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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BROWN. 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 Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to explore efforts to protect children from online predators.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on oversight of Government tax policy in farm country.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 2:15 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 4 p.m. to hold a briefing on the Gulf Security Dialogue.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of the Honorable James A. Nussle to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice" on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hart Senate Office Building room 216.

Witness List: The Honorable Alberto Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, to conduct a vote on the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement). The Committee will meet in the Reception Room, off the Senate Floor, immediately after the first roll call vote that occurs after 2 p.m. of the Senate on Tuesday, July 17.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR AND CONSUMER SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Economic and International Issues in Global Warming Policy."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. COCHRAN. I ask unanimous consent that the following Appropriations Committee staff members and interns be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the Homeland Security appropriations bill and any votes that may occur in relation to the bill: Carol Cribbs, Mark Van de Water, Braxton Coombs, Lori Holland, Chase Thompson, and Mary Agnes Ray.

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

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Adam Morrison, a detainee from the Coast Guard to the Homeland Security Subcommittee, be given the privilege of the floor throughout floor consideration of H.R. 2638.

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

AMENDING TITLE XVIII OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2429 and the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2429) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an exception to the 60-day limit on Medicare reciprocal billing arrangements between two physicians during the period in which one of the physicians is ordered to active duty as a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (H.R. 2429) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

HONORING DAME LOIS BROWNE EVANS

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THE PROFOUND PUBLIC SERVICE AND EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF DONALD JEFFRY HERBERT, FONDLY KNOWN AS "MR. WIZARD"

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent it be in order for the Senate to proceed en bloc to consideration of the following calendar items: Calendar No. 277, S. Res. 248; Calendar No. 278, S. Res. 261.

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

The clerk will report the resolutions by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 248) honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, Bermuda's first female barrister and Attorney General, and the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth.

A resolution (S. Res. 261) expressing appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffrey Herbert, fondly known as "Mr. Wizard."

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, en bloc, the preambles be agreed to, en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc, and the consideration of these items appear separately in the RECORD, and any statements be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 248 and S. Res. 261) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

The resolutions, with their preambles, read as follows:

S. RES. 248

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans was born in 1927 in Bermuda, and attended the Central School and Middle Temple at London's Inns of Court in the United Kingdom;

Whereas, in June 1952, at the age of 26, Dame Lois Browne Evans was called to the London Bar, and the following December called to the Bermuda Bar and opened her own practice;

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans became Bermuda's first female barrister and went on to a distinguished career as a leading counsel;

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans was a lifelong advocate for the rights of workers and black Bermudians and a prominent member of the Progressive Labour Party (PLP);

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans was elected to Parliament in 1963 and became the first black female to serve in Parliament;

Whereas, in 1968, in Bermuda's first general election in which all adults were entitled to vote, Dame Lois Browne Evans was elected the PLP's Parliamentary Leader and became the first female Opposition Leader in the British Commonwealth;

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans held the position of Opposition Leader until 1972 and, in 1973, became Jamaica's Honorary Counsel in Bermuda, the first Bermudian to serve in this capacity;

Whereas in 1976 Dame Lois Browne Evans was again elected to Parliament and served as the Opposition Leader until 1985;

Whereas the PLP won its first election in 1998 and Dame Lois Browne Evans was appointed Minister of Legislative Affairs;

Whereas in 1999 Dame Lois Browne Evans became Bermuda's first elected Attorney General and first female Attorney General;

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans was Bermuda's longest serving Member of Parliament;

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans debated at the historic London and Bermuda Constitutional Conferences and served as a delegate to numerous international conferences in Africa, New Zealand, the United States, and the Caribbean;

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans was a member of the International Federation of Women Lawyers and a founding member of the Bermuda Business and Professional Women's Club;

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans led an exceptional life in which she played a major role in the racial integration of Bermuda and advanced the cause of civil, human, and minority rights in Bermuda and throughout the world; and

Whereas Dame Lois Browne Evans passed away on May 29, 2007, at the age of 79: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its profound sympathy to the family of Dame Lois Browne Evans and the citizens of Bermuda on the passing of Dame Lois Browne Evans; and

(2) commends the exemplary lifetime achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans, her commitment to public service, and the singular role she played as a true pioneer who forged the way ahead for women and minorities.

S. RES. 261

Whereas many citizens of the United States remember Donald Jeffry Herbert as "Mr. Wizard" and mourn his passing;

Whereas Don Herbert was born in Waconia, Minnesota and graduated from the La Crosse State Teacher's College in Wisconsin in 1940 where he trained to be a science teacher;

Whereas Don Herbert volunteered for the United States Army Air Corps and served our country in the Atlantic theater and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters;

Whereas Don Herbert developed the idea for science programming culminating in "Watch Mr. Wizard", a live television show produced from 1951 to 1964 and honored by a Peabody Award in 1954;

Whereas the National Science Foundation and the American Chemical Society lauded Don Herbert and his show for promoting interest in science and his contributions to science education;

Whereas "Watch Mr. Wizard" has been recognized by numerous awards;

Whereas an additional educational program, "Mr. Wizard's World", inspired children from 1983 to 1990 on cable television;

Whereas "Mr. Wizard" continued to serve as an ambassador for science education by authoring multiple books and programs, and by traveling to schools and providing classroom demonstrations;

Whereas educational research indicates that young children make decisions about future careers at a very early age and are influenced greatly by positive contacts with science and technology;

Whereas a strong education in science and technology is one of the building blocks of a productive, competitive, and healthy society;

Whereas "Mr. Wizard" encouraged children to duplicate his experiments at home, driving independent inquiry into science with simple household equipment;

Whereas "Mr. Wizard's" dynamic and energetic science experiments attracted unprecedented numbers of children to educational programming, even those who were disinterested or unmotivated in science;

Whereas Mr. Wizard Science Clubs were started across the United States and had more than 100,000 children enrolled in 5,000 clubs by the mid-1950s; and

Whereas Don Herbert will be remembered as a pioneer of commercial educational programming and instrumental in making science education exciting and approachable for millions of children across the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses appreciation for the profound public service and educational contributions of Donald Jeffry Herbert;

(2) recognizes the profound impact of higher educational institutions that train teachers;

(3) encourages students to honor the heritage of Don Herbert by exploring our world through science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields; and

(4) tenders condolences to the family of Don Herbert and thanks them for their strong familial support of him.

NATIONAL IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 42.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 42) recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, treatment, and eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the designation of a National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 42) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 42

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a serious lung disorder that causes progressive, incurable lung scarring;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is 1 of about 200 disorders that are called "interstitial lung diseases";

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is the most common form of interstitial lung disease;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is a debilitating and generally fatal disease marked by progressive scarring of the lungs that causes an irreversible loss of the ability of the lung tissue to transport oxygen;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis progresses quickly, often causing disability or death within a few years;

Whereas there is no proven cause of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis;

Whereas more than 128,000 people in the United States have idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and more than 48,000 new cases are diagnosed each year;

Whereas there has been a 156-percent increase in mortality from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis since 2001;

Whereas idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is often misdiagnosed or under-diagnosed;

Whereas the median survival rate for patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is 2 to 3 years, about ⅔ of patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis die within 5 years, and approximately 40,000 patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis die each year; and

Whereas there is a pressing need to increase awareness and detection of this misdiagnosed and under-diagnosed disorder, and of all interstitial lung diseases: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes the need to pursue research into the causes, treatment, and eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis;

(2) supports the work of advocates and organizations in educating, supporting, and providing hope for individuals who suffer from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, including efforts to organize a National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week;

(3) congratulates advocates and organizations for their efforts to educate the public about idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis while funding research to help find a cure for this disorder;

(4) supports the designation of an appropriate week as National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week;

(5) welcomes the issuance of a proclamation designating an appropriate week as National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week; and