

Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, add the following:

**SEC. . SAFE HARBOR PROVISIONS**

Notwithstanding sections 104(b), 203(c), 212(d), and 222(d), the safe harbor provisions contained in such sections shall only provide immunity from actions brought under this Act.

**SA 2976.** Mr. DODD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, add the following:

**SEC. . CLARIFICATION OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING FEDERAL LAW.**

(a) STATE PLANS.—The assurances provided by a State under section 202(a)(3) that the State will comply with existing Federal laws, including the laws described in such section, need only be provided insofar as such laws relate to the provisions of this Act.

(b) REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION.—The specific and detailed demonstration provided by a State or locality under section 212(c)(1)(A) that the State or locality will comply with the laws described in such section need only be provided insofar as such laws relate to the provisions of this Act.

**SA 2977.** Mr. DODD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uni-

form and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, add the following:

**SEC. . STUDY AND REPORT ON FIRST TIME VOTERS WHO REGISTER BY MAIL.**

(a) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Election Administration Commission established under section 301 (in this section referred to as the “Commission”) shall conduct a study of the impact of section 103(b) on voters who register by mail.

(2) SPECIFIC ISSUES STUDIED.—The study conducted under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) an examination of the impact of section 103(b) on first time mail registrant voters who vote in person, including the impact of such section on voter registration;

(B) an examination of the impact of such section on the accuracy of voter rolls, including preventing ineligible names from being placed on voter rolls and ensuring that all eligible names are placed on voter rolls; and

(C) an analysis of the impact of such section on existing State practices, such as the use of signature verification or attestation procedures to verify the identity of voters in elections for Federal office, and an analysis of other changes that may be made to improve the voter registration process, such as verification or additional information on the registration card.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date described in section 103(b)(2)(A), the Commission shall submit a report to the President and Congress on the study conducted under subsection (a)(1) together with such recommendations for administrative and legislative action as the Commission determines is appropriate.

**SA 2978.** Mr. DODD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, add the following:

**SEC. . REVISION OF RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.**

Notwithstanding section 402, the rights and remedies established by such section are in addition to all other rights and remedies provided by law, and neither the rights and remedies established by such section nor any other provision of this Act shall supersede, restrict, or limit the application, nor authorize or require conduct that is prohibited by, any of the laws described in such section.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 702 and 703; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, any statements in relation thereto be printed in the RECORD, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

William Smith Taylor, of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Raymond L. Orbach, of California, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MILLER). Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 5; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 517, the energy bill; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party conferences.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. 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 statement of the Senator from Oklahoma.

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

The Senator from Oklahoma.

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I was interested the other day when I heard that the de facto ruler, Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah, made a statement which was received by many in this country as if it were a statement of fact, as if it were something new, a