Administration has been dragging its feet in initiating the EEP.

The USDA has been pushing for the use of the Export Enhancement Program for wheat flour for almost two years. However, before the program can be initiated, an interagency review group, of which OMB is a member, must approve the initiative. OMB has not endorsed usage of the Export Enhancement Program to counteract European subsidies for wheat flour, and thus has effectively blocked use of the program.

It is objectionable that the Clinton Administration is not compelled to stand up for its farm community in the face of adversity in the same way that its European counterparts are. Secondly, it is objectionable that the OMB is driving agricultural trade policy, instead of the Department of Agriculture in conjunction with the U.S. Trade Representative.