

(c) *SENSE OF THE SENATE.* The Administration shall not sign any agreement with the Russian Federation on low enriched uranium that does not include a requirement that a portion of the low enriched uranium be derived from highly enriched uranium.

RULE OF LAW AND BORDER SECURITY IN EGYPT

SEC. 699Q. (a) The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) Fighting in Gaza during the summer of 2007 demonstrated that the terrorist organization Hamas, which unlawfully seized control over Gaza in June 2007, has been able to achieve a dramatic increase in the quantity and sophistication of arms at its disposal.

(2) Without these arms, the terrorist organization would not have been able to seize control over the Gaza territory.

(3) There is substantial evidence that a significant proportion of these arms were smuggled across the border between Gaza and Egypt.

(4) The Egyptian military is a capable force, made possible in substantial part by a close relationship with the United States.

(5) Concurrent with the escalation of dangerous arms smuggling across the border between Egypt and Gaza has been a retrogression in the rule of law in Egypt.

(6) This loss of hard-earned ground has been characterized by reports of harsh reaction by the Government of Egypt to dissent, including the jailing of political opponents.

(7) The United States has provided aid to Egypt in excess of \$28,000,000,000 over the past three decades.

(b) *The Senate—*

(1) reaffirms its long-standing friendship with the people of Egypt;

(2) believes that our friendship with Egypt requires the Senate to address such vital policy concerns;

(3) urges the Government of Egypt to make concrete and measurable progress on restoring the rule of law, including improving the independence of the judiciary and improving criminal procedures and due process rights and halting the cross-border flow of arms to Gaza;

(4) believes it is the best interest of Egypt, the region, and the United States that Egypt takes prompt action to demonstrate progress on these matters; and

(5) urges the Department of State to work vigorously and expeditiously with the Government of Egypt and the Government of Israel to bring the border between Egypt and Gaza under effective control.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar nominations Nos. 74, 275, 295, and 296; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. John F. Kelly, 0000

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Ronald Spoehele, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Michael David Credo, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Esteban Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for the term of four years.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 316, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 316) designating the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.”

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions 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. 316) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 316

Whereas lead poisoning is a leading environmental health hazard to children in the United States;

Whereas according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 240,000 preschool children in the United States have harmful levels of lead in their blood;

Whereas lead poisoning may cause serious, long-term harm to children, including reduced intelligence and attention span, behavior problems, learning disabilities, and impaired growth;

Whereas children from low-income families are significantly more likely to be poisoned by lead than are children from high-income families;

Whereas children may be poisoned by lead in water, soil, or consumable products;

Whereas children most often are poisoned in their homes through exposure to lead particles when lead-based paint deteriorates or is disturbed during home renovation and repainting; and

Whereas lead poisoning crosses all barriers of race, income, and geography: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of October 21 through October 27, 2007, as “National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week”; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week with appropriate programs and activities.

MINORITY PARTY MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 317 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. 317) to constitute the minority party’s membership on the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress or until their successors are chosen.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. 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. 317) was agreed to.

The resolution is as follows:

S. RES. 317

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the minority party’s appointments to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs for the remainder of the 110th Congress or until their successors are chosen:

Mr. Burr, Mr. Specter, Mr. Craig, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Hutchison, Mr. Ensign.

PERCY SUTTON POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 954 and that the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 954) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 365 West 125th Street in New York, New York, as the “Percy Sutton Post Office Building.”

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 954, a bill to designate the post office located at 365 West 125th Street in Harlem as the Percy Sutton Post Office Building. Percy Sutton is a giant of the New York community. He is a patriot, a veteran Tuskegee Airman, and a pioneering leader in multiple fields—politician, civil rights activist, lawyer and entrepreneur. And, through a lifetime of extraordinary work in the public and

private sectors, he has been the driving force behind the exemplary renaissance of Harlem.

Simply put, Percy Sutton is a commendable American, who never stopped believing in the promise of our Nation, that all men are created equal and endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, even when legally sanctioned discrimination held him down. By dint of his talent, hard work, optimism and faith in the possibility of America, he became the perfect embodiment of the transformation of America from a separate and unequal place to a more perfect union.

Percy is an intellectual of the first order who worked at a New York post office to put himself through law school. Therefore, naming the post office in his honor, in his beloved Harlem—a community he has done so much for—is a perfect tribute to this prominent American.

The youngest of 15 children, Percy Sutton was born on November 24, 1920, in San Antonio, TX. His parents were both educators, and his father went on to become one of the first African American principals in the Nation. All of his siblings graduated from college, and his brothers include the first black elected official in San Antonio and a judge on the New York Supreme Court.

Percy Sutton attended Prairie View A&M University, Tuskegee Institute, and the Hampton Institute. His public service career began when Sutton served with the now legendary Tuskegee Airmen in World War II, winning combat stars as an intelligence officer. Despite being barred from flying fighter planes for the Army Air Corps because of his race, he remained committed to serving his country. After an honorable discharge from the Army, he enrolled in Brooklyn Law School. During this time, he worked for the U.S. Post Office in New York as a clerk during the evening shift and later as a conductor in the New York City subway system to put himself through school.

Motivated to fight racial discrimination, upon finishing law school Sutton became an important civil rights advocate. His commitment to fight for justice and equality lead him to become a well-known attorney, representing

Malcolm X and other activists during the civil rights era. Sutton also served as president of the New York chapter of the NAACP.

Percy has also been a pillar in Harlem and New York politics. A leader of the Harlem political scene, he worked with Mayor David Dinkins, Congressman CHARLES RANGEL, and former New York Secretary of State Basil Paterson to create a lasting force for effective community representation at the local, State and national levels. In 1964, Sutton was elected to the New York State Assembly, where he served for 2 years before becoming the president for the Borough of Manhattan for 10 years, when that office was at the center of gravity of New York City's policymaking apparatus.

His strong ties to Harlem can be further seen in the historic Apollo Theatre, which he purchased and completely revitalized in 1980. Sutton also produced "It's Showtime at the Apollo." Today, as Harlem thrives, the Apollo Theatre remains a cornerstone of the community. Sutton also started the Inner City Broadcasting Company, home of the first African American owned radio station in New York. Through it all, Percy was a trail blazer in the extraordinary transformation of Harlem. While victory has many fathers and mothers, no one person has done more, for more time, or more effectively to realize this vision, than Percy Sutton.

Percy Sutton's impact on his community and his country is immeasurable. Renaming the post office building in Harlem, the neighborhood for which he has done so much, the Percy Sutton Post Office is a perfect tribute to this special man.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, 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 bill (H.R. 954) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2007; that on Wednesday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 3074, the Transportation Appropriations Act as provided for under a previous order; and that the first vote in sequence be with respect to the DeMint amendment.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, if there is no further business today, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:41 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Tuesday, September 11, 2007:

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

RONALD SPOEHEL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN F. KELLY, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

MICHAEL DAVID CREDO, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ESTEBAN SOTO III, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.