

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 282) providing the funding to assist in meeting the official expenses of a preliminary meeting relative to the formation of a United States Senate-China interparliamentary group.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 282) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 282

Resolved, That—

(1) there is authorized within the contingent fund of the Senate under the appropriation account "MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS" \$75,000 for fiscal year 2004 to assist in meeting the official expenses of a preliminary meeting relative to the formation of a United States Senate-China interparliamentary group including travel, per diem, conference room expenses, hospitality expenses, and food and food-related expenses;

(2) such expenses shall be paid on vouchers to be approved by the President pro tempore of the Senate; and

(3) the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to advance such sums as necessary to carry out this resolution.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM INDECENT PROGRAMMING

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration S. Res. 283, a sense-of-the-Senate resolution submitted earlier today by Senator SESSIONS.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 283) affirming the need to protect children in the United States from indecent programming.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; 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. 283) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 283

Whereas millions of people in the United States are increasingly concerned with the patently offensive television and radio programming being sent into their homes;

Whereas millions of families in the United States are particularly concerned with the adverse impact of this programming on children;

Whereas indecent and offensive programming is contributing to a dramatic coarsening of civil society of the United States;

Whereas the Federal Communications Commission is charged with enforcing standards of decency in broadcast media;

Whereas the Federal Communications Commission established a standard defining what constitutes indecency in the declaratory order In the Matter of a Citizen's Complaint Against Pacifica Foundation Station WBAI(FM), 56 F.C.C.2d 94 (1975) (referred to in this Resolution as the "Pacifica order");

Whereas the Federal Communications Commission has not used all of its available authority to impose penalties on broadcasters that air indecent material even when egregious and repeated violations have been found in the cases of WKRK-FM, Detroit, MI, File No. EB-02-IH-0109 (Apr. 3, 2003) and WNEW-FM, New York, New York, EB-02-IH-0685 (Sept. 30, 2003).

Whereas the standard established in the Pacifica order focuses on protecting children from exposure to indecent language;

Whereas the standard established in the Pacifica order was upheld as constitutional by the United States Supreme Court in *Federal Communications Commission v. Pacifica Foundation*, 438 U.S. 726 (1978);

Whereas the Enforcement Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission has refused to sanction the airing of indecent language during the broadcast of the Golden Globe Awards, at a time when millions of children were in the potential audience; and

Whereas as of December 2003, an application for review is pending before the Federal Communications Commission, requesting that the full Commission review that decision of the Enforcement Bureau: Now, therefore, be it

(1) the Federal Communications Commission should return to vigorously and expeditiously enforcing its own United States Supreme Court-approved standard for indecency in broadcast media, as established in the declaratory order In the Matter of a Citizen's Complaint Against Pacifica Foundation Station WBAI(FM), 56 F.C.C.2d 94 (1975);

(2) the Federal Communications Commission should reassert its responsibility as defender of the public interest by undertaking new and serious efforts to sanction broadcast licensees that refuse to adhere to the standard established in that order;

(3) the Federal Communications Commission should make every reasonable and lawful effort to protect children from the degrading influences of indecent programming;

(4) The Federal Communications Commission should use all of its available authority to protect the public from indecent broadcasts including: (1) the discretion to impose fines up to a statutory maximum for each separate "utterance" or "material" found to be indecent; and (2) the initiation of license revocation proceedings for repeated violations of its indecency rules;

(5) The Federal Communications Commission should resolve all indecency complaints expeditiously; and should consider reviewing such companies at the full Commission level; and

(6) The Federal Communications Commission should aggressively investigate and enforce all indecency allegations.

THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE HOUSE SPEAKERSHIP: THE CANNON CENTENARY CONFERENCE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 345 which is 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. 345) authorizing the printing as a House document of the transcripts of the proceedings of "The Changing Nature of the House Speakership: The Cannon Centenary Conference," sponsored by the Congressional Research Service on November 12, 2003.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, 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. 345) was agreed to.

DEATH OF SENATOR PAUL SIMON

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 281, a sense-of-the-Senate resolution submitted earlier today by Senators FITZGERALD, DURBIN, myself, and Senator DASCHLE.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 281) relative to the death of the Honorable Paul Simon, a former Senator from the State of Illinois.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 281) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 281

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon at the age of 19 became the nation's youngest editor-publisher when he accepted a Lion's Club challenge to save the Troy Tribune in Troy, Illinois, and built a chain of 13 newspapers in southern and central Illinois;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon used his newspaper to expose criminal activities, and in 1951, at age 22, was called as a key witness to testify before the U.S. Senate's Crime Investigating Committee;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon served in the Illinois legislature for 14 years, winning the Independent Voters of Illinois' "Best Legislator Award" every session;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon was elected lieutenant governor in 1968 and was the first in Illinois' history to be elected to that post with a governor of another party;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon served Illinois in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate with devotion and distinction;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon is the only individual to have served in both the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon was the founder and director of the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, and taught there for more than six years in the service of the youth of our Nation;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon wrote over 20 books and held over 50 honorary degrees;

Whereas the Honorable Paul Simon was an unapologetic champion of the less fortunate and a constant example of caring and honesty in public service;

Whereas his efforts on behalf of Illinoisans and all Americans earned him the esteem and high regard of his colleagues; and

Whereas his tragic death has deprived his State and Nation of an outstanding lawmaker and public servant: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Paul Simon, a former Senator from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased former Senator.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn sine die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 339. I further ask consent that when the Senate returns on Tuesday, January 20, as provided under H.J. Res. 80, it reconvene at 12 noon. 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 resume consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, the omnibus appropriations language; provided that the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided between the chairman and ranking member of the Appropriations Committee or their designees for debate only. I further ask consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party luncheons. I further ask consent that the time from 2:15 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. be equally divided in the aforementioned manner with the time from 2:50 p.m. to 3 p.m. equally divided between the two leaders or their designees for debate only; provided that at 3 p.m. the Senate proceed to a cloture vote on the conference report as provided under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the Senate will convene the second session of the 108th Congress on Tuesday, January 20, 2004. When the Senate reconvenes, we will begin and resume debate on the omnibus appropriations con-

ference report. Earlier today, I filed a cloture motion on that conference report. That vote will occur at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20. That vote will be the first vote of the second session. It is my hope and expectation that cloture will be invoked and we will be able to complete action on the appropriations process early that day.

I want to wish everyone a happy and a safe holiday season. I again want to thank all of those people who support us in this Chamber in our day-to-day activities for all of their assistance throughout the year. From the pages to the clerks, the doorkeepers, the police men and women and everyone who is part of the Senate family, I do say thank you for your efforts in keeping this institution functioning.

Lastly, let me thank the Democratic leader for his assistance throughout the year. Although we have not always agreed on policy—as a matter of fact, we have disagreed frequently on policy—I believe we have been able to communicate forthrightly with one another. As they say, we agree to disagree. I appreciate the candor of all of those conversations. To all of the Members, I thank them for their cooperation throughout the year. I wish all of our colleagues and their families a very happy holiday.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 339, and in accordance with S. Res. 281 as a further mark of respect for our deceased former colleague, Senator Paul Simon.

There being no objection, at 7:33 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate December 9, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

SAMUEL W. BODMAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE KENNETH W. DAM, RESIGNED.

ROBERT JEPSON, OF GEORGIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 14, 2008, VICE KAREN HASTIE WILLIAMS, TERM EXPIRED.

PAUL JONES, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 14, 2008, VICE CHARLES L. KOLBE, TERM EXPIRED.

CHARLES L. KOLBE, OF IOWA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 14, 2004, VICE STEVE H. NICKLES, RESIGNED.

DONALD KORB, OF OHIO, TO BE CHIEF COUNSEL FOR THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND AN ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE B. JOHN WILLIAMS, JR.

BRIAN CARLTON ROSEBORO, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE PETER R. FISHER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

LISA KRUSKA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE KATHLEEN M. HARRINGTON.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAFAYETTE COLLINS, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JACK O. DEAN.

THE JUDICIARY

PETER W. HALL, OF VERMONT, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, VICE FRED I. PARKER, DECEASED.

JAMES L. ROBERT, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, VICE THOMAS S. ZILLY, RETIRING.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RONALD J. TENPAS, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MIRIAM F. MIQUELON, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

TO BE LIEUTENANT GENERAL

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS L. BAPTISTE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

TO BE LIEUTENANT GENERAL

MAJ. GEN. DONALD J. WETEKAM, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

RHONDA KEENUM, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICES, VICE MARIA CINO, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate December 9, 2003:

THE JUDICIARY

BRUCE E. KASOLD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS FOR THE TERM PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

EPHRAIM BATTAMBUZE, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 9, 2006.

JOHN W. LESLIE, JR., OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 22, 2007.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

HOWARD RADZELY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE SOLICITOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DAVID WAYNE ANDERSON, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

KARAN K. BHATIA, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

CHARLES DARWIN SNELLING, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 30, 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EDWARD B. O'DONNELL, JR., OF TENNESSEE, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS SPECIAL ENVOY FOR HOLOCAUST ISSUES.

JON R. PURNELL, OF MASSACHUSETTS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN.

MARGARET DEBARDELEBEN TUTWILER, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.

LOUISE V. OLIVER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

WILLIAM J. HUDSON, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA.

MARGARET SCOBEEY OF TENNESSEE, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC.

THOMAS THOMAS RILEY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.

JACKIE WOLCOTT SANDERS, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF