

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

The bill (H.R. 3988) was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF A GRATUITY TO TRUDY LAPIC

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 356, submitted earlier today by Mr. DAYTON.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 356) to authorize the payment of a gratuity to Trudy Lapid, the widow of Thomas Lapid, who perished in the plane crash which took the life of Senator Wellstone and others.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 356) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 356

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to pay, from appropriations under the subheading "MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS" under the heading "CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SENATE", to Trudy Lapid, widow of Thomas Lapid, a loyal employee of the Senate for 9 years, a sum equal to 8 months of compensation at the rate Thomas Lapid was receiving by law during the last month of his Senate service, that sum to be considered inclusive of funeral expenses and all other allowances.

AMENDING TITLE 10, U.S. CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR ORDERS OF PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 5590.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5590) to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for the enforcement and effectiveness of civilian orders of protection on military installations.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 5590) was read the third time and passed.

RELATIVE TO THE CONVENING OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE 108TH CONGRESS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the consideration of S. J. Res. 53, introduced earlier today by the Senator from South Dakota, Mr. DASCHLE, and the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. LOTT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the joint resolution by title.

A joint resolution (S. J. Res. 53) relative to the convening of the first session of the 108th Congress.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The joint resolution (S. J. Res. 53) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 53

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first regular session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress shall begin at noon on Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the sine die adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or inter-parliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF HOUSE DOCUMENT

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 487 received from the House and which is now at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 47) authorizing the printing as a House document of a volume consisting of the transcripts of the ceremonial meeting of the House of Representatives and Senate in New York City on September 6, 2002, and a collection of statements by Members of the House of Representatives and Senate from the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; that the

motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 487) was agreed to.

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE ANAHEIM ANGELS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 357, submitted earlier today by Senators FEINSTEIN and BOXER.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 357) commending and congratulating the Anaheim Angels for their remarkable spirit, resilience, and athletic discipline in winning the 2002 World Series.

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

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President, I rise today with my friend and colleague from California, Senator BARBARA BOXER, to commend and congratulate the Anaheim Angels for winning the 2002 World Series 3 weeks ago.

The Angels are world champions for the first time in their 42-year history. After defeating the New York Yankees in the first round of the playoffs and then going on to beat the Minnesota Twins for the American League Championship, the Angels battled my hometown team, the San Francisco Giants, in an exciting all-California World Series. The Angels have proven to the world their outstanding ability to win and work as a team.

Led by manager Mike Scioscia and players Scott Spezio, Garret Anderson, and Darin Erstad the Angels offense destroyed even the mightiest pitchers through October. Most Valuable Player Troy Glaus batted an astounding .385 average with three homeruns in the seven-game series.

Another key player in the Angels' march to glory is Troy Percival. The veteran closing pitcher stifled the Giants' hitters in pivotal game 7 and throughout the playoffs. Furthermore, Troy Percival would not have been able to perform his masterful pitching had it not been for starting pitcher John Lackey who pitched five strong innings in game 7.

Manager Mike Scioscia's leadership proved to be invaluable to the team. His experience as a catcher with Southern California's other major league franchise, the Los Angeles Dodgers, helped the Angels through what started as Anaheim's worst season ever and turned it into a glorious year.

The Anaheim Angels truly epitomize the importance of teamwork, as nearly every member of the roster contributed to their phenomenal season. It should be noted that the championship could not have been won without the dedication of the entire team: David

Eckstein, Tim Salmon, Adam Kennedy, Bengie Molina, Brad Fullmer, Jarrod Washburn, Kevin Appier, Brendan Donnelly, Ben Weber, Ramon Ortiz, and Francisco Rodriguez.

I also would like to congratulate chairman and CEO of the Walt Disney Company Michael Eisner, General Manager Bill Stoneman and all of the Angels' staff on their hard work assembling Anaheim's first championship team. I should also congratulate Jackie Autry, widow of former Angels owner Gene Autry. One of her husband's greatest dreams was to see the Angels win a World Series.

And, most importantly, I would like to thank the Angels fans in Southern California who have earned national recognition for their enthusiasm and unbridled support of their team.

Finally, it is nearly impossible to congratulate the Angels or their fans without mentioning the "Rally Monkey," the adorable mascot that has become Anaheim's symbol of resilience and refusal to give up hope in the most difficult situations.

The Angels have begun a new era of baseball in Southern California and will certainly defend their title with the same heart and determination that brought them to the World Series this year. The Anaheim Angels are a team with an unquenchable desire to win.

They have made the city of Anaheim, the county of Orange, and all of California proud.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 357) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 357

Whereas the Anaheim Angels have won the first World Championship in the 42 year history of the franchise;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels completed their best season in franchise history with 99 wins, staging one of the most significant team improvements in Major League Baseball since the 2001 season;

Whereas the 2002 World Series was the Anaheim Angels' first appearance in the Fall Classic;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels have fielded such superstars as Nolan Ryan, Rod Carew, Bobby Grich, Reggie Jackson, Jim Abbott, Wally Joyner, Brian Downing, Jim Edmonds, Gary DiSarcina, and now Troy Percival, Jarrod Washburn, Garret Anderson, Troy Glaus, and Tim Salmon;

Whereas third baseman Troy Glaus received the World Series Most Valuable Player Award for his stellar defensive plays, .385 batting average, and 3 home runs during the series;

Whereas pitcher Francisco Rodriguez became the youngest pitcher to win a World Series game and tied the postseason record for games won with 5 outstanding wins;

Whereas Manager Mike Scioscia won his first World Series title as a manager;

Whereas Tim Salmon made his first playoff appearance in 10 seasons as a major league baseball player, the only current player to have played that long without having reached the postseason;

Whereas the spirit of Gene Autry, the "Singing Cowboy" and former owner of the Angels, was undoubtedly ever-present with the Anaheim players throughout the series as he was an inspirational force to all who played for him and knew of his legacy;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels battled another California team deserving of acknowledgement: the San Francisco Giants;

Whereas the San Francisco Giants were a worthy rival for the Anaheim Angels and set the stage for an exciting and suspenseful World Series that was watched with great interest by many Californians;

Whereas the Anaheim Angels epitomize California pride with their incredible focus, dedication to winning, team cohesiveness, and devotion to playing America's pastime with class, athleticism, and enthusiasm; and

Whereas the Anaheim Angels demonstrate the rewards of perseverance, discipline, teamwork, and championship as they prepare to defend their title of World Champions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Anaheim Angels on winning the 2002 Major League Baseball World Series title.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS ABOUT PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 757, S. Con. Res. 94.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 94) expressing the sense of Congress that public awareness and education about the importance of health care coverage is of the utmost priority and that a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month should be established to promote that awareness and education.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 94) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 94

Whereas census estimates indicate that some 42,000,000 people in the United States are without health insurance coverage, many of whom are among the most vulnerable and can be financially devastated by serious illness, disease, or accident;

Whereas studies have shown that people with health insurance are healthier than those who are uninsured and receive care through emergency rooms or safety net health care services, because the insured are entitled to, and receive, more preventive

care, follow-up care, and care for chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure;

Whereas over 17,300,000 of the uninsured are employed but are not offered health insurance through their employers;

Whereas such employers are small business owners who are often unaware of the benefits of offering health insurance, including that such benefits are tax deductible, reduce employee turnover, and reduce employee sick days;

Whereas over 16,000,000 people in the United States, more than 1/3 of the uninsured, are in families where at least 1 member of the family has been offered employer based health care coverage but has declined coverage;

Whereas many individuals are eligible for public assistance programs such as the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known as SCHIP, and the medicaid program, but are not currently enrolled due primarily to lack of outreach, education, and accessible enrollment processes;

Whereas studies have shown that many individuals and small businesses are unaware of the various options they have for obtaining affordable health care coverage;

Whereas surveys have shown that many individuals who cite expense as the reason for not purchasing insurance find insurance affordable once they are informed of the true cost of various options; and

Whereas education about health care coverage helps uninsured individuals and employers understand the critical value of health insurance as a preventive measure and the ways to keep their health insurance premiums manageable once they have health care coverage: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) a National Importance of Health Care Coverage Month be established to—

(A) promote a multifaceted educational effort about the importance of health care coverage;

(B) increase awareness of the many available health care coverage options; and

(C) inform those eligible for public insurance programs on ways to access those programs; and

(2) the President issue a proclamation calling on the Federal Government, States, localities, citizens, and businesses of the United States to conduct appropriate programs, fairs, ceremonies, and activities to promote this educational effort.

RELIEF OF SO HYUN JUN

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3758 now at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3758) for the relief of So Hyun Jun.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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