

commitment to leveraging the benefits of the health care information technology and management systems by establishing the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and the American Health Information Community;

Whereas Congress has placed an emphasis on improving the quality and safety of the delivery of health care in the United States; and

Whereas organizations across the country have come together to support National Health Information Technology Week to improve public awareness relating to the potential benefits of improved quality and cost efficiency that the health care system could achieve if health information technology were better utilized: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the value of information technology and management systems in transforming health care for all people in the United States;

(2) designates the period beginning on May 14, 2007, and ending on May 18, 2007, as “National Health Information Technology Week”; and

(3) encourages the use of information technology and management systems to transform the health care system in the United States.

RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS AND IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL-BASED MUSIC EDUCATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res 121 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 121) recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education, and for other purposes.

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

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

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 121) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, first of all, let me express my appreciation to the Presiding Officer, for you and all the staff. I am sorry things take so long.

Believe me, I wish we would have done it more quickly myself. Sometimes you can't. It takes a lot of phone calls.

As I have reminded people, much of what we do in the Senate is done with unanimous consent. That means all Senators have to agree, and there are 100 of us. Senator MCCONNELL and I have been making phone calls to see if we can get this resolved, and I think we are at the point we need to be now. So thank you very much, everybody.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Presiding Officer is very happy to be here.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. Con. Res. 21

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order on Thursday, May 17, to proceed to the consideration of the conference report on the budget, if available, notwithstanding provisions of rule XXII.

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1348

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1348 occur on Monday, May 21, no earlier than 5.30 p.m., and that if cloture is invoked, the motion be agreed to without any intervening action or debate.

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

IMMIGRATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, for those who are watching, I have spoken to people doing the negotiating on immigration, and they tell me they are 80 percent of the way. Well, that is fine, but the other 20 percent is hard. I don't think we lose a step by the agreement that we have just had. It will allow the people who have been working on this matter for a number of weeks to have a few more days to do that.

It would be different if we had nothing else to do here, but this will kind of clear the deck so we can, hopefully, complete WRDA, the budget, send something to conference on the supplemental, and then next week we have to do the conference report on the supplemental, which shouldn't take long, and then spend that time, if we can get an agreement, on immigration. That is why we have done what we have done with this consent agreement.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator SESSIONS have up to 3 hours under his control to speak on Monday, May 21; that the hour prior to cloture be reserved for the two leaders or their designees; and that Senator SESSIONS also have 2 hours under his control on Tuesday, May 22, when and if we go to the immigration matter.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 16; that on Wednesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time of the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1495, as provided for under a previous order.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business, and the Republican leader has nothing further, which I understand is correct, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:03 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 15, 2007:

IN THE NAVY

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

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. DAVID J. MERCER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

- NICHOLAS J. ALAGA, JR., 0000
- WILLIAM M. ALBIN, 0000
- SCOTT D. ALWINE, 0000
- WILLIAM A. ANDERSON, JR., 0000
- WILLIAM C. APPLEWHITE, JR., 0000
- PATRICK A. BACCANARI, 0000
- ROYALD K. BACH, 0000
- JAMES L. BARGE, 0000
- DANIEL F. BASSETT, 0000
- DANIEL M. BAUER, 0000
- ROBERT S. BAZAN, 0000
- ALAN D. BEAL, 0000
- MATTHEW M. BELL, 0000
- KEVIN L. BERTELSEN, 0000
- CRAIG W. BLADOW, 0000
- DEAN R. BLAHA, 0000
- DONALD M. BOUCHARD, 0000
- ERIC E. BOWMAN, 0000
- GLENN R. BRANDENBURG, 0000
- JOHN F. BRENNAN, 0000
- DENNIS K. BRUCE, 0000
- ANDREW D. BUCKON, 0000
- THEODORE J. BURGE, 0000
- EUGENE E. BURKE, 0000
- PATRICK C. BURNS, 0000
- JULE B. BUTLER, 0000
- RONDA L. BYRNECLARK, 0000
- DAVID J. CANTRELL, 0000
- JOSEPH R. CHAMPAGNE, 0000
- RONALD M. COLLETT, JR., 0000
- DAVID P. CONNELLY III, 0000
- DAVID D. N. CORLEY, 0000
- STUART M. CRAIG, 0000
- WILLIAM M. CRANE, 0000
- SCOTT G. CRANSTON, 0000
- ROBERT K. CREIGHTON III, 0000
- DAVID W. CRITCHLEY III, 0000
- CARL W. CUSAAC, 0000
- RICHARD S. DANN, 0000
- JEFFREY C. DAUS, 0000
- JEFFREY D. DAVISSON, 0000
- KENNETH A. DEAKIN, 0000
- CRAIG C. DEBEAUMONT, 0000
- TIMOTHY P. DELOACHE, 0000
- JAMES K. DICAMPLI, 0000
- JAMES P. DIMATTEO, 0000
- JOSEPH P. DIPAOLA, JR., 0000
- FREEMAN R. DODSWORTH, 0000

MICHAEL E. DOYLE, 0000
 KEVIN L. DUGGAN, 0000
 JAMES D. DUNDORF, 0000
 JAMES E. EPPLER, 0000
 ROBERT A. ESPINOSA, 0000
 RONALD A. FARMER, 0000
 DAVID M. FITZGERALD, 0000
 BRUCE M. FOCHT, 0000
 THOMAS F. FOLEY, 0000
 DIRK L. FOSTER, 0000
 MARK M. FREDERICKSON, 0000
 ANDREW R. GALLOTTA, 0000
 RICHARD GASPERONI, JR., 0000
 DAVID M. GEICK, 0000
 BRADLEY N. GEYER, 0000
 MARK GIBBONS, 0000
 WILLIAM GILLCRIST, 0000
 JOHN W. GILMAN, 0000
 ARTHUR W. GLYNN, 0000
 CHRISTOPHER J. GOODE, 0000
 DANIEL I. GRUTA, 0000
 JAMES J. GUZZETTI, 0000
 ROBERT C. HAGGERTY, 0000
 PATRICK J. HAMILTON, 0000
 SCOTT S. HANDLER, 0000
 DUANE E. HARPER, 0000
 SAMUEL R. HARRIS, 0000
 JOHN A. HAYES, 0000
 PAUL A. HECHENBERGER, 0000
 JAMES C. HEYE, 0000
 PATRICK J. HEYE, 0000
 EDWARD H. HILL, 0000
 JAMES F. HILLMAN, 0000
 CHRISTOPHER L. HOLLADAY, 0000
 BRADLEY D. HOLT, 0000
 KIRK D. HORNBERG, 0000
 JEFFREY C. HORNEFF, 0000
 ANDREW L. HOWARD, 0000
 JAMES HUDSON, 0000
 ROBERT J. HUGHES, 0000
 DAVID P. HUNTER, 0000
 THOMAS F. HURLEY II, 0000
 JAMES M. INGALLS, 0000
 MARGARET L. JEFFRIES, 0000
 KEVIN M. JENNE, 0000
 KEVIN R. JOHNSON, 0000
 ANDREW M. JONES, 0000
 COLETTE D. KAMLIN, 0000
 PATRICK O. KENNEDY, 0000
 DWIGHT A. KENNY, 0000
 ROBERT J. KLEIN, 0000
 BRIAN A. KUERBITZ, 0000
 DAVID A. KUNSKY, JR., 0000

THOMAS R. LAND, 0000
 GREGORY R. LARSON, 0000
 BRANDT W. LATIMER, 0000
 ANDREW C. LENNON, 0000
 MARY K. LEWIS, 0000
 MONTGOMERY P. LIU, 0000
 MARK F. LULING, 0000
 ROBERT J. LUMAN, 0000
 MARK A. LUNDE, 0000
 DONALD P. MACNEIL, 0000
 LAWRENCE R. MAGNER, JR., 0000
 BASIL K. MAKRIDIS, 0000
 PHILIP B. MANSER, 0000
 DEREK S. MARTIN, 0000
 KEVIN M. MCCARTHY, 0000
 DAN M. MCCULLEY, 0000
 JAMES H. MCGEE, JR., 0000
 MICHAEL W. MCGEHEE, 0000
 GREGORY J. MCGIFFNEY, 0000
 GREGORY D. MCCLAUGHLIN, 0000
 KERRY M. METZ, 0000
 MICHAEL W. MIDDLETON, 0000
 JACK P. MILLER, 0000
 ALLIE W. MILLIGAN, 0000
 BRIAN MINZENMAYER, 0000
 ROBERT S. MITCHELL, 0000
 CASEY D. MOLONEY, 0000
 DOUGLAS W. MONTGOMERY, 0000
 MICHAEL F. MORRISSEY, 0000
 JOHN G. MOSHER, 0000
 JOHN J. MOYNIHAN, JR., 0000
 ERIC M. MUELLER, 0000
 STEVEN B. MUTZ, 0000
 CHRISTOPHER C. NICOL, 0000
 THOMAS C. O'CONNELL, 0000
 PHILLIP E. OLD, 0000
 THOMAS S. OLIVER III, 0000
 DAVID M. OSEN, 0000
 RONALD L. PAGE, 0000
 CHAD L. PAINTER, 0000
 TIMOTHY J. PANOFF, 0000
 PERRY PARISI, 0000
 MATTHEW S. PAULSON, 0000
 DANIEL G. PEDRO, 0000
 MICHAEL K. PETZOLD, 0000
 MICHAEL P. PITNEY, 0000
 LISA P. POTVIN, 0000
 HENRY M. RAINONE, 0000
 SCOTT A. READY, 0000
 WARREN A. REBARKER, 0000
 THOMAS G. RECK, 0000
 TOMUS S. REDFORD, 0000
 CURTIS S. RENARD, 0000

CHARLES D. RICHTER, 0000
 LAWRENCE D. ROLLO, 0000
 MICHAEL T. ROMINSKI, 0000
 DANIEL M. ROY, 0000
 JOSEPH B. RYAN, 0000
 DANIEL SALAZAR, 0000
 NEIL K. SAWYER, 0000
 WILLIAM E. SCARING, 0000
 STEPHEN J. SCHAFFER, 0000
 KENNETH D. SENER, 0000
 JOSEPH E. SHAFPER, 0000
 DEBRA K. SHARITS, 0000
 JAMES A. SHEA, 0000
 DAVID B. SHECKELLS, 0000
 STEPHEN V. SLEEM, 0000
 JOHN W. SNARR, 0000
 MONROE J. J. SPARKS, 0000
 JOSEPH M. SPIVEY IV, 0000
 WILLIAM H. STARR, 0000
 GREGORY F. STEPHENS, 0000
 CATHERINE F. STULTZ, 0000
 MICHAEL D. TERRELL, 0000
 FREDERICK D. THOMPSON, 0000
 JESSE M. TILLMAN III, 0000
 PETER D. TOMASCAK, 0000
 STEVEN C. TULIP, 0000
 TODD A. VALDES, 0000
 DAVID N. VALENTE, 0000
 SCOTT F. VANEK, 0000
 MARC D. VARNEY, 0000
 ROBERTO C. VELLASCO, 0000
 LINDA R. D. WACKERMAN, 0000
 JEFFREY L. WAGONER, 0000
 THOMAS E. WALTON, 0000
 KEITH R. WANDER, 0000
 KEITH E. WARNER, 0000
 BRIAN K. WATERHOUSE, 0000
 TODD A. WATERMAN, 0000
 EDWARD T. WATKO, 0000
 JOHN W. WATTS, 0000
 RICHARD H. WHEAT, 0000
 JOHN A. WILL, 0000
 ROBERT R. WILLIAMS, 0000
 WILLIAM T. WILLIAMS, 0000
 WILLIAM A. WIMMER, 0000
 WILLIAM W. WINDLE, 0000
 KARL A. WINTERMEYER, 0000
 BRETT D. WISE, 0000
 TIMOTHY S. WOLTERS, 0000
 EDWARD A. YEASTE, 0000
 ITHAN B. ZIMMER, 0000
 MARK H. ZUHONE, 0000