

United States and its devastating effects on families.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 438) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 438

Whereas 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the enactment of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322, 108 Stat. 1902);

Whereas since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, communities have made significant progress in reducing domestic violence such that between 1993 and 2001, the incidents of nonfatal domestic violence fell 49 percent;

Whereas since created by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, the National Domestic Violence Hotline has answered over 1,000,000 calls;

Whereas States have passed over 660 State laws pertaining to domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault;

Whereas the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 has helped make strides toward breaking the cycle of violence, but there remains much work to be done;

Whereas domestic violence affects women, men, and children of all racial, social, religious, ethnic, and economic groups in the United States;

Whereas on average, more than 3 women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in the United States every day;

Whereas women who have been abused are much more likely to suffer from chronic pain, diabetes, depression, unintended pregnancies, substance abuse, and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS;

Whereas only about 10 percent of primary care physicians routinely screen for domestic violence during new patient visits, and 9 percent routinely screen during periodic checkups;

Whereas each year, about 324,000 pregnant women in the United States are battered by the men in their lives, leading to pregnancy complications, including low weight gain, anemia, infections, and first and second trimester bleeding;

Whereas every 2 minutes, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted;

Whereas almost 25 percent of women surveyed had been raped or physically assaulted by a spouse or boyfriend at some point in their lives;

Whereas in 2002 alone, 250,000 women and girls older than the age of 12 were raped or sexually assaulted;

Whereas 1 out of every 12 women has been stalked in her lifetime;

Whereas some cultural norms, economics, language barriers, and limited access to legal services and information may make some immigrant women particularly vulnerable to abuse;

Whereas 1 in 5 adolescent girls in the United States becomes a victim of physical or sexual abuse, or both, in a dating relationship;

Whereas 40 percent of girls ages 14 to 17 report knowing someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend;

Whereas annually, approximately 8,800,000 children in the United States witness domestic violence;

Whereas witnessing violence is a risk factor for having long-term physical and mental health problems (including substance abuse), being a victim of abuse, and becoming a perpetrator of abuse;

Whereas a boy who witnesses his father's domestic violence is 10 times more likely to engage in domestic violence than a boy from a nonviolent home;

Whereas the cost of domestic violence, including rape, physical assault, and stalking, exceeds \$5,800,000,000 each year, of which \$4,100,000,000 is spent on direct medical and mental health care services;

Whereas 44 percent of the Nation's mayors identified domestic violence as a primary cause of homelessness;

Whereas 25 to 50 percent of abused women reported they lost a job due, in part, to domestic violence;

Whereas there is a need to increase the public awareness about, and understanding of, domestic violence and the needs of battered women and their children;

Whereas the month of October 2004 has been recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a month for activities furthering awareness of domestic violence; and

Whereas the dedication and successes of those working tirelessly to end domestic violence and the strength of the survivors of domestic violence should be recognized: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

(2) expresses the sense of the Senate that Congress should continue to raise awareness of domestic violence in the United States and its devastating impact on families.

ENCOURAGING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO SELECT NEW YORK CITY AS THE SITE OF THE 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 475, at the desk, and just received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 475) encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select New York City as the site of the 2012 Olympic Games.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, any statements be printed in the RECORD, without any intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 475) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Chair now lay

before the Senate the House message to accompany S. 1663.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message:  
S. 1663

*Resolved*, That the bill from the Senate (S. 1663) entitled "An Act to replace certain Coastal Barrier Resources System maps", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

**SECTION 1. REPLACEMENT OF CERTAIN COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM MAPS.**

(a) *IN GENERAL*.—The 2 maps subtitled "NC-07P", relating to the Coastal Barrier Resources System unit designated as Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit NC-07P, that are included in the set of maps entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System" and referred to in section 4(a) of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3503(a)), are hereby replaced by 2 other maps relating to those units entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System Cape Fear Unit, NC-07P" and dated May 5, 2004.

(b) *AVAILABILITY*.—The Secretary of the Interior shall keep the maps referred to in subsection (a) on file and available for inspection in accordance with the provisions of section 4(b) of the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (16 U.S.C. 3503(b)).

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the House amendment, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION ACT OF 1998

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4654 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:  
A bill (H.R. 4654) to authorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4654) was read the third time and passed.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2852, H.R. 1084, AND H.R. 1787

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are three bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2852) to provide assistance to Special Olympics to support expansion of Special Olympics and development of education programs and a Healthy Athletes Program, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 1084) to provide liability protection to nonprofit volunteer pilot organizations flying for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such organizations.

A bill (H.R. 1787) to remove civil liability barriers that discourage the donation of fire equipment to volunteer fire companies.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now ask for their second reading, and in order to place the bills on the calendar under provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will receive their second reading on the next legislative day.

#### SUPREME COURT AUTHORIZATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 707, S. 2742.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2742) to extend certain authority of the Supreme Court Police, modify the venue of prosecutions relating to the Supreme Court building and grounds, and authorize the acceptance of gifts to the United States Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of S. 2742, which is a short but important piece of legislation that Senator HATCH and I have cosponsored at the request of the Supreme Court. This legislation would renew authority to provide security for the Justices when they leave the Supreme Court. Recent reports of the assault of Justice Souter when he was outside of the Supreme Court highlight the importance of security for Justices. If no congressional action is taken, the authority of Supreme Court police to protect Justices off court grounds will expire at the end of this year.

Another provision in this legislation allows the Supreme Court to accept gifts "pertaining to the history of the Supreme Court of the United States or its justices." The Administrative Office of the Courts currently has statutory authority to accept gifts on behalf of the judiciary. This provision would grant the Supreme Court authority to accept gifts but it would narrow the types of gifts that can be received to historical items. I think this provision strikes the proper balance.

Finally, this legislation also would provide an additional venue for the prosecution of offenses that occur on the Supreme Court grounds. Currently, the DC Superior Court is the only place of proper venue despite the uniquely Federal interest at stake. This legislation would allow suit to be brought in United States District Court in the District of Columbia.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Hatch amendment at the desk be agreed to, that the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 3729) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for authority to accept gifts pertaining to the history of the Supreme Court, and for other purposes)

On page 2, lines 22 and 23, strike "for the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the United States Supreme Court," and insert "pertaining to the history of the United States Supreme Court or its justices."

The bill (S. 2742), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

#### S. 2742

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT POLICE TO PROTECT COURT OFFICIALS OFF THE SUPREME COURT GROUNDS.

Section 6121(b)(2) of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking "2004" and inserting "2008".

#### SEC. 2. VENUE FOR PROSECUTIONS RELATING TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT BUILDING AND GROUNDS.

Section 6137 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"(b) VENUE AND PROCEDURE.—Prosecution for a violation described in subsection (a) shall be in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, on information by the United States Attorney or an Assistant United States Attorney."

#### SEC. 3. GIFTS TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

The Chief Justice or his designee is authorized to accept, hold, administer, and utilize gifts and bequests of personal property pertaining to the history of the United States Supreme Court or its justices, but gifts or bequests of money shall be covered into the Treasury.

#### MEASURE REFERRED—H.R. 3428

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 3428, a bill to designate a portion of the U.S. courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue in Alexandria, VA, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building" which is on the calendar, be referred to the committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's cal-

endar: No. 690 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk with NOAA and the Public Health Service.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion 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 en bloc are as follows:

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Dionel M. Aviles, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Navy.

##### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN1977 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (124) beginning Jonathan W. Bailey, and ending Richard A. Edmundson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 20, 2004.

PN1978 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (29) beginning Timothy J. Gallagher, and ending Bernard R. Archer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 20, 2004.

##### PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PN1511 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (224) beginning Terence L. Chorba, and ending Parmjeet S. Saini, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 8, 2004.

PN1632 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (2) beginning Daniel Molina, and ending James D. Warner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2004.

PN1633 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (8) beginning Songhai Barclift, and ending Gregory Woitte, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2004.

PN1634 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE nominations (652) beginning Alvin Abrams, and ending Ariel E. Vidales, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 17, 2004.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29. 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, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2845, the intelligence reform bill.

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