

## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

David B. Barlow, of Utah, to be United States Attorney for the District of Utah for the term of four years.

## NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of Presidential nomination 541, Mark D. Acton, Postal Regulatory Commission, and Presidential nomination 542, Robert Taub, Postal Regulatory Commission; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nominations; and that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2016.

Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2016.

## HIGGINBOTTOM NOMINATION

Mr. REID. Madam President, we have been working very hard on the Heather Higginbottom nomination. Heather Higginbottom has been nominated to be the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget, a very important assignment. We have been trying to confirm her nomination for almost 6 months.

I hope and understand that Senator KYL is working with the administration on something that will clear this nomination. I am not going to ask consent on this nomination tonight, but all my Republican colleagues should be prepared for a unanimous consent request on this nomination when we return next week. I hope Senator KYL will allow this nomination to go forward after his request is satisfied.

INVESTMENT TREATY WITH  
RWANDAMUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE  
TREATY WITH BERMUDA

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider Executive Calendar Nos. 2 and 3, which are treaty document Nos. 110-23 and 111-6; that the treaties be considered as having advanced through the various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification; that any committee declarations be agreed to, as applicable; that any statements be print-

ed in the RECORD; further, that when the votes on the resolutions of ratification are taken, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The treaties will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Treaty document No. 110-23, Investment Treaty with Rwanda.

Treaty document No. 111-6, Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Bermuda.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask for a division vote on each of the resolutions of ratification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A division vote has been requested.

On treaty document No. 110-23, Senators in favor of the resolution of ratification will rise and stand until counted.

Those opposed will rise and stand until counted.

On a division vote, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification is agreed to.

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

*Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda Concerning the Encouragement and Reciprocal Protection of Investment, signed at Kigali on February 19, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-23), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: Articles 3 through 10 and other provisions that qualify or create exceptions to these Articles are self-executing. With the exception of these Articles, the Treaty is not self-executing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A division vote has been requested.

On treaty document No. 111-6, Senators in favor of the resolution of ratification will rise and stand until counted.

Those opposed will rise and stand until counted.

On a division vote, two-thirds of the Senators present having voted in the affirmative, the resolution of ratification is agreed to.

The resolution of ratification is as follows:

*Resolved, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),*

Section 1. Senate Advice and Consent subject to a declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bermuda Relating to Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Hamilton on January 12, 2009 (the "Treaty") (Treaty Doc. 111-6), subject to the declaration of section 2.

Section 2. Declaration.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following declaration: The Treaty is self-executing.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

COMBATING AUTISM  
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2011

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 174, H.R. 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2005) to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I know of no further debate on this measure.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There being no further debate, the question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 2005) was passed.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

KATE PUZEY PEACE CORPS VOL-  
UNTEER PROTECTION ACT OF  
2011

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 176, S. 1280.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1280) to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of sexual assault protocol and guidelines, the establishment of victims' advocates, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

*This Act may be cited as the "Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011".*

**SEC. 2. PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER PROTECTION.**

*The Peace Corps Act is amended by inserting after section 8 (22 U.S.C. 2507) the following new sections:*

*"SEXUAL ASSAULT RISK-REDUCTION AND  
RESPONSE TRAINING*

*"SEC. 8A. (a) IN GENERAL.—As part of the training provided to all volunteers under section 8(a), the President shall develop and implement comprehensive sexual assault risk-reduction and response training that is based upon best practices in the sexual assault field to respond to reports of sexual assault.*