request of the Attorney General to expeditiously consider the nomination.

This week the Judiciary Committee proceeded with back-to-back days of hearings on the important nominations of Asa Hutchinson to head the Drug Enforcement Administration and James Ziglar to head the Immigration and Naturalization Service. I have noticed another hearing for next Tuesday for judicial and executive branch nominees, including the President’s nominees to be Assistant Attorney General to head the Office of Justice Programs and to be the Director of the National Institute of Justice.

The Senate received the President’s nomination of a new FBI Director on Wednesday of this week and I proceeded that same day to notice hearings on that important nomination to begin in the coming week. I hope that with the cooperation of all Members and the administration we should be able to make progress and work toward Senate consideration of the nomination of Robert Mueller to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation before the August recess, if possible. I have asked for the cooperation of all members of the committee, on both sides of the aisle. I noticed the hearings on Robert Mueller’s nomination to begin on July 30. We will see if it is possible for the committee to act on that nomination before the August recess, which would be my preference.

I regret that Senators and their staffs will have no more time to prepare for so important a hearing as that on the nominee to be the next Director of the FBI. It is my hope that the Senate will act favorably on the nomination of Ralph Boyd, Jr.

**Nomination of John D. Graham**

Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to express my opposition to the confirmation of John D. Graham, Ph.D. to direct the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, (OIRA), at the Office of Management and Budget, (OMB).

As Administrator of OIRA, Dr. Graham would be the gatekeeper for all Federal regulations. In my view, Dr. Graham, with his anti-regulatory views, is simply the wrong choice to serve in this important policy making position.

In enacting the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Clean Air Act and other safety and health and environmental laws, Congress made a clear policy choice that protection of health and the environment was to be paramount consideration in setting regulations and standards. Dr. Graham’s views and opinions are directly at odds with these policies.

**Additional Statements**

**Congratulations to the Montgomery High School Class of 1951**

- Mr. ROCHEFELLER, Madam President, I believe that it is our families, friends and communities that create the very essence of our beings. They serve as our roots, instilling the values that shape our personal relationships and our professional careers.

In youth, we often fail to realize the crucial role that these people play, and we often lose touch with the people who mold us into whom we are today. With the passage of time, we can only wonder what path we might have otherwise taken had we maintained contact. Today, I would like to join in a very special group of West Virginians—the Montgomery High School class of 1951—as its members renew the bonds of youth in celebrating the 50th anniversary class reunion.

As the members of Montgomery High School class of 1951 gather for their 50th anniversary reunion, they will recall the carefree days of their youth. Once again, they will refer to themselves as the Greyhounds of Montgomery High. Visions of victorious football games and summer vacations will waft through their collective memory as they join in singing their beloved Alma Mater.

This year marks more than 50 years ago. In celebrating this occasion, its members remind us of the importance of community in our own lives.

In honor of Montgomery High School class of 1951, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, I am reminded that “between the lofty mountains where the great Kanawha flows, in a valley that is magic and the seed of wisdom grows. Hail Montgomery.”

**Message from the House**

At 10:42 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreement of the two houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2216) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

**Measures Placed on the Calendar**

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

- H.R. 2500. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

**Executive and Other Communications**

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

- EC-2957. A communication from the Acting Director of OIRA, “Regulatory Policy.” Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, (OIRA), at the Office of Management and Budget, (OMB).

- EC-2958. A communication from the Comp-