

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, July 23, 2007, at 5 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider S.J. Res. 16, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ann Clough, a fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of S. 1642, the Higher Education Amendments Act.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns be given floor privileges for the duration of this debate: Kelly Shepherd, Christopher Schmidt, and Shannon Saltlah.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE GARDEN

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 270 and that the Senate then proceed to its 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. 270) honoring the 75th anniversary of the International Peace Garden.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 270) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 270

Whereas the International Peace Garden was conceived in 1928 by Dr. Henry J. Moore, a Canadian member of the National Association of Gardeners, who said the garden would be “a memorial to international friendship that shall endure to all time”;

Whereas the International Peace Garden, a National Park affiliate, was dedicated in 1932, with 50,000 people in attendance, on the border between the State of North Dakota

and the Province of Manitoba as a symbol of the long-standing peace, friendship, and cooperation between the United States and Canada;

Whereas a cairn of native stone was constructed on the international border and inscribed “To God in His Glory... We two nations dedicate this garden and pledge ourselves that as long as men shall live we will not take up arms against one another”;

Whereas in 1934 the Civilian Conservation Corps helped plant and construct the garden on the 2,339 acres of land donated by the State of North Dakota and Province of Manitoba;

Whereas the first building built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Lodge, made of North Dakota granite and timber from the Duck Mountains in Manitoba, still remains in the garden today;

Whereas more than 150,000 flowers grace the garden each year and another 2,000 to 5,000 plants and flowers comprise a large working floral clock, a centerpiece of the garden;

Whereas symbols of peace appear throughout the garden, including the 120 foot Peace Tower honoring early immigrants, the Peace Poles donated by the Japanese government that declare “May Peace Prevail” in 28 different languages, and the Peace Chapel, the only building to straddle the international border;

Whereas the garden’s bell tower has a set of Sifton chimes, cast by Gillett and Johnston of Croydon, England, that are 1 of only 4 sets that exist in the world today;

Whereas more than 150,000 visitors travel to the International Peace Garden every year to view the floral displays, fountains, sunken garden, and other scenic vistas;

Whereas the International Peace Garden hosts the International Music Camp, which offers musical opportunities and instruction for students and adults from around the world, and the Legion Athletic Camp, one of the top student athletic training camps;

Whereas the State of North Dakota proudly declares itself the Peace Garden State in recognition and honor of the International Peace Garden;

Whereas the State of North Dakota, the Province of Manitoba, the United States, and the Canadian Governments have each contributed to the garden and its continued preservation;

Whereas the International Peace Garden is undertaking numerous restoration efforts of existing facilities and the addition of a stone-and-glass interpretive center, a tropical plant observatory, and a conflict resolution center; and

Whereas on July 14, 2007, the International Peace Garden will commemorate its 75th Anniversary; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the International Peace Garden on its 75th anniversary;

(2) honors the International Peace Garden for sharing its history, beautiful gardens, and a message of peace with the public; and

(3) urges support for continued restoration and expansion efforts at the International Peace Garden.

MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE NEW BORDER TUNNELS AND PASSAGES OFFENSE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1856.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1856) to amend title 18 United States Code to make technical corrections to the new border tunnels and passages offense.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (S. 1856) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1856

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

SECTION 1. OFFENSE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by redesignating section 554 added by section 551(a) of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 109-295; 120 Stat. 1389) (relating to border tunnels and passages) as section 555.

(b) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 554, “Border tunnels and passages”, and inserting the following: “555. Border tunnels and passages.”.

SEC. 2. CRIMINAL FORFEITURE.

Section 982(a)(6) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “554” and inserting “555”.

SEC. 3. DIRECTIVE TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION.

Section 551(d) of the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 109-295; 120 Stat. 1390) is amended in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A) by striking “554” and inserting “555”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 161, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, and the nominations placed on the Secretary’s desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table; that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, 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 nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Michael G. Vickers, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2007.

Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2008.

William S. Jasien, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2009.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Subject to qualifications provided by law, the following for temporary appointment to the grade indicated in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

To be rear admiral

Jonathan W. Bailey

Subject to qualifications provided by law, the following for temporary appointment to the grade indicated in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Philip M. Kenul

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2010.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN581 COAST GUARD nomination of Jason D. Rimington, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 21, 2007.

PN582 COAST GUARD nomination of Jeffery J. Rasnake, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 21, 2007.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 24; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1642, as under a previous order.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I thank all Members for their cooperation today. We got a lot done.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:16 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 23, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL G. VICKERS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

WILLIAM HERBERT HEYMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2007. VICE DEBORAH DOYLE MCWHINNEY, TERM EXPIRED.

MARK S. SHELTON, OF KANSAS, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2008.

WILLIAM S. JASIEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2009.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.

To be rear admiral

JONATHAN W. BAILEY

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION.

To be rear admiral (lower half)

PHILIP M. KENUL

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION

WILLIAM HERBERT HEYMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2010.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF JASON D. RIMINGTON, 8958, TO BE LIEUTENANT.

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF JEFFERY J. RASNKE, 8595, TO BE LIEUTENANT.