

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Germany

CANDIDATE: John B. Emerson

John B. Emerson, an attorney and President of Capital Group Private Client Services, Los Angeles, California, is known for his diplomatic abilities, leadership of multiple governmental, civic and professional organizations, knowledge of the federal government, and skill in communications and engaging the press. An expert in the fields of international business, trade, finance, and law, Mr. Emerson will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Germany, a vital U.S. ally in the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Previously, Mr. Emerson served as Deputy Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs, Washington, D.C. (1994-1997), Deputy Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel, Washington, D.C. (01/1993-04/1994), Chief Deputy City Attorney and Chief of Staff, City of Los Angeles, California (09/1987-01/1993), Partner at Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg and Tunney, Los Angeles, California (01/1984-09/1987) and Associate at Manatt, Phelps, Rothenberg and Tunney (09/1978-12/1983). He has served on the President's Advisory Committee on Trade Policy and Negotiations and on the Los Angeles Mayor's Trade Advisory Council, Council on the Arts, Los Angeles City Redistricting Commission, and Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety Infrastructure. In Los Angeles, he served as Board Chair of The Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County, Director of The Metropolitan YMCA, Board President of Marlborough School, Member of Imagine LA, on the State Bar of California, and on the Council on Foreign Relations. He was Chair of California Peace Officers Association Gang Violence Subcommittee on Legislation and Court Reform and served on the State Senate Select Commissions on Long Range Planning and Law Revision.

Mr. Emerson earned an AB degree from Hamilton College, Clinton, New York in 1975 and a JD degree from The Law School, University of Chicago in 1978. He is the recipient of awards and honors from numerous legal and community organizations. He speaks conversational German.

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Frank Tumminia, Senior Reviewer