

Senate on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on U.S.-India Atomic Energy Cooperation.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a Business Meeting at 9:30 a.m. to consider the following agenda:

Nominations: Richard Capka to be Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, James Gulliford to be an Assistant Administrator, EPA, William Wehrum to be an Assistant Administrator, EPA.

Committee Rules: A proposal to amend Committee Rule 7(d) on the naming of public buildings and facilities.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Parity, Platforms and Protection: The Future of the Music Industry in the Digital Radio Revolution" on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The witness list is attached.

Panel 1: Anita Baker, Performing Artist, Toledo, OH; Todd Rundgren, Lead Singer, The New Cars, Darby, PA; Victoria Shaw, Songwriter, Nashville, TN; Edgar Bronfman, Chairman and CEO, Warner Music Group, New York, NY; Gary Parsons, Chairman of the Board, XM Satellite Radio, Washington, DC; Mr. Bruce T. Reese, CEO and President, Bonneville International Corp., Salt Lake City, UT; and N. Mark Lam, Chairman and CEO, Live365, Foster City, CA.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Authorizations of Customs and Trade Functions".

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 27, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a

hearing to address the reauthorization of Finance and Entrepreneurial Development programs administered by the Small Business Administration on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. for a field hearing regarding "Ensuring Early Diagnosis and Access to Treatment for HIV/AIDS: Can Federal Resources Be More Effectively Targeted?"

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to allow the privilege of the floor to be granted to Jessica Wilcox, an Energy Fellow in my office, for the remainder of today's session.

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

Mr. COCHRAN. I ask unanimous consent that Jeremy Weirich, a detailee with the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies, from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill, H.R. 4939.

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

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that CAPT Benjamin Venning, a Marine Corps military fellow on my staff, be granted the privileges of the floor for the remainder of the 109th Congress.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 601, Patrick Schiltz, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota. I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, 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 nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

THE JUDICIARY

Patrick Joseph Schiltz, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

CROP SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 446 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 446) recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Crop Science Society of America.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 446) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 446

Whereas the Crop Science Society of America was founded in 1955, with Gerald O. Mott as its first President;

Whereas the Crop Science Society of America is one of the premier scientific societies in the world, as shown by its world-class journals, international and regional meetings, and development of a broad range of educational opportunities;

Whereas the science and scholarship of the Crop Science Society of America are mission-directed, with the goal of addressing agricultural challenges facing humanity;

Whereas the Crop Science Society of America significantly contributes to the scientific and technical knowledge necessary to protect and sustain natural resources on all land in the United States;

Whereas the Crop Science Society plays a key role internationally in developing sustainable agricultural management and biodiversity conservation for the protection and sound management of the crop resources of the world;

Whereas the mission of the Crop Science Society of America continues to expand, from the development of sustainable production of food and forage, to the production of renewable energy and novel industrial products;

Whereas, in industry, extension, and basic research, the Crop Science Society of America has fostered a dedicated professional and scientific community that, in 2005, included more than 3,000 members; and

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy was the parent society that led to the formation of both the Crop Science Society of America and the Soil Science Society of America and fostered the development and the common overall management of the 3 sister societies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 50th anniversary year of the Crop Science Society of America;

(2) commends the Crop Science Society of America for 50 years of dedicated service to advancing the science and practice of crop science;

(3) acknowledges the promise of the Crop Science Society of America to continue enriching the lives of all citizens of the United States by improving stewardship of the environment, combating world hunger, and enhancing the quality of life for another 50 years and beyond; and

(4) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the Crop Science Society of America.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN BADGERS MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of S. Res. 447 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 447) congratulating the University of Wisconsin Badgers men's hockey team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey Championship.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 447) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 447

Whereas, on April 8, 2006, the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team won the Frozen Four in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by defeating—

(1) the University of Maine Black Bears by a score of 5-2 in the semifinals; and

(2) the Boston College Eagles by a score of 2-1 in the championship game;

Whereas Robbie Earl and Tom Gilbert each scored a goal and Brian Elliott had 22 saves in the championship game;

Whereas Adam Burish, Robbie Earl, Brian Elliott, and Tom Gilbert were named to the All-Tournament Team, and Robbie Earl was named the Most Outstanding Player of the tournament;

Whereas the success of the season depended on the hard work, dedication, and performance of every player on the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team, including—

(1) Andy Brandt;

(2) Adam Burish;

(3) Ross Carlson;

(4) Shane Connelly;

(5) A.J. Degenhardt;

(6) Jake Dowell;

(7) Davis Drewiske;

(8) Robbie Earl;

(9) Brian Elliott;

(10) Josh Engel;

(11) Matthew Ford;

(12) Tom Gilbert;

(13) Tom Gorowsky;

(14) Jeff Henderson;

(15) Ryan Jeffery;

(16) Andrew Joudrey;

(17) Kyle Klubertanz;

(18) Nick Licari;

(19) Jeff Likens;

(20) Ryan MacMurchy;

(21) Matt Olinger;

(22) Joe Pavelski;

(23) Joe Piskula;

(24) Jack Skille; and

(25) Ben Street;

Whereas numerous members of the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team were recognized for their performance in the All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association, including—

(1) Tom Gilbert, who was named to the first team of the All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association;

(2) Joe Pavelski and Brian Elliott, who were named to the second team of the All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association; and

(3) Brian Elliott, who was named the All-Western Collegiate Hockey Association Goaltending Champion of the Year;

Whereas Tom Gilbert, Joe Pavelski, and Brian Elliott earned All-American honors;

Whereas, after helping the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team win the 1977 national championship as a player, Head Coach Mike Eaves won his first national championship as a coach;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team has won the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey Championship 6 times;

Whereas the University of Wisconsin has won 3 national championships during the 2005-2006 academic year; and

Whereas the championship victory of the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team ended a terrific season in which the team outscored its opponents 145-79 and compiled a record of 30-10-3: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Wisconsin men's hockey team, Head Coach Mike Eaves and his coaching staff, Athletic Director Barry Alvarez, and Chancellor John D. Wiley for an outstanding championship season; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 27. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the 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 30 minutes, with the first 15 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee, the second 15 minutes under the control of

the Democratic leader or his designee; further, that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4939, the emergency supplemental appropriations measure.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow we will continue work on the emergency supplemental. We had six votes today. Senators should expect a full day, with as many votes as we can possibly process tomorrow.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand in adjournment under the previous order following the remarks of the Senator from Oregon, Mr. WYDEN.

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

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, morning business is closed.

MAKING EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2006—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 3648, AS MODIFIED

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask that my amendment No. 3648, which I spoke about, be modified with the changes at the desk, which are technical in nature.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right. The amendment is so modified.

The amendment (No. 3648), as modified, is as follows:

On page 140, on line 22, insert "vessels and" after "repairing".

Mr. VITTER. I yield back my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon is recognized.

AMENDMENT NO. 3665

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I have an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Oregon [Mr. WYDEN] proposes an amendment numbered 3665.

(Purpose: To prohibit the use of funds to provide royalty relief)

On page 253, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

PROHIBITION OF FUNDS FOR OIL AND NATURAL GAS ROYALTY RELIEF

SEC. 7032. (a) No funds made available under this Act or any other Act for any fiscal year for royalty and offshore minerals management may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to provide relief from a requirement to pay a royalty for the production of oil or natural gas from Federal land during any period in which—