

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. EX. 352), R. David Proctor, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. **Pages S11620–21**

By unanimous vote of 92 yeas (Vote No. 353), Sandra J. Feuerstein, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S11621–23**

Richard J. Holwell, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Stephen C. Robinson, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

P. Kevin Castel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. **Page S11623**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

William Cabaniss, of Alabama, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-second Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Roderick R. Paige, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-second Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Navy.

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—353) **Pages S11620, S11621, S11622**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 8:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11708.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DIGITAL MEDIA MARKETPLACE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing on digital rights management and privacy issues, focusing on interests of copyright owners and the threats to those interests that are posed by the misuse of new technologies, including peer-to-peer software, after receiving testimony from William Barr, Verizon Communications, Arlington, Virginia; James D. Ellis, SBC Communications Inc., San Antonio, Texas; John Rose, EMI Group and EMI Music, New York, New York; Lawrence J. Blanford, Philips Consumer Electronics North America, Atlanta, Georgia; Edward W. Felten, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey; and Cary Sherman, Recording Industry Association of America, Alan Davidson, Center for Democracy and Technology, Jack Valenti, Motion Picture Association of America, and Chris Murray, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gwendolyn Brown, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, who was introduced by Senator Stevens, Karen K. Bhatia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs, and Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, who was introduced by Senator Specter, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.J. Res. 16, to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia", and the

“Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands”, and otherwise to amend Public Law 99–239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99–239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, with an amendment; and

The nominations of Suedeen G. Kelly, of New Mexico, to be a Member of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Rick A. Dearborn, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1548, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the production of renewable fuels and to simplify the administration of the Highway Trust Fund fuel excise taxes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (As approved by the committee, the substitute amendment includes the Extension of Highway Trust Fund Provisions.);

An original bill entitled National Employee Savings and Trust Equity Guarantee Act; and

H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### FUTURE OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine what can be done to ensure the future viability of the U.S. Postal Service, focusing on universal mail service, best business practices, processing and distribution facilities, leveraging the private sector, and information technology, after receiving testimony from James A. Johnson, Perseus, L.L.C., Washington, D.C., on behalf of the President’s Commission on the U.S. Postal Service.

#### LUMBEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 420, to provide for the ac-

knowledgment of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, focusing on Lumbee identity and culture, governance, and tribal history, after receiving testimony from Senator Dole; Representatives McIntyre and Faleomavaega; Aurene M. Martin, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Milton Hunt, Pembroke, North Carolina, Jack Campisi, Red Hook, New York, and Arlinda Locklear, Patton Boggs, Jefferson, Maryland, all on behalf of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina; and James T. Martin, United South and Easter Tribes, Nashville, Tennessee.

#### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing on the nominations of Margaret Catharine Rodgers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Nelson; Roger W. Titus, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Sarbanes; and George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who was introduced by Senator Allen, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

#### COMBATING GANG VIOLENCE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine effective federal, state and local law enforcement strategies to combat gang violence in America, focusing on the investigation and prosecution of gang members, Safe Streets Task Forces, and witness intimidation, after receiving testimony from Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Debra W. Yang, United States Attorney, Central District of California, Christopher J. Christie, United States Attorney, District of New Jersey, and Grant D. Ashley, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, all of the Department of Justice; Eddie J. Jordan, Jr., District Attorney, District of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana; Robert P. McCulloch, Prosecuting Attorney, St. Louis County, Missouri, on behalf the National District Attorneys Association; and Wesley D. McBride, California Gang Investigators Association, Huntington Beach.