

child will grow up on a home without violence, abuse, or neglect.

Beyond the CAPTA title of this legislation, the bill reauthorize the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, including new efforts to address the needs of children who witness domestic violence, and a new highly secure web site to increase the likelihood that when an abused spouse calls for help, such calls will be handled as efficiently as possible with on-line links to shelters immediately letting the caller know of open shelters and the services these shelters offer. The measure also reauthorizes the Adoption Opportunities Act, and the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act.

Child protection ought not be a partisan issue. This bill will help ensure that it is not. I want to commend and thanks my colleagues on the conference committee—Chairman GREGG, Senator KENNEDY, Senator ALEXANDER, and Senator DEWINE as well as my colleagues in the House for their efforts to craft a bipartisan initiative that can help to prevent and alleviate suffering among our Nation's children.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I ask unanimous consent that the conference report be agreed to, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The conference report was agreed to.

ACCOUNTANT, COMPLIANCE, AND ENFORCEMENT STAFFING ACT OF 2003

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to the consideration of H.R. 658.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 658) to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission.

There being objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 658) was read the third time and passed.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—H.R. 856

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 856 and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 8

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 8 is at the desk and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 8) to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

Mr. ALEXANDER. I now ask for its second reading and object to further proceeding on this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The bill will remain at the desk.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2003

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until 9 a.m., Friday, June 20. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of Calendar No. 140, S. 504, the American History and Civics Act of 2003, as provided under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. ALEXANDER. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow morning the Senate will resume consideration of S. 504, the American History and Civics Act. Under the previous order, at 9:15 a.m., the Senate will vote on passage of the bill. Immediately following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1, the prescription drug benefits bill, and proceed to a vote in relation to the Dorgan amendment relating to drug reimportation.

Therefore, I inform my colleagues that the leader says there will be two rollcall votes beginning at 9:15 a.m. tomorrow. Following the two votes at

9:15 a.m., the leader wanted me to inform colleagues the Senate will continue consideration of S. 1, the prescription drug benefits bill. Additional amendments will be debated tomorrow, and Members who wish to speak on amendments or the bill itself are encouraged by the leader to come to the Senate floor during tomorrow's session.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ALEXANDER. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:45 p.m., adjourned until Friday, June 20, 2003, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 19, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JACKIE WOLCOTT SANDERS, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS, UNITED STATES NAVY, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 5142:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) LOUIS V. IASIELLO, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

WILLIAM R. GLADBACH, 0000
MALCOLM K. WALLACE JR., 0000

Confirmations

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 19, 2003:

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

ANNE RADER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2004.

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

TERRENCE A. DUFFY, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 11, 2003.

TERRENCE A. DUFFY, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 11, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

C. STEWART VERDERY, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

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.

EDUARDO AGUIRRE, JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.