

RAISING AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGING PREVENTION OF STALKING

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 359, S. Con. Res. 58.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 58) expressing the sense of Congress with respect to raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking in the United States and supporting the goals and ideals of National Stalking Awareness Month.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution, which had been reported from the Committee on the Judiciary with an amendment, an amendment to the preamble, and an amendment to the title.

[Strike the parts, shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.]

S. CON. RES. 58

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

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Amend the title so as to read: "Resolution raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by urging the establishment of January 2004 as National Stalking Awareness Month."

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, the concurrent resolution as amended, be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the title amendment be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 58), as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment to the preamble was agreed to.

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The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, announces the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the National Council of the Arts: the

Senator from Utah, Mr. BENNETT, in lieu of the Senator from Alabama, Mr. SESSIONS; the Senator from Ohio, Mr. DEWINE.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1805 and S. 1806

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk that are due a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. That is correct. The clerk will report the titles of the bills.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1805) to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

A bill (S. 1806) to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I object en bloc to further proceedings on these measures at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rule, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2003

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, November 4. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, 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 then begin a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the minority leader or his designee and the second 30 minutes under the control of Senator HUTCHISON or her designee, provided that following morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 1753, the fair credit reporting bill.

I further ask consent that the Senate recess tomorrow from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party luncheons.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I know the Senator from Kentucky has the floor, but I just want to say a couple of things. I will be very brief. The Healthy Forests Act and CARE Act are extremely important and we understand that. But to think that what we are suggesting is abnormal is simply not the case. This happens all the time. This is not something unique that we have developed, to send the bill over and have them send it back with amendments. My friend from Kentucky used the term it wasn't normal Senate procedure. Quite to the contrary, it is, Mr. President. We do this all the time and we believe it is certainly appropriate with the experiences we have had with the conferences.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. No objection having been heard, without objection, the request is agreed to.

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow morning following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the fair credit reporting bill. The consent agreement provides for a limited list of amendments, and it is hoped we can finish that bill during tomorrow's session.

In addition, moments ago the Senate locked in an agreement with respect to the Syria accountability bill. We will be looking for an opportunity to schedule that bill during Tuesday's session. Therefore, Senators should anticipate rollcall votes throughout the day tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:29 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate November 3, 2003:

THE JUDICIARY

GENE E. K. PRATTER, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, VICE WILLIAM H. YOHN, JR., RETIRING.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

GORDON H. MANSFIELD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE LEO S. MACKAY, JR., RESIGNED.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

JEFFREY L. BUSCH, 0000
MARYELLEN M. COLELLA, 0000
KRISTIN Q. CORCORAN, 0000
TIMOTHY P. CROWLEY, 0000
JOHN P. HURLEY, 0000
DONALD F. KAROL, 0000
LURILLA J. LEE, 0000
KENNETH R. OLSEN, 0000
JOHN D. POTTER, 0000
RICHARD A. REYNOLDS, 0000
SELDEN D. RHODES, 0000
DAVID G. SELLA, 0000
JOHN S. WELCH, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To Be lieutenant commander

WILLIAM D. ADKINS, 0000
LARA A. ANDERSON, 0000
SCOTT ANDERSON, 0000
CHRISTOPHER J. ANDRES, 0000
ALBERT F. ANTARAN, 0000
CARISSA C. APRIL, 0000
JENNIFER H. ARKO, 0000
DESARAE ATNIP, 0000
AREX B. AVAM, 0000
DONALD E. BADER, 0000
MICHAEL M. BALDING, 0000
JON N. BALLWEBER, 0000
KIMBER L. BANNAN, 0000
DAVID C. BARATA, 0000
MICHAEL D. BARNER, 0000
RICHARD L. BATES, 0000

RICHARD E. BATSON, 0000
ERICH J. BAUER, 0000
LANCE C. BELBEN, 0000
CHARLES M. BELL, 0000
CHERI BENESAU, 0000
DAMON L. BENTLEY, 0000
MICHAEL A. BILLEAUDEAUX, 0000
STEVEN J. BOSAU, 0000
GARY R. BOWEN, 0000
PETER F. BRADY, 0000
MICHAEL J. BRANDHUBER, 0000
MARY M. BRITTON, 0000
MARKO BROZ, 0000
GLENN A. BRUNNER, 0000
KENNETH R. BRYAN, 0000
CHRISTOPHER A. BUCKRIDGE, 0000
STEPHEN BURDIAN, 0000
JAMES D. BURNS, 0000
DAVID A. BUTTERRIES, 0000
CHRISTOPHER J. BUTTON, 0000
MICHAEL E. CAMPBELL, 0000
SEAN M. CARROLL, 0000
ANDREA D. CHAMPAGNIE, 0000
CHRISTOPHER M. CHASE, 0000
ANDREW B. CHENEY, 0000
RICHARD F. CHRISTENSEN, 0000
KURT A. CLARKE, 0000
FRANCIS COLANTONIO, 0000
DWIGHT E. COLLINS, 0000
LAURA D. COLLINS, 0000
CHRISTOPHER J. CONLEY, 0000
DAVID COOPER, 0000
THOMAS F. COOPER, 0000
KELLY A. COUGHLIN, 0000
DARREL W. CREACY, 0000
SEAN M. CROSS, 0000
LUCINDA CUNNINGHAM, 0000
DEBORAH K. DARMINIO, 0000
CHARLES V. DARR, 0000
RUSSELL E. DASH, 0000
JERRY W. DAVENPORT, 0000
CHRISTINA M. DAVIDSON, 0000
ANTHONY P. DAVIS, 0000
KARL D. DAVIS, 0000
ROBERT L. DECOOPMAN, 0000
DONALD D. DEIBLER, 0000
DANIEL J. DEPTULA, 0000
JOHN C. DETTLEFF, 0000
DAVID S. DEUEL, 0000
LINDSAY R. DEW, 0000
DEREK M. DOSTIE, 0000
ERIC J. DOUCETTE, 0000
JOHN J. DRISCOLL, 0000
JOSEPH S. DUFRESNE, 0000
JOSEPH A. DUGAN, 0000
JAMES E. DUNNE, 0000
DOUGLAS E. EGGLESTON, 0000
CARL A. ELLIS, 0000
LAWRENCE K. ELLIS, 0000
ANDREW W. ERIKS, 0000
JAMES P. ESPINO, 0000
JAMES C. ESTRAMONTE, 0000
COLLIN T. FAGAN, 0000
MATTHEW T. FAY, 0000
CHRISTIAN A. FERGUSON, 0000
BRANDON C. FINNEY, 0000
SAMUEL D. FORBES, 0000
RICHARD J. FRATTARELLI, 0000
GERALD S. FRYE, 0000
CHRISTOPHER A. GALE, 0000
MARIA G. GALMAN, 0000
RICHARD J. GAY, 0000
DAVID D. GEFFEL, 0000
OWEN L. GIBBONS, 0000
PAUL M. GILL, 0000
BRIAN C. GLANDER, 0000
DOUGLAS D. GOODWIN, 0000
KEVIN E. GOUNAUD, 0000
YURI V. GRAVES, 0000
JOHN P. GREGG, 0000
RYAN K. GRIFFIN, 0000
JOHN HALL, 0000
RICHARD W. HANCOCK, 0000
JEFFREY S. HARRY, 0000
JOHN L. HARTLINE, 0000
RANDAL A. HARTNETT, 0000
JEFFREY J. HAKKOM, 0000
TIMOTHY L. HAWS, 0000
LEONARD J. HERSL, 0000
JONATHAN HICKEY, 0000
MARK C. HICKMAN, 0000
BRIAN K. HOFFERBER, 0000
JOHN L. HOLLINGSWORTH, 0000
DENNIS R. HOOKS, 0000
TROY A. HOSMER, 0000
JAMES P. HOVICK, 0000
BESSIE V. HOWARD, 0000
THOMAS T. HUBLE, 0000
EVAN D. HUDSPETH, 0000
JOSEPH F. HUMBERT, 0000
LANCE E. ISAKSON, 0000
WILLIAM T. JEFFRES, 0000
CHRISTOPHER JENSEN, 0000
KEVIN M. JONES, 0000
THOMAS J. KAMINSKI, 0000
CHRISTOPHER R. KAPLAN, 0000
BRIAN P. KEFFER, 0000
ELIZABETH F. KEISTER, 0000
ROBERT S. KEISTER, 0000
SCOTT A. KEISTER, 0000
SCOTT J. KELLY, 0000
JOHN W. KENNEDY, 0000
BRENDEN J. KETTNER, 0000
BRAD J. KIESERMAN, 0000
KEVIN M. KING, 0000
JADON E. KLOPSON, 0000
FRANK W. KLUCZNIK, 0000