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(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to—

(A) observe "National Children's Memorial Day" with appropriate ceremonies and activities in remembrance of the many infants, children, teenagers, and young adults of families in the United States who have died; and

(B) fly the Children's Memorial Flag on "Children's Memorial Flag Day".

Amend the title so as to read: "A Resolution designating December 8, 2002, as 'National Children Memorial Day' and April 26, 2002, as 'Children's Memorial Flag Day'."

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 109), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 109

Whereas approximately 80,000 infants, children, teenagers, and young adults of families living throughout the United States die each year from myriad causes;

Whereas the death of an infant, child, teenager, or young adult of a family is considered to be one of the greatest tragedies that a parent or family will ever endure during a lifetime;

Whereas a supportive environment, empathy, and understanding are considered critical factors in the healing process of a family that is coping with and recovering from the loss of a loved one; and

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**APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—**

H.R. 4 AND H.R. 3295

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair appoint conferees on behalf of the Senate for H.R. 4

There being no objection, the Presiding Officer appointed Senators BINGAMAN, HOLLINGS, BAUCUS, KERRY, ROCKEFELLER, BREAUX, REID, JEFFORDS, LIEBERMAN, MURKOWSKI, DOMENICI, GRASSLEY, NICKLES, LOTT, CRAIG, CAMPBELL, and THOMAS conferees on the part of the Senate.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair appoint conferees on behalf of the Senate for H.R. 3295.

There being no objection, the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. DODD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, and Mr. BOND conferees on the part of the Senate.

**NATIONAL BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 103.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 103) supporting the goals and ideals of National Better Hearing and Speech Month, and for other purposes.

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

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

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 103) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

S. CON. 103

Whereas the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) reports that approximately 42,000,000 people in the United States suffer from a speech, voice, language, or hearing impairment;

Whereas almost 28,000,000 people in the United States suffer from hearing loss;

Whereas 1 out of every 3 people in the United States over 65 years of age suffers from hearing loss;

Whereas although more than 25,000,000 people in the United States would benefit from the use of a hearing aid, fewer than 7,000,000 people in the United States use a hearing aid;

Whereas sounds louder than 80 decibels are considered potentially dangerous and can lead to hearing loss;

Whereas the number of young children who suffer hearing loss as a result of environmental noise has increased;

Whereas every day in the United States approximately 33 babies are born with significant hearing loss;

Whereas hearing loss is the most common congenital disorder in newborns;

Whereas a delay in diagnosing a newborn's hearing loss can affect the child's social, emotional, and academic development;

Whereas the average age at which newborns with hearing loss are diagnosed is between 12 and 25 months;

Whereas more than 1,000,000 children received speech or language disorder services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) during the school year ending in 1998;

Whereas children with language impairments are 4 to 5 times more likely than their peers to experience reading problems;

Whereas 10 percent of children entering the first grade have moderate to severe speech disorders, including stuttering;

Whereas stuttering affects more than 2,000,000 people in the United States;

Whereas approximately 1,000,000 people in the United States have aphasia, a language disorder inhibiting spoken communication that results from damage caused by a stroke or other traumatic injury to the language centers of the brain; and

Whereas for the last 75 years, May has been celebrated as National Better Hearing and Speech Month in order to raise awareness regarding speech, voice, language, and hearing impairments and to provide an opportunity for Federal, State, and local governments, members of the private and nonprofit sectors, speech and hearing professionals, and the people of the United States to focus on preventing, mitigating, and curing such impairments: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—*

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Better Hearing and Speech Month;

(2) commends the 41 States that have implemented routine hearing screenings for every newborn before the newborn leaves the hospital;

(3) supports the efforts of speech and hearing professionals in their efforts to improve the speech and hearing development of children; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to have their hearing checked regularly and to avoid environmental noise that can lead to hearing loss.

**ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2002**

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business until 10 a.m., with the time under the control of Senator DASCHLE or his designee; and that at 10 a.m. the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3009, the Andean Trade Act.

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

**PROGRAM**

Mr. REID. Madam President, tomorrow there should be a series of votes. I don't know how many, but everyone should be aware of a number of votes coming before the Senate. The majority leader has also spoken to the Republican leader, and he expects a number of matters to be able to come up tomorrow evening, maybe some conference reports, maybe a resolution or

so. We are going to have votes tomorrow, and likely it will be a pretty late evening. Everyone should be prepared for that.

the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:43 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 1, 2002:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

KYLE E. MCCLARROW, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF ENERGY, VICE FRANCIS S. BLAKE, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

SUSAN G. BRADEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE ROGER B. ANDEWELT, DECEASED.

REENA RAGGI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, VICE AMALYA L. KEARSE, RETIRED.