

(4) the total dollar amount, and overall percentage of the Department of Education funding, that is expended—

(A) in the classroom;
(B) on student tuition assistance;
(C) on overhead and administrative costs and expenses; and

(D) on Congressionally directed spending items, including the administrative costs of administering such earmarks; and

(5) a listing of all of the programs run by the Department of Education and the total budget and most recent evaluation of each such program, and a notation if no such evaluation has been conducted.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to review the efforts of the Transportation Security Administration, to meet the requirements in the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, and other plans the agency has to strengthen transportation security in the U.S.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 11:45 a.m. to hold a briefing on the Gulf Security Dialogue.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "One Year Later: A Progress Report on the SAFE Port Act."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 16, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Man-

agement, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at 3:15 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Financial and Business Management at the Department of Defense."

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session, that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Williamson Evers to be Assistant Secretary at the Department of Education, PN 230; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on 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:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Williamson Evers, of California to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

THE CALENDAR

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed en bloc to the consideration of the following calendar items: Calendar No. 405, S. Res 326; and Calendar No. 406, H. Con. Res. 193.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, that the preambles be agreed to en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, that the consideration of these items appear separately in the RECORD, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR MURDER VICTIMS

The resolution (S. Res. 326) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 326

Whereas the death of a loved one is a devastating experience, and the murder of a loved one is exceptionally difficult;

Whereas the friends and families of murder victims cope with grief through a variety of support services, including counseling, crisis intervention, professional referrals, and assistance in dealing with the criminal justice system; and

Whereas the designation of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims on September 25 of each year provides an opportunity for the people of the United States to honor the memories of murder victims and to recognize the impact on surviving family members: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims; and

(2) recognizes the significant benefits offered by the organizations that provide services to the loved ones of murder victims.

RECOGNIZING HUNTERS' COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 193), recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety, was considered and agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 348, 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. 348) supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I rise today in support of a resolution that commemorates the Annual Red Ribbon Campaign. I am honored to again seek the Senate's continuing support and recognition of Red Ribbon Week, which is October 23 through October 31.

In 1985, Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena of the Drug Enforcement Administration was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered in the line of duty by drug traffickers. Shortly after Agent Camarena's death, Congressman Duncan Hunter and high school friend Henry Lozano launched "Camarena Clubs" in the agent's hometown of Calexico, CA. In honor of Agent Camarena, hundreds of club members wore red ribbons and pledged to lead drug-free lives. The campaign quickly gained statewide and then national prominence. In 1988, what is now the National Family Partnership organized the first National Red Ribbon Week, an 8-day event proclaimed by the U.S. Congress and chaired by then-President and Mrs. Reagan.

This campaign is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the

Nation, reaching millions of youth through Red Ribbon Week events. Red Ribbon Week memorializes Agent Camarena, and all those who have lost their lives in the war on drugs, by educating young people about the dangers of drug abuse, promoting drug-free activities, and supporting everyone who has stood strong against illicit drugs. The red ribbon that we will wear during Red Ribbon Week is a symbol of zero tolerance for illegal drug use and our commitment to help people, especially children, make the right life decisions.

In Alaska, Red Ribbon Week is a statewide celebration involving thousands of school children and other supporters. On October 22, the Municipality of Anchorage, in conjunction with the Alaska Red Ribbon Coalition and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alaska, will host a Red Ribbon Week kickoff. The Red Ribbon Coalition is comprised of the Anchorage School District, the Alaska State Troopers, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the U.S. Department of Justice. In addition, the Alaska National Guard and 43 Boys and Girls Clubs across Alaska will help other Alaskan communities celebrate Red Ribbon Week throughout the State.

As people across the country stand together against drugs, I thank my colleagues for joining me in what will hopefully be a continuation of the tradition of congressional support and recognition of Red Ribbon Week.

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 348) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 348

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign was established to commemorate the service of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, an 11-year special agent of the Drug Enforcement Administration who was murdered in the line of duty in 1985 while engaged in the battle against illicit drugs;

Whereas the Red Ribbon Campaign has been nationally recognized since 1988 to preserve Special Agent Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life, and is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation, reaching millions of young people each year during Red Ribbon Week;

Whereas the Governors and Attorneys General of the States, the National Family Partnership, Parent Teacher Associations, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and more than 100 other organizations throughout the United States annually celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the period of October 23 through October 31;

Whereas the objective of Red Ribbon Week is to promote the creation of drug-free communities through drug prevention efforts, education, parental involvement, and community-wide support;

Whereas drug abuse is one of the major challenges that the Nation faces in securing a safe and healthy future for our families;

Whereas drug and alcohol abuse contribute to domestic violence and sexual assault, and place the lives of children at risk;

Whereas, although public awareness of illicit drug use is increasing, emerging drug threats and growing epidemics such as the abuse of prescription medication—the second most abused drug by youth, methamphetamine, and inhalants demand attention;

Whereas drug dealers are specifically targeting children by marketing illicit drugs that mimic the appearance and names of well known brand-name candies and foods; and

Whereas parents, youths, schools, businesses, law enforcement agencies, religious institutions, service organizations, senior citizens, medical and military personnel, sports teams, and individuals throughout the United States will demonstrate their commitment to healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during this week-long celebration: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week;

(2) encourages children and teens to choose to live drug-free lives; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to promote the creation of drug-free communities and to participate in drug prevention activities to show support for healthy, productive, and drug-free lifestyles.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 17; that on Wednesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day, there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the majority and minority, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half; provided that Senator STEVENS be recognized to speak in morning business for up to 7 minutes prior to the start of the controlled time; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to H.R. 3043, as provided for under a previous order; that on Wednesday, the Senate stand in recess from 1 to 2 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SANDERS. If there is no further business, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:08 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

JOSEPH J. MURIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, VICE ROBERT M. COUCH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SIMON CHARLES GROS, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE ROGER SHANE KARR, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEBORAH K. JONES, OF NEW MEXICO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE STATE OF KUWAIT.

PATRICK FRANCIS KENNEDY, OF ILLINOIS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE (MANAGEMENT), VICE HENRIETTA HOLSMAN FORE.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

GUS P. COLDEBELLA, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE PHILIP J. PERRY, RESIGNED.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be commander

ALBERT R. AGNICH, 0000
ANTHONY J. ALARID, 0000
MICHAEL S. ANTONELLIS, 0000
WAYNE R. ARGUIN, 0000
CARRIE M. ASH, 0000
DANIEL P. BARAVIK, 0000
EDWARD K. BEALE, 0000
SCOTT A. BEAUREGARD, 0000
MATTHEW T. BECK, 0000
BENJAMIN A. BENSON, 0000
DAVID F. BERLINER, 0000
EDWARD L. BOCK, 0000
GEORGE L. BOONE, 0000
RUSSELL S. BURNSIDE, 0000
JOSEPH R. BUZZELLA, 0000
KENT R. CHAPPELLKA, 0000
PATRICK W. CLARK, 0000
LESLIE W. CLAYBORNE, 0000
MICHAEL A. CLAYBURN, 0000
MICHAEL R. COCKLIN, 0000
JASON C. COLLINS, 0000
RICHARD W. CONDIT, 0000
BRYAN E. DALEY, 0000
JOHN P. DAILEY, 0000
BENJAMIN L. DAVIS, 0000
JOSEPH E. DEER, 0000
NICHOLAS DELAURA, 0000
EDWIN DIAZROSARIO, 0000
DOUGLAS C. DIXON, 0000
DEREK A. DORAZIO, 0000
BRYAN L. DURR, 0000
DAVID M. EHLERS, 0000
THOMAS M. EMERICK, 0000
DENNIS C. EVANS, 0000
BRIAN E. FIEDLER, 0000
JAMES H. FINTA, 0000
GEOFFREY P. GAGNIER, 0000
ERIC J. GANDEE, 0000
EDWARD J. GAYNOR, 0000
PAUL E. GERECKE, 0000
GREGORY S. GESELE, 0000
THOMAS W. GESELE, 0000
MICHAEL W. GLANDER, 0000
ERIC S. GLEASON, 0000
DAVID J. GODFREY, 0000
MARK D. GORDON, 0000
THOMAS A. GRIFFITTS, 0000
JASON R. HAMILTON, 0000
KEVIN J. HANSON, 0000
BENJAMIN J. HAWKINS, 0000
JAMES A. HEALY, 0000
KATHERINE A. HOWARD, 0000
JERRY A. HUBBARD, 0000
JOHN S. IMAHORI, 0000
CHAD L. JACOBY, 0000
JEFFREY A. JANSZEN, 0000
TERRENCE M. JOHNS, 0000
EUGENE E. JOHNSON, 0000
MATT N. JONES, 0000
SAMUEL R. JORDAN, 0000
BRENDAN D. KELLY, 0000
THOMAS H. KING, 0000
TAMARA I. KOERMER, 0000
NICHOLAS R. KOESTER, 0000
AMY E. KOVAC, 0000
SEAN F. LESTER, 0000
MICHAEL C. LONG, 0000
KEVIN J. LOPES, 0000
JESS P. LOPEZ, 0000
JUAN LOPEZ, 0000
JOHN S. LUCE, 0000
LISA K. MACK, 0000
SEAN C. MACKENZIE, 0000
JOSEPH P. MALINAUSKAS, 0000