

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 31, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Climate Disclosure: Measuring Financial Risks and Opportunities.”

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “Examination of the Licensing Process for the Yucca Mountain Repository.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, at 11 a.m. in order to hold a business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, in order to conduct a hearing entitled “FISA Amendments: How to Protect America’s Security and Privacy and Preserve the Rule of Law and Government Accountability” on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness list

Panel I: Kenneth L. Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

Panel II: Edward Black, President and CEO, Computer & Communications Industry Association, Washington, DC; Patrick F. Philbin, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis, Washington, DC; Morton H. Halperin, Director of U.S. Advocacy, Open Society Institute, Washington, DC.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, in order to conduct a hearing on the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act. The Committee will meet in room SD-562 of the

Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

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

PERMITTING COLLECTION OF DONATIONS IN SENATE BUILDINGS TO BE SENT TO MILITARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 361, 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. 361) to permit the collection of donations in Senate buildings to be sent to United States military personnel on active duty overseas participating in or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the war on terrorism.

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. 361) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 361

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF DONATIONS TO UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator, officer, or employee of the Senate may collect from another Senator, officer, or employee of the Senate within Senate buildings nonmonetary donations to be sent to United States military personnel on active duty overseas participating in or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the war on terrorism; and

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

(b) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—This resolution shall be in effect until December 31, 2007.

RECOGNIZING 2007 AS THE YEAR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 362, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 362) recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy.

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, and motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 362) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 362

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy was founded on December 31, 1907, with Mark A. Carleton as the first President of the Society;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy is one of the premier scientific societies in the world, as demonstrated by first-class journals, international and regional meetings, and development of a broad range of educational opportunities;

Whereas the science and scholarship of the American Society of Agronomy are mission-directed, and seek to foster exploration and application of agronomic science, with the goal of increasing and disseminating knowledge concerning the nature, use, improvement, and interrelationships of plants, soil, water, and the environment;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy strives to obtain that goal by promoting effective research, disseminating scientific information, facilitating technology transfer, fostering high standards of education, striving to maintain high standards of ethics, promoting advancements in the agronomy profession, and cooperating with other organizations with similar objectives;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy significantly contributes to the scientific and technical knowledge necessary to protect and sustain natural resources in the United States;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy has a critical international role in developing sustainable agricultural management standards for the protection of land resources;

Whereas the mission of the American Society of Agronomy continues to expand, from the development of sustainable production of food, fiber, and forage, to the production of renewable energy and biobased industrial products;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy certifies a body of professional Certified Crop Advisors and Certified Professional Agronomists who work closely with agricultural producers to develop nutrient management plans that are designed to minimize environmental risk in production agriculture;

Whereas, in industry, extension, and basic research, the American Society of Agronomy has fostered a dedicated professional and scientific community that, in 2007, includes more than 8,015 members and 13,015 certified crop advisor professionals; 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 later fostered the common overall management of these 3 related societies; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes 2007 as the 100th anniversary year of the American Society of Agronomy;

(2) commends the American Society of Agronomy for 100 years of dedicated service to advance the science and practice of agronomy; and

(3) acknowledges the promise of the American Society of Agronomy to continue to enrich the lives of all citizens, by improving stewardship of the environment, combating world hunger, and enhancing the quality of life for the next 100 years and beyond.

DESIGNATING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA, AS THE “CHARLIE NORWOOD DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER”

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1808, and the Senate proceed to its immediate 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. 1808) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia, as the “Charlie Norwood Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.”

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 1808) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

RECOGNIZING THE NAVY SEALS MUSEUM IN FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Armed Services Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2779 and the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2779) to recognize the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, FL, as the official national museum of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2779) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 1, 2007

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Thursday, November 1; that on Thursday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that 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, with Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 3963, the CHIP legislation; further, that all time consumed in morning business during today’s session and tomorrow, as well as the time during the adjournment, count postclosure.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:49 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 10 a.m.