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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Living Kidney Organ Donation Clarification Act of 2007”.

**SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT ACT.**

Section 301(a) of the National Organ Transplant Act (42 U.S.C. 274e(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “For purposes of this section, kidney paired donation shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration.”

**SEC. 3. REPORT.**

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that details the progress made towards understanding the long-term health effects of living organ donation.

**SA 267.** Mr. REID (for Mr. SALAZAR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006; as follows:

On page 2, line 3, strike “and William C. Velásquez” and insert “William C. Velásquez, and Dr. Hector P. García.”

On page 2, line 10, strike “and William C. Velásquez” and insert “William C. Velásquez, and Dr. Hector P. García.”

On page 2, line 19, strike “and William C. Velásquez” and insert “William C. Velásquez, and Dr. Hector P. García.”

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS**

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a legislative hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 2 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 380, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Scott Miller at 202-224-5488 or Rachel Pasternack at 202-224-0833.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed sessions to receive testimony on the current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps.

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

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. LEAHY. 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 Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate the administration’s proposal to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration.

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

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the President’s proposed budget for FY 2008 for the Department of the Interior.

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

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “The Administration’s 2007 Trade Agenda.”

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

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

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

**COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9 a.m. for a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

**Agenda**

*Legislation*

1. S. 4, Improving America’s Security by Implementing Unfinished Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007;

2. S. 343, a bill to extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999;

3. S. 457, a bill to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories;

4. S. 550, a bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

*Post Office Naming Bills*

1. S. 171, to designate the facility of the USPS located at 301 Commerce Street in Commerce, Oklahoma, as the “Mickey Mantle Post Office Building;”

2. S. 194/H.R. 49, to designate the facility of the USPS located at 1300 North Frontage Road West in Vail, Colorado, as the “Gerald R. Ford Jr. Post Office Building;”

3. S. 219/H.R. 335, to designate the facility of the USPS located at 152 North 5th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, as the “Gale W. McGee Post Office;”

4. S. 303, to designate the facility of the USPS located at 324 Main Street in Grambling, Louisiana, as the “Coach Eddie Robinson Post Office Building;”

5. S. 412/H.R. 521, to designate the facility of the USPS located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the “Lane Evans Post Office Building;”

6. H.R. 433, to designate the facility of the USPS located at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the “Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building;”

7. H.R. 514, to designate the facility of the USPS located at 16150 Aviation Loop Drive in Brooksville, Florida, as the “Sergeant Lea Robert Mills Brooksville Aviation Branch Post Office;”

8. H.R. 577, to designate the facility of the USPS located at 3903 South Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas, as the “Sergeant Henry Ybarra III Post Office Building.”

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

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the President’s fiscal year 2008 budget request for tribal programs.

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

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room S. 216 of the Capitol Building.

*I. Nominations*

Beryl Howell, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

*II. Bills*

S. 316, the Preserve Access to Affordable Generics Act, Kohl, Grassley, Leahy, Schumer, Feingold.

S. 236, the Federal Agency Data Mining Reporting Act of 2007, Feingold, Sununu, Leahy, Akaka, Kennedy.

S. 378, the Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, Leahy, Specter, Durbin, Cornyn, Kennedy, Hatch.

S. 442, the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007, Durbin.

*III. Resolutions*

S. Res. 41, honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Tom Mooney, president of the Ohio Federation of Teachers, Brown, Voinovich.

S. Res. 47, honoring the life and achievements of George C. Springer, Sr., the Northeast regional director and a former vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, Dodd.

S. Res. 49, recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of the entry of Alaska into the Union as the 49th State, Stevens, Murkowski.

S. Res. 53, congratulating Illinois State University as it marks its sesquicentennial, Durbin, Obama.

S. Res. 69, a resolution recognizing the African-American spiritual as a national treasure, Menendez.

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

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 15, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Thursday, February 15, 2007, from 10 a.m. to noon in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED—  
EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session; that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: Rosemary Rodriguez and Caroline Hunter to be members of the Election Assistance Commission; that the nominations be confirmed and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; further, that the Senate then proceed to Executive Calendar No. 29, the nomination of Leon Sequeira to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor; that the nomination be confirmed and the

motion to reconsider be laid on the table; that any statements be printed in the Record; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and the Senate return to legislative session.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, and I will not object, I want to take a moment to indicate my enthusiasm for the President's nomination of Leon Sequeira, a former member of my staff, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, who is an outstanding individual and who I know will serve the administration and the country well in this new capacity.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this new Assistant Secretary has a lot of good qualifications, but the most important was his employment record with the distinguished Republican leader.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Rosemary Rodriguez and Caroline Hunter.

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Leon R. Sequeira, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary or Labor.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

LIVING KIDNEY ORGAN DONATION  
CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 487 and 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 (S. 487) to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to clarify that kidney paired donations shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration.

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

Mr. REID. I understand there is an amendment at the desk. I ask consent the amendment be considered and agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 266) was agreed to, as follows:

## AMENDMENT NO. 266

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Living Kidney Organ Donation Clarification Act of 2007".

## SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT ACT.

Section 301(a) of the National Organ Transplant Act (42 U.S.C. 274e(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "For purposes of this section, kidney paired donation shall not be considered to involve the transfer of a human organ for valuable consideration."

## SEC. 3. REPORT.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report that details the progress made towards understanding the long-term health effects of living organ donation.

The bill (S. 487) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

REVISION TO THE SHORT TITLE  
OF THE FANNIE LOU HAMER,  
ROSA PARKS, AND CORETTA  
SCOTT KING VOTING RIGHTS  
ACT REAUTHORIZATION AND  
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2006

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask consent that the Senate proceed to Calendars No. 23, S. 188.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 188) to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, with amendments, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

S. 188

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

Section 1 of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-246) is amended by striking "and Coretta Scott King" and inserting "Coretta Scott King, [and César E. Chávez] César E. Chávez, Barbara C. Jordan, and William C. Velásquez".

## SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

Paragraphs (7) and (8) of section 4(a), and section 13(a)(1), of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973b(a), 1973k(a)(1)) are each amended by striking "and Coretta Scott King" and inserting "Coretta Scott King, [and César E. Chávez] César E. Chávez, Barbara C. Jordan, and William C. Velásquez".

## SEC. 3. CONSTRUCTION.

Title I of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 20. A reference in this title to the effective date of the amendments made by, or the date of the enactment of, the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King, [and César E. Chávez] César E. Chávez, Barbara C. Jordan, and William C. Velásquez Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 shall be considered to refer to, respectively, the effective date of the amendments made by, or the date of the enactment of, the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa