

questions about hiring decisions and the qualifications of the people who provide services that safeguard the community should be made by the people who live in those communities.

I have received letters from a dozen communities in Tennessee from Fayetteville to Johnson City, Smyrna, Germantown, and many others. Many of those letters were sent by police departments expressing their concern over the adverse impact of this legislation on their communities.

No one can doubt the tremendous service that is provided by our firefighters and police officers. They put their lives on the line every day to ensure our safety. But this amendment is not a fitting response to that service. It is not a fitting response to subvert the basic relationship between the States and the Federal Government or the local communities and the Federal Government. It is not a fitting response to fundamentally alter a system

that has been established and has served us well for 200 years.

This amendment essentially writes State laws for States and requires the States to pass them or have the Federal Government apply their own standard. It is not the place of the Federal Government to make decisions that are closely tied to the needs of traditional responsibilities of States and local communities.

This amendment is an unwarranted intrusion on self-government. I urge my colleagues to oppose it.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2:15 P.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 2:15 p.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:11 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 6, 2001, at 2:15 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 5, 2001:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

RANDALL S. KROZNER, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, VICE KATHRYN SHAW.

PEACE CORPS

JOSEPHINE K. OLSEN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF THE PEACE CORPS, VICE CHARLES R. BAQUET III, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

JACK MARTIN, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE DONALD RAPPAPORT, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive Nomination Confirmed by the Senate November 5, 2001:

THE JUDICIARY

LARRY R. HICKS, OF NEVADA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA.