

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

(1) recognizes and congratulates Ohio and its residents for their important contributions to the economic, social, and cultural development of the United States on the occasion of the bicentennial of the founding of the State of Ohio; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the Governor of Ohio.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

###### SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

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

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 2:30 p.m. in Room SD-366.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 164, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of César Estrada Chávez and the farm labor movement; S. 328 a bill to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", and for other purposes; S. 347 a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a joint special resources study to evaluate the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Rim of the Valley Corridor as a unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; S. 425 a bill to revise the boundary of the Wind Cave National Park in the State of South Dakota.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, 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, United States Senate, SD-364, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact: Tom Lillie (202-224-5161) or Pete Lucero (202-224-6293).

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed session, to receive testimony on the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2004 and the future years defense program.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25 at 10:00 a.m. to consider the President's proposed FY 2004 budget for the Department of Energy.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. to receive testimony regarding natural gas supply and prices.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on The State of the World Report on Hunger.

#### AGENDA

##### Witnesses:

Panel 1: Mr. James T. Morris, Executive Director, The World Food Program, United Nations, Rome, Italy; and The Honorable Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State, Washington, DC.

Panel 2: Ms. Ellen S. Levinson, Government Relations Director, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, Washington, DC; Mr. Ken Hackett, Executive Director, Catholic Relief Services, Baltimore, MD; and Dr. Joachim Von Braun, Director General, The International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 344, a bill expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, and for other purposes.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, for a joint hearing with the House of Representatives' Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hear the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

The hearing will take place in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building at 2 p.m.

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Aviation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. on FAA reauthorization-airport financing.

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

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. TALENT. I ask unanimous consent that a member of my staff, Christopher Papagianis, be granted floor privileges.

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

#### DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S.

##### RES. 65 AND S. 389

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further action on S. Res. 65 and that the matter be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 389 and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

#### REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT 108-3

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on February 25, 2003, by the President of the United States: Second Additional Protocol Modifying Convention with Mexico Regarding Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion, Treaty Document No. 108-3. I further ask unanimous consent that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith for Senate advice and consent to ratification, the Second Additional Protocol that Modifies the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Mexico City on November 26, 2002. I also transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State concerning the proposed Protocol.

The Convention, as amended by the proposed Protocol, would be similar to tax treaties between the United States and other developed nations. It would provide maximum rates of tax to be applied to various types of income and protection from double taxation of income. The Protocol was concluded in recognition of the importance of the United States economic relations with Mexico.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to this Protocol, and that the Senate give its advice and consent to ratification.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 26. I further ask unanimous consent 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 return to executive session and resume consideration of the nomination of Miguel Estrada to be a circuit judge for the DC Circuit.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, and for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will begin its 10th day of consideration of the Estrada nomination. Unfortunately, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle continue to prevent us from proceeding to a final vote on this extremely talented and well-qualified nominee. The majority leader has said Members should prepare for full days and evenings as we hope to bring to a close debate on this nomination. Rollcall votes are, therefore, expected during tomorrow's session.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. TALENT. 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 6:57 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, February 26, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 25, 2003:

##### NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

ANNE RADER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2004. VICE KATE PEW WOLTERS, TERM EXPIRED.

##### UNITED STATES TAX COURT

DIANE L. KROUPA, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE ROBERT P. RUWE, TERM EXPIRED.

MARK VAN DYKE HOLMES, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE JULIAN L. JACOBS, TERM EXPIRED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

GREGORY W. ENGLE, OF COLORADO, 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 TOGOLESE REPUBLIC.  
ERIC S. EDELMAN, 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 TURKEY.

##### FOREIGN SERVICE

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LOUISE BRANDT BIGOTT, OF ILLINOIS

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

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NICHOLAS RICHARD BERLINER, OF CONNECTICUT  
AUDU MARK E. BESMER, OF CONNECTICUT  
LEE RUST BROWN, OF UTAH  
AMY CHRISTINE CARLON, OF TEXAS  
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ROBERT E. KEMP, OF TEXAS  
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AMY MARIE MASON, OF MAINE  
MIKAEL C. MCCOWAN, OF NEW YORK  
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THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND COMMERCE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED:

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