

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: New Zealand and The Independent State of Samoa

CANDIDATE: Mark D. Gilbert

Mark D. Gilbert, a prominent businessman and former professional baseball player, has been Director of Barclays Bank in Palm Beach, Florida since 2008. He is known for his business and investment acumen, his expertise in financial services and his gregarious nature. A proven, talented leader and experienced negotiator, Mr. Gilbert will bring essential skills to the task of fostering bilateral relations with the Government of New Zealand, an important U.S. partner in the Pacific region and globally.

Previously, Mr. Gilbert was Senior Vice President, Investment Advisor/Sales and Manager, Lehman Brothers, Miami and Palm Beach, Florida (10/1996-09/2008); Senior Vice President of Institutional Sales, Goldman Sachs, Miami, Florida (08/1989-10/1996); Senior Vice President, Investment Advisor/Sales and Manager, Drexel Burnham Lambert, Boca Raton, Florida (06/1986-08/1989); a Player in the Chicago White Sox organization in Buffalo, New York and Chicago, Illinois (12/1984-10/1985); a Player in the Cincinnati Reds organization in Waterbury, Connecticut, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Wichita, Kansas (10/1979-12/1984); a Player in the Chicago Cubs organization in Geneva, New York and Quad Cities, Iowa (06/1978-10/1979); and employed at Gilbert's Fine Furniture, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Pompano Beach, Florida (06/1973-05/1986), a family business. He has been a member of the Development Committee, Utah Advisory Board, Sundance Institute since 2010, Chairman, Finance Committee Chair, Trustee Committee Chair and Trustee Of Pine Crest School (1992-2012), and Deputy National Finance Chair of the Democratic National Committee (2009-2013).

Mr. Gilbert earned a B.A in Finance from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida in 1978. As a professional baseball player, he was the Cincinnati Reds AAA Rookie of the Year at Indianapolis and was named "Minor League Player of the Month" in the Quad Cities, Iowa by Topps Baseball Cards while in the Chicago Cubs organization. He made the All South Baseball Team while at Florida State University, where he was awarded a Basketball/Baseball scholarship.

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