

CAMBODIAN CASES TO RECEIVE NOTICES OF INTENT TO DENY

State and contact	DOB	DOA	Place of birth	Place of abandonment	US agency or facilitator	Orphanage contact
Pennsylvania	5-05-99	1-01-01	.....	.....	.....	AOA/
Illinois	10-10-99	11-26-99	.....	.....	.....	AOA/RO.
Illinois	1-07-00	2-10-01	.....	.....	.....	AOA/RO.
NY	3-04-00	3-10-00	.....	.....	.....	AOA/RO.
NY	2-8-01	5 01	.....	.....	Independent Facilitator Cassandra Keirstead	Cambodian, French Hungarian Friendship Orphanage.
Maine	2-27-01	3-14-01	.....	.....	.....	AOA.
Illinois	5-01-01	5-06-01	.....	.....	.....	AOA/RO.
Virginia	5-05-01	5-12-01	.....	.....	Independent Facilitator Cassandra Keirstead	Cambodian, French Hungarian Friendship Orphanage.
Oklahoma	5-08-01	5-14-01	.....	.....	.....	AOA/RO.
Arizona	5-22-01	.....	.....	.....	Independent Facilitator Cassandra Keirstead	Cambodian, French Hungarian Friendship Orphanage.
Washington	5-22-01	.....	.....	.....	Independent Facilitator Cassandra Keirstead	Cambodian, French Hungarian Friendship Orphanage.
Arizona	5-29-01	6-1-01	.....	.....	.....	AOA/RO.
Illinois	6-14-01	6-21-01	.....	.....	.....	AOA/RO.

DOB: Date of birth.
 POB: Place of birth.
 POA: Place of abandonment.
 AOA: Asian Orphanage Association.
 RO: Web site Reaching Out.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I thank the Senator from Oklahoma. One or two or more of these families are from his home State. He has been such an advocate of adoption and such a tremendous leader in this area. I know he would understand. We will keep the Senate posted and work with the officials from the executive department to see if it is resolved.

My wish to the families is that we could give them Christmas in the United States and get it resolved in the next few days. Perhaps that is possible. If not, we will revisit the issue when we come back in January.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. REED). The Senator from Oklahoma.

Mr. NICKLES. I congratulate and compliment my friend and colleague from Louisiana for her leadership in adoption, for the statement she just made. Adoption is an issue we have worked on in a bipartisan way, and we will continue to work in a bipartisan way. There are lots of families who are impacted both in the United States and worldwide. My colleague from Louisiana has done a very good job, and I am happy to work with her.

The story last night is heart-breaking. Many of our staff members have been working on these issues for a long time. I compliment her for it.

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Mr. NICKLES. I also compliment Senator ALLEN for his leadership and passage of a bill a few moments ago that will allow closed-circuit TV viewing for the trial of the alleged terrorists. I compliment Senator ALLEN because I know he has a lot of constituents in Virginia and there are a lot of constituents in New York, New Jersey, and California who have a real interest in seeing that justice is done. By passing the authorization bill allowing for closed-circuit TV, he will do that. I compliment Senator ALLEN for making that happen.

UNFINISHED SENATE BUSINESS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, we are getting close to wrapping up this session. We did a lot of good things this year and some things we didn't get done. One thing we did not get done was passage of the stimulus package. That is unfortunate. It became way too partisan. It did not need to be. Recessions are not partisan. We have a lot of people out of work who need help. A lot of companies want to grow. We could have done that.

Senator GRASSLEY worked hard with the Bush administration. There was a lot of movement on this side of the aisle to help pass the stimulus package. It didn't happen. I regret that very much. We could have helped the economy, and we could have helped a lot of unemployed people.

Senator BAUCUS mentioned earlier that he hopes when people come back they are less partisan and more intent on getting some positive results for the American people. That needs to happen. I hope we do not hear: Well, we cannot bring something out unless it passes two-thirds on our side. That does not belong in the Senate. The Senate is a deliberative body, and we should have a chance to try to pass things, and pass them by majority vote. Try to get something done, try to make a positive contribution toward helping the economy, not a strictly Democrat or Republican package, but a package that helps the economy.

The House passed good legislation last night. Not perfect. Maybe we can improve upon it and help our economy and help the unemployed.

As we wind down, there are several nominations that are pending that should be confirmed. It is not fair to this administration. It is not fair to some of these individuals who have been languishing, waiting to be confirmed with no action. There are five district court nominees, Federal judges. We have confirmed 27; if we do 5 more, that will be 32. During President Clinton's first year, we confirmed 27 of 47. President Bush nominated 60. We have confirmed 27, not quite half. We confirmed over half for President

Clinton, and if you look at what we did for the first President Bush or what we did for Ronald Reagan, we confirmed 91 percent of Ronald Reagan's judges and a much higher percentage for President Bush. We should confirm more than we have today. There are five on the calendar. There is no reason not to confirm these individuals. We all know they will be confirmed. Why not let them go ahead and assume their duties?

We have a judge from Alabama, a judge from Colorado, a judge from Nevada, a judge from Texas, a judge from Georgia. We have judges from Democrat States and Republican States. Let's not hold these five individuals hostage. We can pass them tonight and I urge my colleagues to help do that.

We also have four U.S. attorneys, from Alabama, New York, Arkansas, and one from New Jersey. They need to be confirmed. They should be confirmed.

We have a couple of marshals who are pending. There is no reason why they should not be confirmed—actually just one marshal and one to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. Let's confirm these individuals. Let's do it tonight. Somebody says: Why are you doing it tonight? We confirmed more judges, more U.S. attorneys—all those are always done by voice votes.

We have Janet Hale to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. Secretary Thompson is entitled to have his Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services be confirmed. So I urge my colleagues to vote on that nomination or to approve that nomination.

We also have a couple of other positions. We have James Lockhart III to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security. That is an important position.

In the Department of Energy, we have Michael Smith, actually one of my constituents. He happens to be secretary of energy of the State of Oklahoma. He has been nominated to be Assistant Secretary of Energy dealing