

not exceed \$4,081,365, of which amount (1) not to exceed \$17,500 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) not to exceed \$5,833 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(b) For the period October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006, expenses of the committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$7,165,470, of which amount (1) not to exceed \$30,000 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) not to exceed \$10,000 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

(c) For the period October 1, 2006, through February 28, 2007, expenses of the committee under this resolution shall not exceed \$3,049,982, of which amount (1) not to exceed \$12,500 may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2) not to exceed \$4,167 may be expended for the training of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

SEC. 3. The committee shall report its findings, together with such recommendations for legislation as it deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable date, but not later than February 28, 2005, respectively.

SEC. 4. Expenses of the committee under this resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the Chairman of the Committee, except that vouchers shall not be required (1) for the disbursement of salaries of employees paid at an annual rate, or (2) for the payment of telecommunications provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate, or (3) for the payment of stationery supplies purchased through the Keeper of the Stationery, United States Senate, or (4) for payments to the Postmaster, United States Senate, or (5) for the payment of metered charges on copying equipment provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate, or (6) for the payment of Senate Recording and Photographic Services, or (7) for payment of franked and mass mail costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Senate.

SEC. 5. There are authorized such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions related to the compensation of employees of the committee from March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005; October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006; and October 1, 2006 through February 28, 2007, to be paid from the Appropriations account for "Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations."

SENATE RESOLUTION 26—COMMENDING THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ ON THE ELECTION HELD ON JANUARY 30, 2005, OF A 275-MEMBER TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND OF PROVINCIAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND ENCOURAGING FURTHER STEPS TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF A FREE, DEMOCRATIC, SECURE, AND PROSPEROUS IRAQ

Mr. LUGAR submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 26

Whereas on January 30, 2005, for the first time in over 50 years, the citizens of Iraq had the opportunity to vote in a free election, to choose their own leaders, and to begin the process of writing their own constitution;

Whereas the election in Iraq was held despite imperfect conditions, threats to voters, candidates, and election workers, and acts of violence by those seeking to prevent the voice of the majority of the people of Iraq from being heard;

Whereas an estimated 14,300,000 Iraqis were registered to vote at more than 5,000 polling stations across Iraq and in 14 other countries;

Whereas a majority of individuals who were eligible to vote participated in the election and the final results of the election will be certified on February 15, 2005;

Whereas, the newly elected 275-member Transitional National Assembly of Iraq will include at least 25 percent female representation, will serve as the national legislature of Iraq, and will name a Presidency Council consisting of a President and 2 Vice Presidents that will appoint a new Prime Minister of Iraq and approve the selection of cabinet ministers;

Whereas the Transitional National Assembly will draft a national constitution that will be presented to the people of Iraq for their approval in a national referendum to be held in October 2005 and that will lead to the election of a constitutional government in Iraq;

Whereas the election establishes a credible process for governing Iraq under a mandate from the majority of the people of Iraq and reflects the will of the people for a new Iraq in which all communities are represented and terrorism is eliminated;

Whereas the election was a historic step towards development of democracy for the people of Iraq and an inspiration to all those in the region who are striving to achieve democracy in their own countries;

Whereas the United States is committed to facilitating the development of a strong and proud Iraq that is built by the people of Iraq through their unified efforts and their commitment to protecting the territorial integrity and national unity of Iraq;

Whereas President George W. Bush stated after the election in Iraq that the "world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East"; and

Whereas the United States Government stands ready to work with the new Government of Iraq to build a free, democratic, secure, and prosperous Iraq; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes that, on January 30, 2005, the people of Iraq elected a 275-member Transitional National Assembly and leaders of provincial and regional governments in Iraq in an election that has been widely described as free and fair;

(2) recognizes this election is a milestone in the development of democracy in Iraq,

commends the people of Iraq on the election, and congratulates the new members of the Transitional National Assembly and the leaders of the provincial and regional governments;

(3) commends the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq for its administration of the election and commends the United Nations Mission in Iraq for the provision of expert technical assistance and training to the Commission;

(4) expresses its respect for the freely expressed will of the people of Iraq, its admiration for their courage in the face of intimidation, threats, and acts of violence, and its intention to work with the new Government of Iraq to help the people of Iraq realize the opportunity for a more peaceful and prosperous future;

(5) urges the new leadership of Iraq to move forward with drafting the constitution, upholding the rule of law, and holding a referendum on the new constitution in October 2005;

(6) urges all members of the international community to help Iraq end the violent insurgency which is destabilizing the region and help Iraq build the necessary political, economic, and security infrastructure essential to establish a viable, democratic state and improve the lives of the people of Iraq; and

(7) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to help the people of Iraq succeed in building their own government and fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Iraq for a free, united, peaceful, and prosperous Iraq.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I submit today a resolution commending the Iraqi people for their participation in the election of January 30, 2005, of a 275-member Transitional National Assembly and provincial and regional governments; and encouraging further steps toward establishment of a free, democratic, secure and prosperous Iraq.

Despite the threats to voters, candidates and election workers, and the acts of violence by those seeking to prevent the voice of the majority from being heard, millions of Iraqis voted on Sunday.

For the first time in over 50 years, the Iraqi people have been given the opportunity to choose their leadership. Through this resolution, the Senate recognizes and commends this historic moment and the strides of the Iraqi people toward free and fair elections.

NOTICES OF HEARING/MEETINGS

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 oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday February 17, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the National Park Service's implementation of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act authorized in Public Law 108-447.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, 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, U.S. Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161 or Brian Carlstrom at (202) 224-6293.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ben Taylor of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94-118, Section 4(a)(3) appoints the Senator from Alaska, Ms. MURKOWSKI, to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 100-696, announces the appointment of the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. COCHRAN, as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice the Senator from Colorado, Mr. Campbell.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 20, which was received from the House.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 20) providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 20) was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on tomorrow,

Tuesday, February 1. 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 that there then be a period for the transaction of morning business until 10:45 a.m., with the time equally divided, with the first half of the time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the final half under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Alberto Gonzales to be Attorney General.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Alberto Gonzales to be Attorney General. There are a number of Senators who wish to speak on this nomination, but it is our hope that we can reach an agreement for a reasonable time for debate and a vote on the Gonzales nomination. We will continue working with our colleagues on the other side of the aisle to lock in a consent agreement on the nomination. I encourage all Members looking for floor time to contact either the chairman or the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee as soon as possible so that we can have orderly debate with respect to the nomination.

I also remind all of our colleagues that the President's State of the Union Address will be on Wednesday evening of this week. Senators are asked to be in the Senate Chamber by 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday in order to proceed as a body to the House Chamber at 8:45 p.m. for the 9 o'clock address.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. 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 5:33 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 31, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

MICHAEL CHERTOFF, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE THOMAS J. RIDGE, RESIGNED.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT COMMISSIONED REGULAR OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

To be lieutenant commander

ROBERT M. KEITH, 0000

To be lieutenant

DANIEL E. WARD, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK W. ANDERSON, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN H. BORDELON, JR., 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS L. CARTER, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS A. DYCHES, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARTIN M. MAZICK, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL HOWARD A. MCMAHAN, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES M. SLUDER III, 0000

To be brigadier general

COLONEL ROGER A. BINDER, 0000
COLONEL ROBERT T. L. CHU, 0000
COLONEL DAVID L. COMMONS, 0000
COLONEL THOMAS R. COON, 0000
COLONEL BRUCE E. DAVIS, 0000
COLONEL MICHAEL C. DUDZIK, 0000
COLONEL ELIZABETH A. GROTE, 0000
COLONEL KEVIN F. HENABRAY, 0000
COLONEL JAMES F. JACKSON, 0000
COLONEL MIKE H. MCLENDON, 0000
COLONEL BRIAN P. MEENAN, 0000
COLONEL JAMES L. MELIN, 0000
COLONEL MICHAEL B. NEWTON, 0000
COLONEL CARL M. SKINNER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. KATHLEEN D. CLOSE, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. STEVEN L. BELL, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. KARL W. EIKENBERRY, 0000

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be admiral

ADM. WILLIAM J. FALLON, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

JAMES D. SHAFFER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

THOMAS WILLIAM ACTON, 0000
ALLAN RAY ALBERT, 0000
MARVIN L. ALEXANDER, 0000
ROBERT STEPHEN AMARAL, 0000
DOLORES M. ANP, 0000
ALANE A. ANDREOZZI, 0000
TALENTINO G. ANGELOSANTE, 0000
JEFFREY J. ANSTED, 0000
WOLFGANG C. ASMUS, 0000
VICTORIA JACQUELINE BABB, 0000
KENNETH H. BACHELOR, 0000
ELAINE K. BARRON, 0000
RONALD KEITH BARTLEY, 0000
GARY E. BEEBE, 0000
JANICE A. BENHAM, 0000
MARK C. BLALOCK, 0000
ANTHONY BONANNI, 0000
RICHARD A. BREITBAUM, 0000
RANDAL L. BRIGHT, 0000
MICHAEL J. BRILL, 0000
DAVID ROBERT BROWN, 0000
DOUGLAS A. BROWN, 0000
DORIS A. BRUNER, 0000
KENNEDY SHEFTON BRYAN, 0000
RICHARD J. BURKE, 0000
STEVEN DALE BURTON, 0000
EDWARD JOSEPH CALLAGHAN, JR., 0000
JAMES A. CANNON, 0000
JOANNE FERMANIS CARLON, 0000
ROBERT JACOB CARTER, JR., 0000
GREGORY ALAN CATE, 0000