

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, 1999 at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 15, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 109, a bill to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; S. 340, a bill to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; S. 582, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historic Park; S. 589, a bill to require the National Park Service to undertake a study of the Loess Hills Area in western Iowa to review options for the protection and interpretation of the area's natural, cultural, and historical resources; S. 591, a bill to authorize a feasibility study for the preservation of the Loess Hills in western Iowa; and H.R. 149, a bill to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Land Management Act of 1996 and to other laws related to parks and public lands.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Science, Technology and Space Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet on Thursday, April 15, 1999, at 10 a.m. on R&D FY/2000 budget.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be granted permission to conduct a hearing regarding the implementation of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century Thursday, April 15, 9:30 a.m., hearing room (SD-406).

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

JUDGE BARRY RUSSELL

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, as a representative of the great state of California, it is always a pleasure to learn about and recognize the great achievements made by members of the Law Enforcement community.

Today, I am delighted to commend Judge Barry Russell, for selflessly dedicating his personal time, energy, and money to coordinating the Federal Bar Association's Federal Law Enforcement Medal of Valor and Distinguished Service Award Luncheon.

Judge Russell has chaired this program for the past ten years, without expecting anything in return. He makes this special effort to ensure that members of the Los Angeles area Federal Law Enforcement community are honored for their selfless acts of valor and exemplary investigative achievements.

On behalf of the United States Senate, and all who have benefitted from your inspirational service, I commend you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.●

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

• Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to honor students from my home State of Alaska who have garnered a host of honors recently—all very well deserved.

As an avid outdoorsman and hunter I have more than passing skill with a rifle, but I am in awe at the accomplishments of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Rifle Team. On Friday, March 12 the team won the NCAA national title in team rifle competition during the annual championships held at Norwich University in Northfield, VT.

While the Nanooks won the team Rifle Championships, the students had several other firsts. Ms. Kelly Mansfield, a junior at the University, became the first person ever to win both the small-bore and individual titles in the same year. And the Nanooks set a record with eight team members earning All-American status, record number of All-Americans in rifle competition from a single University. Of the team's eight All-Americans six earned honors in both the small-bore and air rifle disciplines, another record.

Besides Ms. Mansfield, I would like to congratulate the other seven All-Americans who competed with such distinction during the national collegiate championships. Earning praise are sophomore Dan Jordan, freshman Johan Lindberg and sophomore Melissa Mulloy, all double All-Americans first team in both events. Also earning praise are junior Joacim Trybom, who earned first-team, small-bore and second team air rifle honors; Grant Mecozzi, who earned second-team honors in both categories; and Amber

Darland, who made the second team in small-bore.

I also would like to mention senior Kelly Bushong, who won honorable mention on the small-bore squad.

All of the students from the University's Fairbanks campus performed wonderfully, an obvious reflection on their coach, Randy Pitney, who has done a sensational job of teaching and preparing his team this year. All Alaskans wish to offer our praise and our thanks for the team's hard work and dedication. Excellence in marksmanship takes skill and discipline. It also takes desire—the desire to practice, the desire to be the best. That was particularly hard this past January in Fairbanks when the temperature was often -50 degrees F.

I can't say enough for the accomplishments of these young women and men. Everyone in Alaska is very proud of the Nanooks' achievements during the 1998-99 season. Again, congratulations on a great year.●

IN RECOGNITION OF HENRY S. LANDAU

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate Henry S. Landau on receiving the Humanitarian Award of the Jewish Federation of Washtenaw County, Michigan. Mr. Landau is being honored by the Jewish Federation as a "builder of our future," because of the outstanding work he has done to establish programs and institutions to provide education and job training in the community.

Henry Landau has served his community, state, and country in countless ways. He served as a trustee of Washtenaw Community College from 1976 to 1982. He also served as chair of the Washtenaw Community College Foundation and was later honored by the college with a lifetime achievement award and an endowed scholarship. Mr. Landau was a Senior Life Director of the National Association of Home Builders and a trustee of the Home Builders Institute. Mr. Landau also served as President of the Michigan Association of Home Builders and was a board member for eighteen years.

Henry Landau was instrumental in establishing a unique and innovative program in the Ann Arbor Public School System to teach high school students about the building trades by allowing them to build an actual home. This successful program continues and is now financed through the sale of the homes built by students. The construction industry later honored Mr. Landau's efforts with the H.S. Landau Scholarship, which is awarded annually and benefits a graduate of the Ann Arbor student building program.

Mr. President, I have mentioned only a small sampling of the many ways in which Henry Landau has used his vitality, creativity and hard work to make his community and our nation a better place to live. I know my colleagues will join me in honoring Henry Landau for

his many extraordinary efforts on behalf of his community.●

AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate resolution 78 submitted earlier today by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 78) to authorize representation of Members and officers of the Senate in the case of *Jim Russell v. Albert Gore, et al.*

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a civil action commenced by a pro se plaintiff in Yakima County Superior Court, Yakima County, Washington, against Vice President ALBERT GORE, as President of the Senate, and Senators GORTON and MURRAY. The complaint attacks the validity of federal tax laws essentially by challenging the validity of all legislation enacted subsequent to the Seventeenth Amendment, on the basis that the Constitution prohibits the direct election of Senators provided for by the amendment.

This action is subject to removal from state court to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. This resolution authorizes the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Senate defendants in this suit to move for its removal to federal court, and then to seek its dismissal for failure to state a claim for relief.

Mr. COVERDELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 78) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 78

Whereas, in the case of *Jim Russell v. Albert Gore, et al.*, Case No. 99-2-00749-1, pending in Yakima County Superior Court, Yakima County, Washington, the plaintiff has named as defendants Vice President Albert Gore, Senator Slade Gorton, and Senator Patty Murray;

Whereas, pursuant to section 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to defend Members and officers of the Senate in civil actions relating to their official responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to represent Vice President Gore, Senator Gorton, and Senator Murray in the case of *Jim Russell v. Albert Gore, et al.*

DESIGNATING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate resolution 79, submitted earlier today by Senator LOTT. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 79) designating the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee for the 106th Congress.

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

Mr. COVERDELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 79) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 79

Resolved, That the following Senator is designated as the Chairman of the following committee for the 106th Congress, or until his successor is chosen:

Joint Economic Committee: Mr. Mack, Chairman.

CONGRATULATING BOYD CLINES, LARRY ROGERS, AND MATT MOSELEY FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND COURAGE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate resolution 80 submitted earlier today by myself and Senator CLELAND.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 80) congratulating Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley for their bravery and courage in the April 12, 1999, rescue mission of Mr. Ivers Sims.

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

Mr. COVERDELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this resolution be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 80) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 80

Whereas on April 12, 1999, a treacherous fire erupted in a historic cotton mill in Atlanta, Georgia, and Mr. Ivers Sims, a construction worker, found himself suspended 180 feet in the air trapped by raging flames surrounding him;

Whereas Boyd Clines, a Georgia Department of Natural Resources pilot, and his navigator, Larry Rogers, arrived on the

scene and negotiated a helicopter through the menacing wind, smoke, and fire which emanated from the cotton mill, while an Atlanta firefighter, Matt Moseley, dangled from a rope near the flames, all in an attempt to save Mr. Sims;

Whereas Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley, in the true spirit of heroism, demonstrated amazing courage and valor in risking their lives in order to save the life of Mr. Sims;

Whereas the teamwork, dedication, and bravery that Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley displayed during the rescue mission enabled the mission to be successful;

Whereas Atlanta firefighters, police officers, Sheriffs deputies, and residents diligently worked together in order to fight the massive fire that engulfed the historic cotton mill;

Whereas Atlanta residents at home during the fire helped during the crisis by rescuing pets and using garden hoses to extinguish the flames emanating from burning debris;

Whereas the Atlanta firefighters, facing shortages of equipment and personnel, heroically contained a fire that could have spread beyond the cotton mill and enveloped a historic neighborhood now being revitalized;

Whereas the fire crisis of April 12, 1999, shall be remembered not for the tragic loss of the historic cotton mill, but instead for the heroism and bravery displayed by Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley; and

Whereas it should be recognized that Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley have brought pride and honor to the State of Georgia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley for the bravery and heroism that they displayed during the April 12, 1999, rescue mission of Mr. Ivers Sims; and

(2) commends Atlanta firefighters, police officers, Sheriffs deputies, and residents for the outstanding teamwork that they displayed in fighting the fire of the cotton mill.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, to digress for just a moment, this is a resolution acknowledging the heroism of Boyd Clines, Larry Rogers, and Matt Moseley. I doubt that there is hardly an American alive who did not watch that stunning and chilling event when these three men exemplified all the virtues of American heroism. It is a stark reminder of what Americans, who work for our fire departments, our rescue units, our law enforcement agencies all across the country, are capable of doing, and their total dedication where they will often set all their own personal safety aside in the name of helping another citizen.

It was all embodied in this enormous event that occurred in Atlanta, GA several days ago. It was an incredible sight and witness of American heroism. I am particularly pleased to be able to join with my colleague, Senator CLELAND, in the authorship of that resolution which has just been approved.

REFERRAL OF MEASURE—S. 754

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that calendar No. 86, S. 754 be referred to the Environment and Public Works Committee.

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