

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, first, I see the Democratic leader here. I will be very pleased to yield to my friend. We have a series of items and we have not yet introduced our bill, but we would be pleased to listen to the leader who has this time reserved.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the Senator from Alaska. I have a short tribute I would like to make.

Mr. STEVENS. I shall wait.

Mr. DASCHLE. I appreciate very much the indulgence of the senior Senator from Alaska. I appreciate very much the opportunity to have heard my distinguished colleague from West Virginia, our former leader, who is, in spirit, still our leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### LENNY OURSLER

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, Lenny Oursler is somebody who has been with us here in the Senate for a long time. Tomorrow he will be leaving the Senate to work in the Congressional Affairs Office of the Internal Revenue Service.

Lenny began work in the Senate stationery store in September 1981. He began work in the Democratic cloakroom in April of 1987. He has worked over 16 years of Government service, 10 in the cloakroom, and he has been running the cloakroom, now, for the last 5 years. His tasks have been varied, including keeping Senators and staff apprised of floor action, acting as soothsayer in predicting upcoming schedules with amazing accuracy, making sure that all Democrats reach the floor in time to cast their votes, extending his exuberant hotlines with his trademark "thank you."

I don't know of anybody who has worked in that capacity who is more respected, and that respect is well earned. He is always available. He frequently works long, long hours and autographs his work with excellence. There will be a large void in the cloakroom that will be clearly difficult to fill. He is well liked by Senators and staff alike. He always has a cheerful disposition, always has something nice to say, a very positive person with an incredible outlook on life. Occasionally he even has a funny story to share that I can repeat.

Indeed, the only fault I can think of is that he is a diehard Cubs fan and he may never be broken of that terrible habit. I have been told by some of his friends that on the golf course he has a painfully ugly slice and his most valuable club is a ball retriever.

I know that Lenny will miss his family here. I know, too, he is looking forward to the new challenges at IRS. He is looking forward to more predictable and regular hours so he can spend more time with his young sons, Nathan and Benjamin, and wife Sara. I know I speak for all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in wishing him luck and telling Lenny we will truly miss him.

I yield the floor and again thank the senior Senator from Alaska.

#### DISAPPROVING THE CANCELLATIONS TRANSMITTED BY THE PRESIDENT ON OCTOBER 6, 1997

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we have a bill at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be introduced and referred to the appropriate committee.

Mr. STEVENS. I wish to have it read.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

S. 1292

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Congress disapproves of cancellations 97-4, 97-5, 97-6, 97-7, 97-8, 97-9, 97-10, 97-11, 97-12, 97-13, 97-14, 97-15, 97-16, 97-17, 97-18, 97-19, 97-20, 97-21, 97-22, 97-23, 97-24, 97-25, 97-26, 97-27, 97-28, 97-29, 97-30, 97-32, 97-33, 97-34, 97-35, 97-36, 97-37, 97-38, 97-39, and 97-40, as transmitted by the President in a special message on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45.

Mr. STEVENS. That is cosponsored by the Senator from West Virginia and a series of other Senators, Mr. President. I do wish to have it referred.

I had it read because I think the Senate and those who are watching this proceeding should know how sanitized this process is. Those projects listed by the simple numbers in the President's message were denied the use of \$287 million for the men and women of the armed services. As was pointed out by Senator FAIRCLOTH of North Carolina, that is approximately the amount of money we are spending per month in Bosnia. Yet, each one of these projects was very much sought after by the Department of Defense, was reviewed by eight committees of the Congress, was reviewed on the floor of the House and here on the floor of the Senate and in conference, and once again brought back to each House.

I say again, the Senator from West Virginia makes a compelling case for his position, if this is to be the policy of this administration, if there is to be an indiscriminate use of the line-item veto without regard to waste, without regard to the necessity of the money that Congress says must be spent.

So, I look forward to this bill being referred to our committee. When we return from the coming recess we shall proceed expeditiously. Senator BYRD and I have agreed these matters will be kept in full committee so we will not have to go through the subcommittee process. And we will return this bill to the Senate as quickly as possible.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 830

Mr. STEVENS. I now would like to perform a series of missions for the leadership. Therefore, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate receives a message from the House accompanying S. 830, the Senate would disagree with

amendment or amendments of the House, and the Senate would insist upon its amendment, agree to the request for a conference with the House, and finally the Chair would be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 595, S. 916, S. 973

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following bills and the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration on en bloc: S. 595, S. 916, S. 973. These bills are various post office naming bills.

I ask unanimous consent that the bills then be considered read for a third time and passed as amended, if amended; further, I ask consent that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table and any statements related to any of these bills appear at this point in the RECORD with the preceding occurring en bloc to the bills.

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

#### JOHN GRIESEMER POST OFFICE BUILDING

A bill (S. 595) to designate the United States Post Office building located at Bennett Street and Kansas Expressway in Springfield, Missouri, as the "John Griesemer Post Office Building" was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 595

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF JOHN GRIESEMER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

The United States Post Office building located at Bennett Street and Kansas Expressway in Springfield, Missouri, shall be known and designated as the "John Griesemer Post Office Building".

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "John Griesemer Post Office Building".

#### BLAINE H. EATON POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (S. 916) to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building", was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 916

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF BLAINE H. EATON POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

The United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, shall be known and designated as the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Blaine H. Eaton Post Office Building".

**DAVID B. CHAMPAGNE POST OFFICE BUILDING**

The bill (S. 973) to designate the United States Post Office building located at 551 Kingstown Road in Wakefield, Rhode Island, as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building", was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 973

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF DAVID B. CHAMPAGNE POST OFFICE BUILDING.**

The United States Post Office building located at 551 Kingstown Road in Wakefield, Rhode Island, shall be known and designated as the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building".

**SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States Post Office building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "David B. Champagne Post Office Building".

**LARRY DOBY POST OFFICE**

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 985 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 985) to designate the post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the "Larry Doby Post Office".

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 1322

Mr. STEVENS. I now ask unanimous consent the amendment No. 1322, at desk, submitted by Senator THOMPSON to S. 985, be considered as read and agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alaska [Mr. STEVENS], for Mr. THOMPSON, proposes an amendment numbered 1322.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

On page 2, strike lines 14 through 16.

The amendment (No. 1322) was agreed to.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read for a third time and passed as amended, further, I ask consent that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and any statements appear at this point in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 985), as amended, was considered read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 985

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

(1) Larry Eugene Doby was born in Camden, South Carolina, on December 12, 1923, and moved to Paterson, New Jersey, in 1938.

(2) After playing the 1946 season in the Negro League for the Newark Eagles, Larry Doby's contract was purchased by the Cleveland Indians of the American League on July 3, 1947.

(3) On July 5, 1947, Larry Doby became the first African-American to play in the American League.

(4) Larry Doby played in the American League for 13 years, appearing in 1,533 games and batting .283, with 253 home runs and 969 runs batted in.

(5) Larry Doby was voted to 7 all-star teams, led the American League in home runs twice, and played in 2 World Series. He was the first African-American to play in the World Series and to hit a home run in a World Series game, both in 1948.

(6) After his stellar playing career ended, Larry Doby continued to make a significant contribution to his community. He has been a pioneer in the cause of civil rights and has received honorary doctorate degrees from Long Island University, Princeton University, and Fairfield University.

**SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF LARRY DOBY POST OFFICE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The post office located at 194 Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, shall be known and designated as the "Larry Doby Post Office".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the post office referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Larry Doby Post Office".

**MEASURES DISCHARGED AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 1057 AND H.R. 1058**

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following bills and, further, that they be placed on the calendar: H.R. 1057 and H.R. 1058.

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

**CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEMS**

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 186, House Concurrent Resolution 8.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 8) recognizing the significance of maintaining the health and stability of coral reef ecosystems.

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

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources with an amendment.

(The parts of the concurrent resolution intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the concurrent resolution intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

H. CON. RES. 8

**[Whereas coral reefs are among the world's most biologically diverse and productive marine habitats, and are often described as the tropical rain forests of the oceans;**

**[Whereas healthy coral reefs provide the basis for subsistence, commercial fisheries, and coastal and marine tourism and are of vital economic importance to coastal States and territories of the United States including Florida, Hawaii, Georgia, Texas, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;**

**[Whereas healthy coral reefs function as natural, regenerating coastal barriers, protecting shorelines and coastal areas from high waves, storm surges, and accompanying losses of human life and property;**

**[Whereas the scientific community has long established that coral reefs are subject to a wide range of natural and anthropogenic threats;**

**[Whereas the United States has taken measures to protect national coral reef resources through the designation and management of several marine protected areas, containing reefs of the Flower Garden Banks in the Gulf of Mexico, the Florida Keys in south Florida, and offshore Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa;**

**[Whereas the United States, acting through its agencies, has established itself as a global leader in coral reef stewardship by launching the International Coral Reef Initiative and by maintaining professional networks for the purposes of sharing knowledge and information on coral reefs, furnishing near real-time data collected at coral reef sites, providing a repository for historical data relating to coral reefs, and making substantial contributions to the general fund of coral reef knowledge; and**

**[Whereas 1997 has been declared the "International Year of the Reef" by the coral reef research community and over 40 national and international scientific, conservation, and academic organizations: Now, therefore, be it]**

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*Whereas healthy coral reefs function as natural, regenerating coastal barriers, protecting shorelines and coastal areas from high waves,*