

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO FAMILY FARMERS, RANCHERS, AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 324, and the Senate now proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
A resolution (S. Res. 324) congratulating the National Farmers Union for 100 years of service to family farmers, ranchers, and rural communities.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 324) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.
The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 324

Whereas the National Farmers Union celebrates its centennial anniversary in 2002;

Whereas during its 100 years of service to rural America, the National Farmers Union has faithfully promoted the organization's mission of education, legislation, and co-operation as identified by its founders and proclaimed in its triangular symbol;

Whereas the National Farmers Union represents nearly 300,000 family farmer and rancher members across the United States;

Whereas the National Farmers Union epitomizes the spirit and energy of hundreds of thousands of family farmers, ranchers, rural advocates, and communities;

Whereas the National Farmers Union remains dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for rural America;

Whereas the National Farmers Union has been instrumental in the establishment and progress of the farmer-owned cooperative movement; and

Whereas the National Farmers Union strives to improve rural America through proactive support and proposals to enhance rural economic development, educational opportunities, resource conservation, market competition, domestic farm income, and international cooperation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends and congratulates the National Farmers Union for a century of dedicated service to the farmers, ranchers, and rural communities of the United States.

PROVIDING A TEMPORARY WAIVER UNDER THE CLEAN AIR ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3880, which has just been received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3880) to provide a temporary waiver from certain transportation conformity requirements and metropolitan transportation planning requirements under the Clean Air Act and under other laws for certain areas in New York where the planning offices and resources have been destroyed by acts of terrorism, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without any intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (H.R. 3880) was read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, September 13; that following the prayer and the Pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 961 and the nomination be confirmed without any intervening action or debate; that following the disposition of the nomination, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified, and the Senate return to legislative session and resume consideration of the Interior Appropriations Act.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the next rollcall vote will occur tomorrow morning at 10:15 a.m. in relation to the Dodd amendment to the Interior Appropriations bill. At noon the Senate will resume consideration of the Homeland Security Act.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I appreciate very much the patience of the Presiding Officer.

I now ask unanimous consent, as I believe there is no further business to come before the Senate, that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:53 p.m., adjourned until Friday, September 13, 2002, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 12, 2002:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MAURA ANN HARTY, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (CONSULAR AFFAIRS), VICE MARY A. RYAN.

THE JUDICIARY

RALPH R. ERICKSON, OF NORTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA, VICE RODNEY S. WEBB, RETIRED.

S. MAURICE HICKS, JR., OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, VICE DONALD E. WALTER, RETIRED.

THOMAS L. LUDINGTON, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, VICE PAUL V. GADOLA, RETIRED.

WILLIAM D. QUARLES, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, VICE WILLIAM M. NICKERSON, RETIRED.

VICTOR J. WOLSKI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE BOHDAN A. FUTLEY, TERM EXPIRED.

GLEN L. BOWER, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER HE TAKES OFFICE, VICE CAROLYN MILLER PARR, TERM EXPIRED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate September 12, 2002:

THE JUDICIARY

TIMOTHY J. CORRIGAN, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA.