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(A) determine that such title should no longer apply to Armenia; and

(B) after making a determination under subparagraph (A) with respect to Armenia, proclaim the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of that country.

(2) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—On or after the effective date of the extensions under paragraph (1)(B) of non-discriminatory treatment to the products of Armenia included under paragraph (1)(B), title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

(g) PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR AZERBAIJAN.—

(1) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AND EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwithstanding any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

(A) determine that such title should no longer apply to Azerbaijan; and

(B) after making a determination under paragraph (1) with respect to Azerbaijan, proclaim the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of that country.

(2) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—On or after the effective date of the extensions under paragraph (1)(B) of non-discriminatory treatment to the products of Azerbaijan included under paragraph (1)(B), title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

(h) PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR TURKMENISTAN.—

(1) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AND EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwithstanding any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

(A) determine that such title should no longer apply to Turkmenistan; and

(B) after making a determination under subparagraph (A) with respect to Turkmenistan, proclaim the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of that country.

(2) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—On or after the effective date of the extensions under paragraph (1)(B) of non-discriminatory treatment to the products of Turkmenistan included under paragraph (1)(B), title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

SA. 3392 Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3386 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (H.R. 3009) to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

Whereas the American people respect the Iranian people, and value the contribution that Iran's culture has made to world civilization over three millennia:

Whereas the Iranian people aspire to democracy, civil, political and religious rights and the rule of law, evidence by increasingly frequent anti-government and anti-Khatami demonstrations within Iran and the statements of numerous Iranian expatriates and dissidents;

Whereas Iran is an ideological dictatorship presided over by an unelected Supreme Lead-

er with limitless veto power, an unelected Expediency Council and Council of Guardians capable of eviscerating any reforms, and a President elected only after the aforementioned disqualified 234 other candidates for being too liberal, reformist, or secular;

Whereas the United States recognizes the Iranian peoples' concerns that President Muhammad Khatami's rhetoric has not been matched by his actions;

Whereas President Khatami clearly lacks the ability and inclination to change the behavior of the State either toward the vast majority of Iranians who seek freedom; or toward the international community;

Whereas political repression, newspaper censorship, corruption, vigilante intimidation, arbitrary imprisonment of students, and public executions have increased since Khatami's inauguration in 1997;

Whereas men and women are not equal under the law and women are legally deprived of their basic rights;

Whereas the Iranian government shipped 50-tons of sophisticated weaponry to the Palestinian Authority despite Chairman's Arafat's cease-fire agreement, consistently seeks to undermine the Middle East peace process; provides safe-haven to al-Qa'ida and Taliban terrorists; allows transit of arms for guerillas seeking to undermine our ally Turkey; provides transit of terrorists seeking to destabilize the U.S.-protected safe-haven in Iraq; and develop weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and despite rhetorical protestations to the contrary, the Islamic Republic has actively and repeatedly sought to undermine the United States' war on terror;

Whereas there is a broad-base movement for change in Iran that represents all sectors of Iranian society, including youth, women, student bodies, military personnel, and even religious figures, that is pro-democratic, believes in secular government, and is yearning to live in freedom;

Whereas following the tragedies of September 11, tens of thousands of Iranians filled the streets spontaneously and in solidarity with the United States and the victims of the terrorist attacks;

Whereas the people of Iran deserve the support of the American people: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the Sense of the Congress that—

(1) legitimizing the regime in Iran stifles the growth of the genuine democratic forces in Iran and does not serve U.S. national security interest;

(2) positive U.S. gestures toward Iran should be directed toward the people of Iran, and not political figures whose survival depends upon preservation of the current regime;

(3) it should be the policy of the United States to seek genuine democratic government that will restore freedom to the Iranian people, abandon terrorism, and live in peace and security with the international community.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full committee of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 8, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in

room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the nomination of Guy F. Caruso to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration.

Those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Attn: Majority Staff, 264 Dirksen Senate Office Building, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler on 202-224-7571 or Amanda Goldman on 202-224-6836.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 10 a.m., to conduct an oversight hearing on "Bringing More Unbanked Americans Into the Financial Mainstream."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 10:15 a.m., to hold a hearing titled, "Protecting U.S. Citizens Abroad From Terrorism".

Agenda

Witnesses

Panel 1: Mr. Peter Bergin, Principal Deputy Assistant for Diplomatic Security and Director of the Diplomatic Security Service, Department of State, Washington, DC, and Ms. Dianne Andrusch, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Overseas Citizens Services, Department of State, Washington, DC.

Panel 2: Mr. Frank Smyth, Washington Representative, the Committee to Protect Journalists, Washington, DC; the Honorable Vernon Penner, Vice President for Corporate International Services, Crisis Management Worldwide, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Overseas Citizens Services, Annapolis, MD; Mr. Thomas P. Ondeck, President, GlobalOptions, Inc., Washington, DC; and Dr. Sheryl E. Spivack, Assistant Professor of Tourism Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 9:10 a.m., for the purpose of conducting a business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Quander, Jr. to be Director of the District of Columbia Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 2, 2002, after the first scheduled vote.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 10 a.m., in Dirksen Building Room 226.

Agenda

I. Nominations

Julia Smith Gibbons to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Sixth Circuit; Leonard E. Davis to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Eastern District of Texas; David C. Godbey to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Northern District of Texas; Andrew S. Hansen to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas; Samuel H. Mays, Jr., to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Western District of Tennessee; Thomas M. Rose to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Southern District of Ohio; and Paul G. Cassell to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the District of Utah.

To be United States Attorney: Steven M. Biskupic for the Eastern District of Wisconsin; James E. McMahon for the District of South Dakota; and Jan Paul Miller for the Central District of Illinois.

To be United States Marshal: Walter Robert Bradley for the District of Kansas; Randy Paul Ely for the Northern District of Texas; William Paul Kruziki for the Eastern District of Wisconsin; Stephen Robert Monier for the District of New Hampshire; and Gary Edward Shovlin for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

II. Bills

S. 2031, Intellectual Property Protection Restoration Act of 2002 [Leahy/Brownback].

S. 848, Social Security Number Misuse Prevention Act of 2001 [Feinstein/Gregg].

S. 1742, Restore Your Identity Act of 2001 [Cantwell].

S. 1644, Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2001 [Campbell].

S. 2431, The Mychal Judge Police and Fire Chaplains Public Safety Officers' Benefit Act of 2002 [Leahy/Campbell/Schumer/Clinton/Biden].

S. 1868, National Child Protection Improvement Act [Biden/Thurmond].

III. Resolutions

S. Res. 255, A resolution to designate the week beginning May 5, 2002, as

"National Correctional Officers and Employees Week" [Feinstein/Hatch].

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Immigration and Naturalization Service: How Should It Be Restructured?" on Thursday, May 2, 2002, in Dirksen Room 226 at 2:30 p.m.

Witness List

Panel I: Congressman Romano Mazzoli, Former U.S. Representative, Louisville, Kentucky.

Panel II: Paul Virtue, Former INS General Counsel, Washington, DC, and Stephen Yale-Loehr, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Ithaca, New York.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 2, 2002, for a hearing on pending legislation.

The hearing will take place in SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda for Legislative Hearing Pending Legislation

S. 1113, to increase the Medal of Honor pension, and to provide for an annual adjustment in that pension.

S. 1408, to standardize the income threshold for copayment for outpatient medications with the income threshold for inability to defray necessary expense of care, and for other purposes.

S. 1517, to implement Hart-Rudman Commission recommendations on enhancing Montgomery GI Bill benefits.

S. 1561, to strengthen the preparedness of health care providers within the Department of Veterans Affairs and community hospitals to respond to bioterrorism.

S. 1576, to extend the eligibility for health care of veterans who served in Southwest Asia during the Persian Gulf War.

S. 1680, to provide that duty of the National Guard mobilized by a State in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or otherwise at the request of the President shall qualify as military service under the Soldier and Sailors Civil Relief Act.

S. 1905, to enhance veterans' programs and the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to administer them.

S. 2003, to clarify the applicability of the prohibition on assignment of veterans benefits to agreements regarding future receipt of compensation, pension, or dependency and indemnity compensation, and for other purposes.

S. 2025, to increase the rate of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, to make that special pension effective

from the date of the act for which the Medal of Honor is awarded, and to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the criminal penalties associated with misuse or fraud relating to the Medal of Honor.

S. 2043, to extend by five years the period for the provision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of non-institutional extended care services and required nursing home care, and for other purposes.

S. 2044, to provide for further improvement of the program to expand and improve the provision of specialized mental health services to veterans.

S. 2060, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in St. Petersburg, Florida, after Franklin D. Miller.

S. 2073, to provide for the retroactive entitlement of Ed W. Freeman to Medal of Honor special pension.

S. 2074, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

S. 2079, to facilitate and enhance judicial review of certain matters regarding veteran's benefits, and for other purposes.

S. 2132, to provide for the establishment of medical emergency preparedness centers in the Veterans Health Administration, to provide for the enhancement of the medical research activities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2186, to establish a new Assistant Secretary to perform operations, preparedness, security and law enforcement functions, and for other purposes.

S. 2187, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish health care during a major disaster or medical emergency, and for other purposes.

S. 2205, to clarify the entitlement to disability compensation of women veterans who have service-connected mastectomies, to provide permanent authority for counseling and treatment for sexual trauma, and for other purposes.

S. 2209, to provide an additional program of service disabled veterans' insurance for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 2227, to clarify the effective date of the modification of treatment for retirement annuity purposes of part-time service before April 7, 1986, of certain Department of Veterans Affairs health-care professionals.

S. 2228, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to operate up to 15 centers for mental illness research, education, and clinical activities.

S. 2229, to authorize a cost-of-living increase in rates of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation, and to revise the requirement for maintaining levels of extended-care services to veterans.

S. 2230, to authorize VA to guarantee adjustable rate mortgage loans.

S. 2231, to increase Chapter 35 educational assistance benefits, and to increase funding to State Approving Agencies.

S. 2237, to enhance compensation for veterans with hearing loss.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing entitled "Gas Prices: How Are They Really Set?"

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Roll, a fellow on my staff, be granted the privilege of floor.

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

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to Shara Aranoff, a fellow with the Senate Finance Committee trade staff, during the duration of the debate on the trade bill.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Sarah Lennon, a Department of Energy fellow in Senator CARNAHAN's office, be granted the privilege of the floor during today's session.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DASCHLE. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination reported out earlier today by the Health, Education, and Labor Committee: Elias Adam Zerhouni, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health. I further ask that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, any statements be printed in the RECORD, and the Senate return to legislative session without any intervening action or debate.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Elias Adam Zerhouni, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise to congratulate Dr. Elias Zerhouni on his confirmation by the U.S. Senate as the new Director of the National Institutes of Health. I am pleased that his nomination was approved by the

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee this morning and that the Senate has approved his nomination today.

I am proud that Maryland is home to the National Institutes of Health, and some of the best and brightest researchers in the world. Now Maryland is the home of the National Institutes of Health's new Director, Dr. Zerhouni.

Dr. Zerhouni has spent his impressive career turning medical research into tools and treatments that improve patients' lives. He is an innovative thinker and a successful entrepreneur who has turned his scientific discoveries into successful businesses. He is also a talented administrator who will bring his leadership skills to bear on this challenging new role. His administrative skills will be especially important as Congress completes the bipartisan commitment to double NIH's budget this year.

I am pleased that the U.S. Senate has given Dr. Zerhouni this resounding show of support as he prepares to take the helm of the world's finest research institution. I look forward to working with Dr. Zerhouni in his new role as Director of the National Institutes of Health. The National Institutes of Health and the American people will be well served by Dr. Elias Zerhouni.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, today the Senate is considering the nomination of one of the nation's most distinguished scientific leaders, Dr. Elias Zerhouni, to be the Director of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Zerhouni's life is a story about endless possibilities. He arrived from Algeria with little else but his medical training—and a desire to help his fellow human beings facing disease. From that humble beginning, he has explored the endless possibilities of medical research. His contributions have been extraordinary.

Dr. Zerhouni developed new methods for imaging living tissues that are in use in hospitals around the nation. As a skilled administrator, he has demonstrated leadership and vision time and time again at Johns Hopkins. He revitalized the Medical School's Clinical Practice Association. He worked skillfully with scientists, business leaders and elected officials to create a thriving biotechnology park.

Most recently, he established the groundbreaking Institute for Cell Engineering. At this remarkable new facility, scientists are exploring the potential of stem cells to alleviate some of the most deadly diseases we face as a nation. The stem cell research conducted at the new Institute is already providing new insights into therapies for Parkinson's Disease, spinal injury, diabetes, and other serious illnesses.

In many ways, the story of NIH is also a story about endless possibilities. NIH research has developed therapies to free millions of Americans from the limitations of disease and disability so that they, too, can explore the endless possibilities of an active and productive life.

Dr. Zerhouni will become the first NIH Director in this new century of the life sciences. Never have the possibilities for NIH been greater. The NIH budget will increase to more than \$27 billion this year. Those funds will support research and training in thousands of research institutions across the nation and around the world. Leading the NIH is an awesome responsibility that will determine the quality of life for millions and millions of Americans for many years to come.

NIH research ranges from studies of microscopic structures in living cells to investigations of patterns of disease in entire populations. NIH research not only gives us information about what keeps us healthy or makes us sick, but it reveals new insights into who we are as human beings.

The advances made by NIH research in just the first two years of this new century are extraordinary—and the future promises still greater wonders. Already in this century, NIH research has helped map the human genome. No less important than these basic genetic studies are recent findings from NIH scientists that structured lifestyle changes can significantly reduce the risk of diabetes, sparing millions of Americans from this deadly disease.

The impact of NIH research on human health is incalculable. Life expectancies have risen dramatically over the last century, and some scientists believe that the first human being to live to be a productive 150 year-old is already alive today.

Never before have the challenges for NIH been greater. The anthrax attacks of last fall taught the nation what many of us knew already—that the powerful techniques of modern biology can be used not only to heal but to harm. Just this week, the Brookings Institute published a risk assessment showing that a million Americans could die in a major biological attack.

NIH must provide the leadership required to develop new medical weapons in the battle against bioterrorism. I know that good progress is already being made in the race to develop better vaccines against smallpox, anthrax, and other dangerous pathogens.

I would also like to extend my thanks, and the thanks of the entire Senate to Dr. Ruth Kirschstein, who has served so effectively as Acting Director since the departure of Dr. Harold Varmus. She has served in this important position with dedication and skill, to the great benefit of NIH and the nation.

Earlier this week, our committee received Dr. Zerhouni's nomination papers from the President. A few days ago, we listened to him explain his vision for meeting the challenges and seizing the opportunities of this new century of the life sciences as NIH Director. Earlier today, our committee approved his nomination unanimously. I hope my Senate colleagues will confirm his nomination quickly. I wish every good future to Dr. Zerhouni, and