

Diana M. Bensyl
Amanda S. Brown
Michael J. Cooper
Karen A. Hennessey
Daphne B. Moffett
Meredith A. Reynolds
Cynthia A. Striley

To be sanitarian

Jan C. Manwaring

To be senior assistant sanitarian

Gary W. Carter
Julia E. Chervoni
Vivian Garcia
Kit C. Grosch
Wayne L. Hall
Brian E. Hoch
Harrichand Rhambarose
Donald B. Williams, Jr.

To be senior veterinary officer

Yvette M. Davis
Stephanie R. Ostrowski
Lowrey L. Rhodes Jr.

To be veterinary officer

Estella Z. Jones-Miller

To be senior assistant veterinary officer

Gregory L. Langham

To be pharmacist director

Diane L. Frankenfield

To be senior pharmacist

Sharon K. Gershon
George A. Lyght
Jo Ann M. Spearmon

To be pharmacist

Michael S. Forman
Pamela M. Schweitzer
Paul N. Shedd
Sharon K. Thoma
Adolph E. Vezza

To be senior assistant pharmacist

Sean J. Belouin
Sean K. Bradley
Rosalind P. Chorak
Carmen C. Clelland
James L. Cobbs
Thomas C. Duran
Jennifer E. Fan
Carol A. Feldotto
Rebecca E. Garner
Patricia N. Garvey
Eugene Hampton Jr.
Clint E. Hinman
Tommy E. Horeis
Kristina M. Joyce
Mariann Kocsis
Yoon J. Kong
Rey V. Marbello
Jeen S. Min
Denise A. Norman
Lisa D. Oliver
Margaret A. Rincon
Amy D. Rubin
Jane J. Russell
Spencer S. Salis
Melissas R. Schweiss
Catherine W. Witte

To be assistant pharmacist

Kristen L. Maves
Paras M. Patel
Emily T. Thakur

To be senior assistant dietitian

Karl R. Blasius
Alexandria M. Cossi
Carol A. Treat
Kirsten M. Warwar

To be senior assistant therapist

Andra F. Battocchio
Cynthia E. Carter
Frederick V. Lief
William H. Pearce Jr.
Tarri Ann Randall
Jeffrey D. Richardson
Joseph B. Strunce

Christa L. Themann

To be health services officer

Malcolm B. Johns
Henry Lopez Jr.
Guy J. Mahoney
George J. Majus
Nicole M. Smith
Lola R. Staples

To be senior assistant health services officer

Jane M. Barnes
Michael A. Candreva
Robert P. Chelberg
David S. De La Cruz
Beth D. Finnson
Gregory J. Flaitz
Arnold L. Howard
Erich Kleinschmidt
Audrey G. Lum
Marsha R. McCrimmon
Daniel H. Reed
Ruben T. Sabater
David C. Staten Jr.
Michael D. Weahkee

To be assistant health services officer

Michelle M. Bleth
Carrie L. Earnheart
Cheryl L. Fajardo
Ryan D. Hill
David J. Lusche
Anthony A. Walker

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 818, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

NOMINATIONS COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Gary T. Blore, 3199
Capt. Craig E. Bone, 6477
Capt. Robert S. Branham, 6546
Capt. John P. Currier, 0852
Capt. Ronald T. Hewitt, 6030
Capt. Joseph L. Nimmich, 9821
Capt. Joel R. Whitehead, 5138

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

COAST GUARD

PN1876 COAST GUARD nomination of Kenneth W. Megan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 7, 2004.

PN1917 COAST GUARD nominations (4) beginning John B. McDermott, and ending David C. Clippinger, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 10, 2004.

PN1918 COAST GUARD nomination of Karen W. Quiachon, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 10, 2004.

PN1919 COAST GUARD nominations (62) beginning Michael H. Anderson, and ending Gordon K. Weeks, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 10, 2004.

PN1953 COAST GUARD nominations (13) beginning Scott B. Beeson, and ending Needham E. Ward, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 13, 2004.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PN1827 Public Health Service nominations beginning Timothy D. Mastro, and ending Anthony A. Walker, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 19, 2004.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the following committees be discharged from the listed nominations, and further that they be placed on the calendar: from the Finance Committee, Anna Escobedo Cabral, PN1852; from the Governmental Affairs Committee, Gregory E. Jackson, PN971.

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

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL POLAR YEARS AND INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 466, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 466) celebrating the anniversaries of the International Polar Years (1882-1883 and 1932-1933) and International Geophysical Year (1957-1958) and supporting a continuation of this international science year tradition in 2007-2008.

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

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to support a Senate resolution to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the first International Polar Year, IPY, of 1882-1883, the 75th anniversary of the second IPY of 1932-1933, and the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year, IGY, 1957-1958, in 2007-2008. The resolution would also support the continuation of such international science year traditions, particularly emphasizing activities dedicated to global environmental research, education, and protection.

Mr. President, IPY and IGY have left a legacy of scientific advancements, new discoveries, and international goodwill that continue to benefit societies today. They have made significant contributions to enhancing our

understanding of the processes of environmental change and variability. In order to accurately access and monitor changes in the Earth's climate, environments, and ecosystems, it is imperative that we give adequate attention and resources to understanding these processes. Examining environmental changes in the past will strengthen our abilities to make informed decisions for the future.

IPY, first launched over 125 years ago, set precedents for internationally coordinated scientific campaigns. Accomplishments from past IPY activities include advancements in meteorology, atmospheric sciences, geomagnetism, and technology. IPY also fueled the establishment of the first year-round research station inland from the Antarctic coast by the United States. Planning for an IPY in 2007–2008 is currently underway under the United States leadership of the National Academy of Science, in conjunction with the International Council for Science and the World Meteorological Organization.

Modeled after IPY, IGY was first launched in 1957–1958 and also has been a model for international science activities. Accomplishments from past IGY activities include the initiation of the global space age and exploration of the upper atmosphere through the launching of Sputnik and Vanguard, the world's first satellites. IGY led to the establishment of more research stations in the Antarctic, and to the ratification of the Antarctic Treaty in 1961, which promoted peaceful international collaboration and scientific exploration in the Antarctic. It is my hope that the same research activities will occur in the Arctic region.

This resolution celebrating the anniversaries of IPY and IGY in 2007–2008 would endorse the concept of a worldwide campaign for scientific activity and expand the scope of past international science activities to promote interdisciplinary research that incorporates the physical and social sciences to enrich the understanding of diversity in life and environmental patterns on Earth. The resolution also would require the President of the United States to submit to Congress a report on steps taken by the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in association with the National Academy of Sciences and other scientific organizations, to ensure a successful worldwide international science year in 2007–2008.

I urge my colleagues to support this noncontroversial effort to promote continued international scientific collaboration.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion 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. 466) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 466

Whereas the year 2007 is the 125th anniversary of the first International Polar Year of 1882–1883, the 75th anniversary of the second International Polar Year of 1932–1933, and the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year of 1957–1958;

Whereas the first International Polar Year of 1882–1883, which involved 12 nations, and the second International Polar Year of 1932–1933, which involved 40 nations, set the first precedents for internationally coordinated scientific campaigns;

Whereas the International Geophysical Year, conceived in and promoted by the United States, was the largest cooperative international scientific endeavor undertaken to that date, involving more than 60,000 scientists from 66 nations;

Whereas each of these activities left a legacy of scientific advances, new discoveries, and international goodwill that still benefit us today;

Whereas the International Geophysical Year legacy includes the dedication of an entire continent to cooperative scientific study through the Antarctica Treaty and the inauguration of the global space age through the launching of Sputnik and Vanguard;

Whereas International Geophysical Year cooperation continues as the model and inspiration for contemporary world science and provides a bridge between peoples of the world that has demonstrated the ability to transcend political differences;

Whereas it also would be appropriate to use the international science year format to expand the scope of past years to encompass a broad range of disciplines and to recognize interdisciplinary research that incorporates the physical and social sciences and the humanities in enriching understanding of diverse life on Earth;

Whereas the 35th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year was commemorated by the International Space Year, a globally implemented congressional initiative conceived by the late Senator Spark Matsunaga of Hawaii, that was highlighted by globally coordinated environmental monitoring and research whose ongoing legacy continues to benefit humanity;

Whereas planning for an International Polar Year in 2007–2008 is underway, under the guidance of strong United States leadership and the National Academy of Sciences and in conjunction with the International Council for Science and the World Meteorological Organization, with this envisioned to be an intense, coordinated campaign of observations, research, and analysis that will be multidisciplinary in scope and international in participation;

Whereas an International Polar Year in 2007–2008 will include research on the conditions in both polar regions and recognize the strong links among polar region conditions and the rest of the globe, including the impact on global climate change, as the polar regions have profound significance for the Earth's climate and environments;

Whereas other scientific bodies are planning additional internationally coordinated scientific programs to advance scientific knowledge and observations from the core of the Earth to the farthest reaches of the Cosmos's effects on the Earth; and

Whereas it is entirely fitting that Congress takes the lead again, in the same spirit, in promoting global cooperation through worldwide commemoration of the past International Polar Years and the International

Geophysical Year with activities reflecting the unity and diversity of life on Earth: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the Sense of the Senate that the President should—

(1) endorse the concept of a worldwide campaign of scientific activity for the 2007–2008 timeframe;

(2) direct the Director of the National Science Foundation and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in association with the National Academy of Sciences and other relevant governmental and nongovernmental organizations, to continue interagency and international inquiries and discussions that ensure a successful worldwide international science year in the 2007–2008 timeframe, emphasizing activities dedicated to global environmental research, education, and protection; and

(3) submit to Congress at the earliest practical date, but no later than March 15, 2005, a report detailing the steps taken in carrying out paragraphs (1) and (2), including descriptions of possible activities and organizational structures for an international science year in 2007–2008.

HONORING AND MEMORIALIZING THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 136, and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 136) honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the concurrent resolution, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without any intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 4062) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the language relating to the memorial)

Beginning on page 2, strike line 10 and all that follows through page 3, line 8, and insert the following:

(3) not later than January 1, 2006, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the Senate shall select an appropriate memorial that shall be located in the United States Capitol Building and that shall honor the passengers and crew of Flight 93, who saved the United States Capitol Building from destruction; and

(4) the memorial shall state the purpose of the honor and the names of the passengers