271. O'Connor Nomination. Confirmation of President Reagan's nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor of Arizona to be associate justice of the Supreme Court. Confirmed 97-2: R 53-0; D 44-2 (ND 29-2, SD 15-O), Sept. 21, 1981. A "yea" was a vote supporting the president's position.


273. Richards Nomination. Confirmation of President Reagan's nomination of James R. Richards of Virginia to be inspector general of the Department of Energy. Confirmed 71-28: R 53-0; D 18-28 (ND 9-22, SD 9-6), Sept. 21, 1981. A "yea" was a vote supporting the president's position.

274. S 1196. Foreign Aid Authorization. Pell, D-R.I., amendment, to the Lugar, R-Ind., amendment, as modified by the Pell, D-R.I., amendment (see vote 274, above). The Pell amendment would have transformed proposed conditions on U.S. military aid to El Salvador into a statement of the sense of Congress that U.S. military aid should be used to encourage a peaceful and democratic solution of the civil war there, protect human rights and promote economic and political reforms. Rejected 47-51: R 43-10; D 4-41 (ND 0-30, SD 4-11), Sept. 24, 1981. A "yea" was a vote supporting the president's position. Subsequently, the Lugar amendment, as amended, was adopted by voice vote.

275. S 1196. Foreign Aid Authorization. Cranston, D-Calif., motion to table (kill) the Pell, D-R.I., motion to reconsider the vote (vote 275, above) by which the Helms, R-N.C., amendment was rejected. Motion agreed to 52-46: R 10-43; D 42-3 (ND 30-0, SD 12-3), Sept. 24, 1981.

276. H Res 325. Fiscal 1982 Continuing Appropriations. Judgment of the Senate concerning the chair's ruling that the Stevens, R-Alaska, amendment (see vote 278, below) (to remove the $3,000 limit on tax deductions for living expenses of members of Congress while away from home) was out of order because it constituted legislation on an appropriations bill. Ruling of the chair rejected 44-54: R 10-43; D 34-11 (ND 22-8, SD 12-3), Sept. 24, 1981.