

Armstrong has done a great deal to encourage public outreach and coordination between Federal, State, and local response resources.

FEMA is the central agency within the Federal Government responsible for emergency planning, preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery. The position for which Mr. Armstrong has been nominated, Associate Director of Mitigation, carries out FEMA's policies and programs to eliminate or reduce risks to life and property from natural hazards such as floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes.

Federal emergency management has always focused primarily on how to respond to a disaster, after it strikes. We in Congress are no different; almost every year, we pass supplemental emergency appropriations legislation to pay for the additional, unanticipated costs of timely disasters.

FEMA is beginning to place greater emphasis on the mitigation or prevention of long-term risks before the disaster strikes. The purpose of this shift in focus is hopefully to reduce liabilities and ultimately to reduce the cost of disaster response. This appears to be a smart move, and we are all eager to see FEMA succeed in carrying out this initiative.

If confirmed, Mr. Armstrong will lead FEMA's efforts in mitigating the risks of natural disasters. This task is not an easy one, but I am confident in Mr. Armstrong's ability to face the challenge ahead.

STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF JAMES A. HARMON

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to rise today in support of the nomination of James Harmon as President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Mr. Harmon is a life-long resident of New York State. After he was born in New York City, his family moved to Mamaroneck where he was raised. After graduating from Brown University and then receiving his M.B.A. in finance from the Wharton Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania, he returned to New York to launch his professional career.

Currently, Mr. Harmon serves as senior chairman of Schroder Wertheim & Co., Inc., an international investment bank headquartered in New York City. Prior to his assumption of the senior chairmanship in 1996, Mr. Harmon was the chairman and chief executive officer of Schroder Wertheim where he oversaw the expansion of the firm's domestic and international investment banking activities. The merger of Schroder ple [UK] and Wertheim in 1985, initiated by Mr. Harmon, created a global investment bank with approximately 5,000 employees operating in 33 countries around the world. In addition, to his work at Schroder Wertheim, the finance background which Mr. Harmon would bring to the Export-Import Bank was honed during his tenure as a member of the Advisory Committee on International Capital

Markets and former chairman of the nominating committee of the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Mr. Harmon's influence in New York City extends beyond banking. In 1994, along with former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, he founded the Barnard-Columbia University Center for Public Policy where he still serves as chairman of its advisory board. Mr. Harmon is also a member of the executive committee and board of directors of the New York City Partnership, the principal vehicle for private-sector activities which improve the city's economic and social health.

I congratulate the distinguished nominee and wish him great good wishes and congratulations. I thank the President for bringing Mr. Harmon's nomination forward.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1997

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 11 a.m., on Monday, June 16. I further ask unanimous consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then be in a period for morning business until the hour of 12:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator COVERDELL, or his designee, for 30 minutes; Senator DASCHLE, or his designee, 30 minutes; Senator LEAHY, 30 minutes.

I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following morning business on Monday, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the State Department authorization.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will not be in session on Friday of this week. The Senate will reconvene on Monday, and following the morning business period, the Senate will begin consideration of the State Department authorization. Senators who intend to offer amendments to that legislation should be prepared to be present on Monday to offer and debate their amendments. Any rollcall votes ordered on any proposed amendment will not occur on Monday, but instead stacked to occur on Tuesday, at a time to be determined by the two leaders. It is hoped that the Senate will be able to finish the State Department

authorization bill early next week and the Senate may then begin consideration of the defense authorization bill, if available.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Friday, June 13, committees have from the hours of 12 to 3 in order to file legislative or executive reported matters.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment, under the previous order, following the remarks of the Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD.

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

Mr. SANTORUM. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

FATHER'S DAY

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, recently I spoke just before Mother's Day with reference to what that day meant to me and generally, I think, to most Americans. It is a day that originated in West Virginia. This coming Sunday, June 15, is Father's Day. While I am proud to note the many valuable contributions made by fathers in the raising of our precious future generations, these words are harder for me to speak, since that collective noun "fathers" also includes myself. Like, I suspect, most fathers whose jobs necessarily consume much of their time and attention, I carry with me both the realization, of which I regret, that I did not spend as much time with my daughters over the years as I would have wished, and the gratitude that my very capable wife was at home to shoulder so much of the effort in the rearing of our children. And she did a fine, fine job.

Over the course of my life, the American family has changed a great deal. More and more fathers are assuming an ever greater role in the raising of their children, from the changing of diapers to attending parent-teacher conferences. "Soccer moms" now share the sidelines—and the car pooling—with "soccer dads." Fathers, as well as working mothers, have learned the day