

Whereas William H. Rehnquist's record illustrates his unwavering commitment to judicial restraint, judicial independence, and the rule of law;

Whereas, under his firm leadership and superb managerial skills, William H. Rehnquist efficiently managed the Supreme Court of the United States for 19 years;

Whereas leaders of both political parties agree that William H. Rehnquist served with honor and integrity in his role as the second Chief Justice of the United States to preside over a presidential impeachment trial, respecting the institutional domain of the Senate and its processes, procedures, and traditions;

Whereas, as the leader of the Supreme Court, William H. Rehnquist was highly regarded by all of his colleagues, including those with differing judicial philosophies;

Whereas his former colleagues have described William H. Rehnquist as a "splendid administrator", "the most efficient manager", "a great Chief Justice", "meticulously fair", and the "most all-around successful" Chief Justice;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist served with distinction on the Supreme Court of the United States for over 14 years as an Associate Justice and 19 years as the Chief Justice, more than 33 years in all;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was the fourth longest serving Chief Justice of the United States;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was 1 of our Nation's most influential and memorable Chief Justices;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was the embodiment of the ideal qualities of a judge, fair, impartial, open minded, and above all committed to the Constitution and the rule of law;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist will be remembered as 1 of the greatest Chief Justices of the United States;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist passed away on September 3, 2005, surrounded by his loving family; and

Whereas our Nation is deeply indebted to William H. Rehnquist, a truly distinguished American: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of William H. Rehnquist;

(2) acknowledges William H. Rehnquist's life-long service to the United States of America as a World War II veteran, a talented attorney, a dedicated public servant, a brilliant jurist, and one of our Nation's greatest Chief Justices; and

(3) commends William H. Rehnquist for his 33 year tenure on the Supreme Court of the United States and his many accomplishments as Chief Justice of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 235—TO PERMIT THE SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS IN SENATE BUILDINGS FOR THE RELIEF OF VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Ms.

STABENOW, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 235

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SOLICITATION FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator or employee of the Senate may solicit another Senator or employee of the Senate within Senate buildings for non-monetary donations for the relief of victims of Hurricane Katrina; and

(2) a Senator or employee of the Senate may work with a nonprofit organization with respect to the delivery of donations described in paragraph (1).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 7, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. to hold a briefing.

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

PERMITTING SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consideration of S. Res. 235, 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. 235) to permit the solicitation of donations in Senate buildings for the relief of victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the ranking member of the Senate Rules Committee, Senator DODD, and 47 other Senators and I today submitted a resolution that would allow Senators and Senate staff to make donations of food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed materials for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Current Senate regulations prohibit any soliciting within Senate buildings. This resolution suspends these regulations for noncash solicitations among the Senate family. It is my hope this resolution will demonstrate the generosity of Senators and staff and will help ease the suffering of the millions of people along the Gulf whose lives have been devastated by this unprecedented disaster.

But I think we can do more at this time of crisis. I believe Senators should be able to use Senate facilities to encourage all of our constituents and friends to donate to charities that are

working 24 hours a day to help alleviate the suffering caused by the hurricane, and I intend to introduce legislation that will facilitate that effort.

This is a modest effort at time of great suffering. We need to do more right now and not allow inflexible rules to prevent us from helping our citizens at a time of crisis.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution 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. 235) was agreed to, as follows:

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UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2862

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following morning business on Thursday, September 8, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 137, H.R. 2862. I further ask that the committee-reported substitute be agreed to as original text for the purposes of further amendment, with no points of order waived by virtue of this agreement.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 8. 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 for morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the minority 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 proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2862, the Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will turn to the Commerce,

Justice, Science appropriations bill. The managers will be ready to go through amendments and expedite consideration of this important bill. I encourage our colleagues who may have amendments to work with the managers tomorrow morning in order to schedule consideration.

In addition to that measure, we anticipate a further supplemental appropriations bill to arrive from the House. We will need to act quickly on that emergency funding to continue our ef-

forts in our Southern Gulf States. Therefore, there will be votes during Thursday's session of the Senate, and I will announce Friday's voting schedule tomorrow once we can gauge our progress.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:01 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 8, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Friday, July 29, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FRANCIS JOSEPH RICCIARDONE, JR., OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE AMBASSADOR TO THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT.