

(d) **COMPLEMENTARY AUTHORITY.**—The authority to provide assistance under this section shall be in addition to any other authority to provide assistance to a foreign country.

(e) **EXPIRATION.**—The authority in this section shall expire on September 30, 2006.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Major Ken Casey, an Army fellow on Senator CHAMBLISS' staff, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of S. 1052, the fiscal year 2005 national Defense authorization bill.

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

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Carlos Hill, an Air Force congressional fellow on my staff, during consideration of S. 1942.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-273, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Antitrust Modernization Commission: Makan Delrahim, of the District of Columbia.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, in accordance with 22 U.S.C. 1928a-1928d, as amended, appoints the following Senators to the Senate Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in Copenhagen, Denmark, November 11-14, 2005 during the 109th Congress: The Honorable TRENT LOTT of Mississippi; The Honorable WAYNE ALLARD of Colorado; The Honorable JEFF SESSIONS of Alabama; The Honorable JIM BUNNING of Kentucky, and The Honorable GEORGE VOINOVICH of Ohio.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDER—S. 1960

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, under rule XIV, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for a second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1960) to protect the health and safety of all athletes, to promote the integrity of professional sports by establishing minimum standards for the testing of steroids and other performance-enhancing substances and methods by professional sports leagues, and for other purposes.

Mr. WARNER. In order to place the bill on the calendar under provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar pursuant to Rule XIV.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Nominations 422, 423, 427, 429, 430, 431 and 434 and all nominations on the secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent the nominations be considered en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Jeffrey Thomas Bergner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

James Caldwell Cason, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Paraguay.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Shana L. Dale, of Georgia, to be Deputy Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Orlando J. Cabrera, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Katherine Baicker, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Matthew Slaughter, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Wan J. Kim, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN844 COAST GUARD nominations (9) beginning David K. Almond, and ending JEFFREY SAINÉ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2005.

PN879 COAST GUARD nominations (56) beginning Steven J. Andersen, and ending Vann J. Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 15, 2005.

PN957-1 COAST GUARD nomination of Louvenia A. McMillan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 6, 2005.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN797 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (7) beginning John W. Humphrey Jr., and ending Mark H. Pickett, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 29, 2005.

PN935 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (14) beginning Melissa M. Ford, and ending Jamie S. Wasser, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 28, 2005.

NOMINATION OF WAN J. KIM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights is the face of civil rights law enforcement in America. I will support Wan Kim's nomination for this important post.

For nearly 50 years, the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division has enforced Nation's civil rights laws and combated racism, discrimination, and other civil rights abuses. And during the past 50 years, our Nation has made important strides in the fight for civil rights. The recent death of Rosa Parks is a reminder of how far we have come, and of the courageous acts it took to get here.

I am concerned, however, about the Bush Administration's commitment to civil rights law enforcement and especially voting rights. As Chief Justice Roberts testified at his confirmation hearing, the right to vote is the "preservative" right of all other rights. Without that fundamental right, citizens are voiceless and powerless.

At his nomination hearing, I asked Wan Kim about the Civil Rights Division's August 26 preclearance of a voter identification law in the state of Georgia that is discriminatory and "a national disgrace," in the words of the New York Times. The law requires people without a driver's license—a group disproportionately consisting of the poor, the elderly, and minorities to pay \$20 or more for a State ID card in order to vote. There isn't a single place in the entire city of Atlanta where the cards are sold. The Georgia law aims to be an anti-fraud measure, but the Secretary of State in Georgia maintains there has not been a proven case of voter fraud in that state in nearly a decade.

Although Mr. Kim has been the Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division for over 2 years, he said he has not supervised voting rights issues and does not have an opinion about whether the Georgia law should have been precleared. That's a fair answer.

But I hope Mr. Kim reads a decision handed down just a few days after his nomination hearing by a Federal judge in Georgia, who enjoined the law and ruled that it appeared to be unconstitutional. The judge wrote that the Georgia law "constitutes a poll tax." Just last week, this ruling was affirmed by a three-judge panel of the conservative U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. Two of the three judges on the panel were appointed by President George H.W. Bush.

I am also concerned that the Bush administration has not brought a single voting rights lawsuit alleging racial discrimination against African Americans. Perhaps even more troubling is the fact that earlier this year the Justice Department filed its first case ever under the Voting Rights Act alleging discrimination in voting