

(C) includes a transition to the reform described in subparagraph (B); and

(2) is within its allocation as provided under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget may revise allocations of new budget authority and outlays, the revenue aggregates, and other appropriate measures to reflect such legislation provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

**SEC. 343. DEFICIT-NEUTRAL RESERVE FUND TO IMPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE.**

If a Senate committee reports a bill or joint resolution, or if an amendment is offered thereto, or if a conference report is submitted thereon, that, with appropriate protections for consumers, reduces growth in the number of uninsured Americans, improves access to affordable and meaningful health insurance coverage, improves health care quality, or reduces growth in the cost of private health insurance by facilitating market-based pooling, including across State lines, and a bill or joint resolution, or if an amendment is offered thereto, or if a conference report is submitted thereon, that, with appropriate protections for consumers, provides funding for State high risk pools or financial assistance, whether directly, or through grants to States to enhance the effectiveness of such pooling or to provide other assistance to small businesses or individuals, including financial assistance, for the purchase of private insurance coverage, the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget may make appropriate adjustments in allocations and aggregates for fiscal year 2007 and for the period of fiscal years 2008 through 2012, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit over the total of the period of fiscal years 2007 through 2012.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE CALENDAR**

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 43, the nomination of Vanessa Lynne Bryant, to be a U.S. district judge for the District of Connecticut; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session; that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

**THE JUDICIARY**

Vanessa Lynne Bryant, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate resumes legislative session.

**RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY**

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 114 and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 114) recognizing the contributions of agricultural producers in Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation on the occasion of National Agriculture Day.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 114) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

**S. RES. 114**

Whereas National Agriculture Day is an annual celebration during which government agencies, community members, and agricultural groups work with agricultural producers to honor the importance of the agriculture industry;

Whereas agriculture is a pillar of the economy of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and many other States across the country;

Whereas agriculture is the number one industry in Pennsylvania and has contributed more than \$45,000,000,000 to the economy of the Commonwealth;

Whereas agricultural producers in Pennsylvania export a considerable amount of food and agricultural and forest products, earning more than \$1,500,000,000 annually in profits;

Whereas dairy cattle from Pennsylvania are used as breeding stock in a number of countries around the world;

Whereas Pennsylvania is the home of over 58,000 farms, covering more than 7,700,000 acres of land;

Whereas Pennsylvania is a leading producer of mushrooms, eggs, pumpkins, apples, grapes, freestone peaches, ice cream, milk cows, chickens, and other agricultural products and livestock;

Whereas each agricultural producer in the United States feeds more than 144 people and Pennsylvania's agricultural producers are responsible for feeding more than 8,000,000 mouths worldwide;

Whereas agricultural producers in Pennsylvania and throughout the Nation provide the people of the United States with food, clothes, and many other staples; and

Whereas the contribution of agricultural producers in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States should be honored with highest praise and respect: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes—

(A) that agriculture is the number one industry in Pennsylvania;

(B) the outstanding contribution of Pennsylvania's agricultural producers to the

economy of the Commonwealth and the Nation; and

(C) that agriculture in Pennsylvania is diverse and provides important nutrition to the people of the United States; and

(2) pays tribute to agriculture and agricultural producers in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States on the occasion of National Agriculture Day.

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BISHOP GILBERT EARL PATTERSON**

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 133, 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. 133) celebrating the life of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson.

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 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. 133) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

**S. RES. 133**

Whereas Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson was born in 1939 to Bishop W.A. and Mrs. Mary Patterson, Sr., in Humboldt, Tennessee;

Whereas Bishop Patterson was reared in Memphis, Tennessee, and Detroit, Michigan, and ordained as an elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1958 by Bishop J.S. Bailey;

Whereas Bishop Patterson grew in wisdom at the Detroit Bible Institute and LeMoyné Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee;

Whereas, in 1962, Bishop Patterson became co-pastor with his father of Holy Temple Church of God in Christ in Memphis, Tennessee;

Whereas, in 1975, Bishop Patterson founded Temple of Deliverance, the Cathedral of the Bountiful Blessings;

Whereas Temple of Deliverance is now a shining star of both the Church of God in Christ and all of the Nation's communities of faith;

Whereas Temple of Deliverance, under Bishop Patterson's wise leadership, continues to touch the entire Nation through its Bountiful Blessings Ministry;

Whereas Bishop Patterson reached millions across the globe with his direct and spirit-filled messages, encouraging the world to "be healed, be delivered, and be set free";

Whereas Bishop Patterson served as the international leader of the Church of God in Christ since November 2000, ably leading this denomination of over 6,000,000 members;

Whereas Bishop Patterson passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, in Memphis, Tennessee, surrounded by his wife, Mrs. Louise Patterson, and his family;

Whereas Bishop Patterson will be celebrated as an invigorating spiritual leader; and

Whereas the family of Bishop Patterson, the Temple of Deliverance congregation, the

Church of God in Christ, and indeed the entire Nation are deeply saddened by the loss of this great man: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) expresses the condolences of the Nation to the family of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson, the Temple of Deliverance Congregation, and the Church of God in Christ; and

(2) recognizes the life and accomplishments of Bishop Gilbert Earl Patterson, who guided a church, led a denomination, and influenced a nation.

proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 1591, as provided for under a previous order.

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 to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:44 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Wednesday, March 28, 2007:

THE JUDICIARY

VANESSA LYNNE BRYANT, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on March 28, 2007 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

SAM FOX, OF MISSOURI, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BELGIUM, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 9, 2007.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9 a.m., Thursday, March 29; that on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of