

implementing the provisions of the Act on job creation on a national and regional level.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 4389

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have an amendment to the instructions at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) proposes an amendment numbered 4389 to the instructions of the motion to refer to the House message No. 4213.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, insert the following: "and include statistical data on the specific service related positions created."

Mr. REID. On this, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

AMENDMENT NO. 4390 TO AMENDMENT NO. 4389

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a second-degree amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) proposes an amendment numbered 4390 to amendment No. 4389.

The amendment is as follows:

At the end, insert the following: "and the impact on the local economy."

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider, en bloc, Calendar Nos. 782, 953, 954, 955, 956, and 957; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc; that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Malcolm D. Jackson, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

Christopher A. Masingill, of Arkansas, to be Federal Cochairperson, Delta Regional Authority.

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Rafael Moure-Eraso, of Massachusetts, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Mark A. Griffon, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Rafael Moure-Eraso, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

MORNING BUSINESS

REMEMBERING STEPHEN YOUNG

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, the State of West Virginia and the Nation's coal industry lost a very good man last week, and I lost a good friend. Mr. Stephen Young, a native of Buckhannon, WV, who had been the vice president of government affairs at Consol Energy for more than three decades, passed away on June 15th.

Steve and I worked together to protect and promote the best interests of coal, a vital form of energy which has helped make our country strong, and on which our Nation depends. I always, I repeat, always, found Steve Young to be a friendly and cooperative person with whom to work, as well as a decent and considerate man. Steve was a gentleman. He was soft spoken, effective in everything he did, and respected and liked by all.

Steve was the director of State operations for Consol Energy. He had also been president of the West Virginia Coal Association and had served on the Board of Directors of a number of other State coal associations. He also served on the board of directors of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce and was a member of its executive committee. As a tribute to his talents, a few years ago, Steve was elected to the West Virginia Coal Hall of Fame.

Mr. Young was simply devoted to the coal industry, to the progress of West Virginia, his home State which he loved dearly, and to his family. I will certainly miss him and his vast experience and expertise.

I extend my heart felt condolences to his wife Maureen, his children and grandchildren, and his sister.

SCENT OF THE ROSES

Let fate do her worst, there are relics of joy,
Bright dreams of the past that she cannot
destroy,

That come in the night-time of sorrow and
care,

And bring back the features that joy used to
wear.

Long, long be my heart with such memories
filled,

Like the vase in which roses have once been
distilled,

You may break, you may shatter the vase if
you will,

But the scent of the roses will hang round it
still.—Thomas Moore.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION AGAINST IMPUNITY IN GUATEMALA

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on June 7, the head of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala, CICIG, a U.N. supported body set up to investigate organized crime and clandestine groups in Guatemala, resigned. In a press conference, he highlighted problems with Guatemala's newly selected attorney general, who he accused of trying to undermine the Commission's investigations. He also described a general lack of cooperation from the Guatemalan Government in CICIG's mission.

Not long ago, on April 5, I spoke in this Chamber of Guatemala's need for an attorney general with the integrity, experience, courage and determination to show that justice can be a reality for all the people of Guatemala regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or economic status. Unfortunately, President Colom's choice fell short on all counts.

This concerns me greatly. The Commission was created three years ago, at the request of the Guatemalan Government and with the approval of the legislature. It was intended to support Guatemala in investigating and dismantling powerful criminal networks deeply entrenched in state institutions and to help strengthen the capacity of the country's dysfunctional judicial system. Since its creation, CICIG has received substantial political and financial backing from the international community, including the United States. I have been a strong supporter of the Commission, and I was encouraged that the Guatemalan Government and the legislature had the political courage to back a serious effort to challenge the organized criminal structures that threaten Guatemala's fragile democracy.

Under the leadership of internationally respected Spanish jurist and prosecutor Carlos Castresana, the CICIG, with dedicated Guatemalan personnel from the Public Ministry, the police, and the support of the courts, has made significant, indeed historic, progress in combating organized crime and ending impunity. Its work has led to the successful investigation of high-profile cases, the arrest of dozens of government officials and ex-military officers, and the purge of thousands of police officers linked to illegal groups.

Having seen that progress, I was saddened to learn of Director Castresana's resignation. I commend him, the Commission's staff, and the many Guatemalans who have supported the CICIG for their courage and resolve.

The CICIG is a ground-breaking effort and one of the few successful strategies in the fight against organized crime and rampant institutional corruption in Guatemala. Its efforts must continue. Both the U.N. and the Guatemalan Government need to act swiftly