

Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, is necessary to describe the anticipated use of the \$50,000,000,000 bridge fund appropriated in this Act and set forth all additional appropriations that will be required for the fiscal year; and

(3) any funds provided for a fiscal year for ongoing military operations overseas should be provided in appropriations Acts for such fiscal year through appropriations to specific accounts set forth in such appropriations Acts.

SA 1993. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) MONTHLY BRIEFINGS ON STRATEGY ON IRAQ.—The Department of Defense shall, in conjunction with analysts of the Central Intelligence Agency, provide the appropriate committees of Congress on a monthly basis a briefing on the strategy for success in Iraq recently announced by the Administration, including the measures of evaluation utilized in determining the progress made in the execution of that strategy.

(b) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committees on Armed Services, Appropriations, and Foreign Relations and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(2) the Committees on Armed Services, Appropriations, and International Relations and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

SA 1994. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title X, as added by Senate amendment No. ____, add the following:

SEC. 1044. MONTHLY BRIEFINGS ON STRATEGY ON IRAQ.

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Awilda Euill, a staff member in my office, be granted floor privileges for October 3, 2005.

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

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a legislative fellow, Mike Powers, on the staff of Senator DAYTON, be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the Defense appropriations bill.

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

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNER). Without objection, the call of the quorum is rescinded.

RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:43 p.m., recessed subject to the call of the Chair and at 4:55 p.m. reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. ALLEN).

FILING OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2863

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent all first-degree amendments to H.R. 2863, the Defense appropriations bill, be filed at the desk no later than 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, and all first-degree amendments be subject to relevant second-degree amendments.

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

COMMENDING DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to consideration of S. Res. 263, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. Res. 263) commending the efforts of the Department of Veterans Affairs in responding to Hurricane Katrina.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 263) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 263

Whereas Hurricane Katrina physically devastated many areas in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs operates 11 medical centers, 18 community-based outpatient clinics, 3 regional offices, and 8 national cemeteries in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs evacuated over 1,000 patients, employees, and their families from facilities in the affected areas without any loss of life due to the evacuations;

Whereas over 1,000 employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs are volunteering to assist veterans and their families affected by Hurricane Katrina throughout the United States;

Whereas the Department of Veterans Affairs is providing shelter to over 550 staff and their families who have been displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina;

Whereas patients and employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Texas provided extraordinary support and medical assistance to veterans, staff, and families affected by Hurricane Katrina and coordinated numerous medical efforts as part of the overall Federal Government response and recovery efforts in the Gulf Region; and

Whereas heroic actions and efforts on the part of numerous employees and volunteers of the Department of Veterans Affairs saved countless lives and provided immeasurable comfort to the victims of Hurricane Katrina: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends the employees and volunteers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, who risked life and limb to assist veterans, staff, and their respective families who were affected by Hurricane Katrina.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 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, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Democrat leader or his designee, and the final 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 2863, the Defense appropriations bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow we will return to the Defense appropriations bill. Moments ago, we locked in the filing deadline for amendments. That will give the two managers a better idea of what to expect on the bill. We are not encouraging Members to file amendments, but Members will

have until 10:30 tomorrow morning to file their first degrees. Senators are reminded we will have stacked votes later in the day on Wednesday, and we will remain in session this week until we complete the bill. We have other work to complete this week, including the pensions legislation, so I ask for everyone's cooperation in advance as we move forward on these two items.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Mr. FRIST. Earlier today, or earlier this afternoon, I remarked that this is a momentous day in our Nation's history. For the first time in two decades, a new Chief Justice ascends to the bench of the highest Court of the land.

Judge Roberts is leading the Supreme Court as the 17th Chief Justice of the United States today.

Today marks the nomination of Harriet Miers as an Associate Justice for the Supreme Court, and we had yet another opportunity to shape the course of our history. She will be a great addition to the Supreme Court. She does have extensive legal experience, both in the private sector as well as counsel for the President. She understands judicial restraint. She understands that limited role of the judge to interpret the law and not to legislate from the bench.

We are ready to begin this nomination process. Officially, it has now begun with her nomination. We will

have a civil process, a dignified process that ultimately will lead to a confirmation of Ms. Miers before Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. 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 4:58 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 4, 2005, at 9:45 a.m.