

away during the Armenian genocide and those horrors later revisited the planet. As Elie Wiesel said, the Armenians "felt expelled from history." So the genocide we remember each April, the century's first genocide—is the genocide the world forgot, to its shame, and for which it paid dearly.

Each year we vow that the incalculable horrors suffered by the Armenian people will not be in vain. We make this solemn vow because we believe that it is within our power to confront evil in the world, and to prevent genocidal attacks on people because of who they are. That is surely the highest tribute we can pay to the Armenian victims and how the horror and brutality of their deaths can be given redeeming meaning. •

HONORING THE WALTMANS ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, families are the cornerstone of America. The data is undeniable: individuals from strong families contribute to the society. In an era when nearly half of all couples married today will see their union dissolve into divorce, I believe it is both instructive and important to honor those who have taken the commitment of "til death us do part" seriously, demonstrating successfully the timeless principles of love, honor, and fidelity. These characteristics make our country strong.

For these important reasons, I rise today to honor Lelslie and Isabella Waltman of West Plains, MO, who on March 28, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They understand the meaning of the word "covenant." My wife, Janet, and I look forward to the day we can celebrate a similar milestone. The Waltmans' commitment to the principles and values of their marriage deserves to be saluted and recognized. I wish them and their family all the best as they celebrate this substantial marker on their journey together. •

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 2937

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I inquire of the Chair if H.R. 2937 has arrived from the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill has arrived, and it is at the desk.

Mr. SIMPSON. Therefore, I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2937) for the reimbursement of attorneys' fees and costs incurred by former employees of the White House travel office with respect to the termination of their employment in that office on May 19, 1993.

Mr. SIMPSON. I now ask for its second reading.

Mr. SIMON. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1698

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I inquire of the Chair if S. 1698 is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. S. 1698 is at the desk.

Mr. SIMPSON. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1698) entitled the Health Insurance Reform Act of 1996.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask for the second reading and object on behalf of the Republican leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. SIMON. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

AMENDING THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3055 just received from the House.

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

The clerk will state the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3055) to amend section 326 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit continued participation by Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools in the grant program authorized by that section.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read the third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 3055) was deemed read the third time, and passed.

MEASURE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED—S. 1298

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1298, a bill to authorize documentation of the vessel, Shooter, and that the measure then be indefinitely postponed.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1996

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 25; further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, and the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and that there then be a period for morning business until the hour of 10 a.m., with Senators to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each, except for the following: Senators CHAFEE or BREAUX for up to 60 minutes total; Senator DODD for up to 15 minutes; Senator MURKOWSKI for up to 5 minutes; Senator STEVENS for up to 5 minutes; Senator BRYAN for up to 10 minutes.

I further ask that at the hour of 10 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of S. 1664, the immigration bill, and at that time Senator SIMPSON be recognized to offer the next two amendments to the immigration bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. SIMPSON. For the information of all Senators, Mr. President, the Senate will resume the immigration bill and the pending amendments tomorrow morning. Senators can expect rollcall votes throughout the day on the immigration bill. We hope to complete action on that measure on Thursday.

It is also anticipated that the omnibus appropriations conference report will be available for consideration during tomorrow's session. Therefore, action on that legislation is also expected.

The Senate may also be asked to turn to any other legislative items that can be cleared for action.

Mr. President, let me thank my colleague from Illinois for his cooperation and willingness to come to the floor this evening and interrupt his evening to see if we can proceed with other business. I am most appreciative. We will try to complete our work tomorrow. I hope we can do that—certainly Friday morning. Hopefully, we can avoid that.

But I want to thank the staff, the people that make it possible for us to function in this remarkable arena on both sides of the aisle—here at the desks on the both sides of the aisle. These people I have come to know so well we cannot function without. This has been a remarkable day, and the Parliamentarian must be dealing with some kind of a gumball by now. It has more cords and knots in it than we could ever untangle. So we will just keep it there, if we can.

But I want to thank the Senator from Illinois, and thank these remarkable people who patiently watch us grapple with the issues of the day.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 8:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, if there
is no further business—unless my col-

league from Illinois would care to
make remarks—to come before the
Senate, I now ask that the Senate
stand in adjournment under the pre-
vious order.

There being no objection, the Senate,
at 8:05 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow,
Thursday, April 25, 1996, at 8:30 a.m.