

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 266, 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. 266) designating the month of October 2005, as "Family History Month."

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, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 266) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 266

Whereas it is the family, striving for a future of opportunity and hope, that reflects our Nation's belief in community, stability, and love;

Whereas the family remains an institution of promise, reliance, and encouragement;

Whereas we look to the family as an unwavering symbol of constancy that will help us discover a future of prosperity, promise, and potential;

Whereas within our Nation's libraries and archives lie the treasured records that detail the history of our Nation, our States, our communities, and our citizens;

Whereas individuals from across our Nation and across the world have embarked on a genealogical journey by discovering who their ancestors were and how various forces shaped their past;

Whereas an ever-growing number of people in our Nation, and in other nations, are collecting, preserving, and sharing genealogies, personal documents, and memorabilia that detail the life and times of families around the world;

Whereas 54,000,000 individuals belong to a family where someone in the family has used the Internet to research their family history;

Whereas individuals from across our Nation, and across the world, continue to research their family heritage and its impact upon the history of our Nation and the world;

Whereas approximately 60 percent of Americans have expressed an interest in tracing their family history;

Whereas the study of family history gives individuals a sense of their heritage and a sense of responsibility in carrying out a legacy that their ancestors began;

Whereas as individuals learn about their ancestors who worked so hard and sacrificed so much, their commitment to honor the memory of their ancestors by doing good is increased;

Whereas interest in our personal family history transcends all cultural and religious affiliations;

Whereas to encourage family history research, education, and the sharing of knowledge is to renew the commitment to the concept of home and family; and

Whereas the involvement of national, State, and local officials in promoting genealogy and in facilitating access to family history records in archives and libraries are

important factors in the successful perception of nationwide camaraderie, support, and participation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of October 2005, as "Family History Month"; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AUTHORIZATION OF TESTIMONY, DOCUMENT PRODUCTION AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 267, 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. 267) to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in State of New Hampshire v. Anne Miller, Mary Lee Sargent, Jessica Ellis, Lynn Chong, Donald Booth, Eileen Reardon.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony, documents, and representation in related criminal trespass actions in Concord District Court in the State of New Hampshire. In these actions, 6 defendants have been charged with criminal trespassing on the premises of Senator JUDD GREGG's Concord, NH, office on June 2, 2005, for refusing repeated requests to leave Senator GREGG's office at the end of the business day in order to allow the office to close. Trials on the charge of trespass are scheduled to commence on or about October 18, 2005. The State has subpoenaed a member of the Senator's staff who witnessed the defendants' conduct. The enclosed resolution would authorize that staff member, and any other employees of Senator GREGG's office from whom evidence may be required, to testify and produce documents in connection with these actions.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that 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. 267) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas, in the cases of State of New Hampshire v. Anne Miller, Mary Lee Sargent, Jessica Ellis, Lynn Chong, Donald Booth, Eileen Reardon, pending in Concord District Court, New Hampshire, testimony and documents have been requested from Carol Carpenter, an employee in the office of Senator Judd Gregg;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(A)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. 288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent an employee of the Senate with respect to any

subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Carol Carpenter and other employees of Senator Gregg's office from whom testimony or the production of documents may be required are authorized to testify and produce documents in the cases of State of New Hampshire v. Anne Miller, Mary Lee Sargent, Jessica Ellis, Lynn Chong, Donald Booth, Eileen Reardon, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Carol Carpenter and other employees of Senator Gregg's office in connection with the testimony and document production authorized in section one of this resolution.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 6. 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 H.R. 2683, the Defense appropriations bill. I further ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, all time overnight be counted against the 30 hours postcloture.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. The Senate has made tremendous progress on the bill today. It has been a very long day. The chairman and ranking member have done a superb job working with other chairmen and other ranking members throughout the course of the day to bring us to this point. I do want to congratulate Senator STEVENS and Senator INOUE for their great work. We will finish this bill before we leave on Friday, as we set out to do now about 7 or 8 days ago. We will have a very long session tomorrow. We have a lot of work to do. We are in this postcloture period. There are a lot of amendments to be processed and to be voted upon.

We are still working toward an agreement on the pensions bill. I hope to have progress to report on that front tomorrow. Aggressively, people have been working to bring resolution to that bill, and I am confident we will be able to do that but do not yet know the timing on that.