member and a chair of the Public Service Commission for several years. During that time, he demonstrated the ability to balance the diverse utility interests in our state. This was no easy task. Mississippi is the home to both public and private power companies, PUHCAs and providers of all sizes. Curt was also my representative in the Mississippi legislature where he did an excellent job. Curt has proven that he has the skills necessary to address the needs of each of these entities, while keeping the best interest of the consumer in mind.

Congress must recognize that national electric utility deregulation is on the horizon. How and when a new system will be created remains to be seen. What is certain, however, is that the FERC will be instrumental in guiding Congress toward competition in the utility industry. I am confident that Curt has the experience and insight necessary to help us reach the right balance of interests. Most importantly, Curt understands what deregulation means at the state level. Already, Congress has witnessed deregulation of several states, but Congress will value the FERC’s input concerning deregulation.

There is no industry as complex as the utility world—and none that impacts the lives of Americans more directly every hour of every day. The challenges ahead are great and must be tackled head on. There is no denying that the FERC Commissioners have their work cut out for them.

I have enjoyed working with Curt, and spending time with his wife, Virginia, and their two children, Lane and Ashley. They are an authentic, Mississippi family.

I am pleased that the Senate has proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 107) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H. CON. RES. 168**

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 107) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1233**

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the Agriculture Appropriations bill, S. 1233, at 3 p.m. on Monday.

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

**PROGRAM**

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, when the Senate reconvenes on Monday, there will be an hour for morning business, to be followed by 1 hour for debate on the sweepstakes bill. At 3 p.m. on Monday, the Senate will resume the Agriculture Appropriations bill, and the next rollcall vote will occur at 5:30 p.m. Monday, August 2, on passage of S. 335. Additional votes could occur relative to the Agriculture Appropriations bill.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1999**

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 3:37 p.m., adjourned until Monday, August 2, 1999, at 12 noon.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 30, 1999:

**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

SUSAN M. WAUTER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE AN ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE MICHAL, STIGMAN, RESIGNED.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

ZELL MILLER, OF GEORGIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 17, 2000, VICE SIMON FERRO, TERM EXPIRED.

**CONFIRMATIONS**

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate July 30, 1999:

**REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)**

SYLVIA DE LEON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

F. WHITNEY FLETCHER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE MILLS HEWITT, RESIGNED.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**


**AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

J. BRADY ANDERSON, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

EVELYN SIMONOWITZ LIEBERMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS.

The above nominations were approved subject to the nominees’ commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

**THE JUDICIARY**

CHANDRAS WILSON, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT, VICE WILLIAM RASKIN, RESIGNED.

**IN THE AIR FORCE**

The following nominations for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 601:

To be brigadier general

COL. GARY H. MURRAY, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 601: