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**CONGRATULATING THE ANAHEIM DUCKS FOR WINNING THE 2007 STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 280.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 280) commending the Anaheim Ducks for winning the 2007 Stanley Cup Championship.

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

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today with my friend and colleague from California, Senator BOXER, to commend and congratulate the Anaheim Ducks for winning the 2007 Stanley Cup Finals last month.

The Ducks are champions of the National Hockey League for the first time in their 14-year history. After defeating the Minnesota Wild and Vancouver Canucks in the first two rounds of the playoffs, the Ducks won a hard-fought battle with the Detroit Red Wings to reach the Stanley Cup finals for the second time in franchise history. The Ducks reached the pinnacle of the hockey world by displaying the qualities of selflessness, teamwork, and resilience.

This championship team was ably led by head coach Randy Carlyle and star players Teemu Selanne, Jean-Sebastien Giguere, Scott and Rob Niedermayer, and Chris Pronger. This talented crew battled their opponents throughout a 2-month marathon play-off and proudly wear the title of "champions."

The Ducks' championship represents the first time that the storied Stanley Cup has been able to call my State, California, its home. We Californians are proud to host this trophy, and we look forward to having it return many more times to our state in the future.

The Ducks have begun a new era of hockey in Southern California and I am sure they will attempt to defend their title with the same heart, sacrifice and passion that brought the Stanley Cup to Anaheim this year.

The Ducks have proven that hockey is alive and well in California.

I also look forward to seeing the other hockey franchises in California, the Los Angeles Kings and San Jose Sharks, compete with the Anaheim Ducks for hockey's greatest prize in the coming years.

The Anaheim Ducks players, coaches, management, and owners have made their community and their fans proud. The entire organization is to be commended and congratulated for their magnificent achievement.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the pre-

amble 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. 280) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

**S. RES. 280**

Whereas, on June 6, 2007, the Anaheim Ducks (referred to in this preamble as the "Ducks") won their first National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship by defeating the Ottawa Senators by a score of 6 to 2 in the fifth game of the Stanley Cup finals;

Whereas the Ducks are the first National Hockey League franchise to bring the Stanley Cup to the State of California;

Whereas the Ducks won the first Pacific Division Championship and the second Western Conference title in franchise history before winning the Stanley Cup;

Whereas the Ottawa Senators displayed the qualities of worthy opponents and played a hard-fought series against the Ducks;

Whereas the Ducks finished the regular season with the best record in the 13 year history of the franchise, with 48 wins, 20 losses, and 14 overtime losses, for a total of 110 points;

Whereas the Ducks players Francois Beauchemin, Ilya Bryzgalov, Sebastien Caron, Ryan Carter, Joe DiPenta, Ryan Getzlaf, Jean-Sebastien Giguere, Mark Hartigan, Kent Huskins, Chris Kunitz, Ric Jackman, Todd Marchant, Brad May, Andy McDonald, Drew Miller, Travis Moen, Joe Motzko, Scott Niedermayer, Rob Niedermayer, Sean O'Donnell, Samuel Pahlsson, George Parros, Dustin Penner, Corey Perry, Chris Pronger, Aaron Rome, Teemu Selanne, Ryan Shannon, and Shawn Thornton exemplify the team motto, "Heart, Sacrifice, and Passion";

Whereas team captain Scott Niedermayer earned the Conn Smythe Trophy as the most valuable player in the 2007 Stanley Cup Playoffs;

Whereas team and community leader Teemu Selanne won his first Stanley Cup in an illustrious 15 year career that has brought pride and excitement to Orange County, California;

Whereas, under the direction of head coach Randy Carlyle and Assistant Coaches Newell Brown and Dave Farrish, the Ducks have reached the Western Conference Finals in 2 consecutive seasons and have earned a reputation as 1 of the best teams in the league;

Whereas General Manager Brian Burke has exercised impeccable vision in building a strong, competitive, and exciting team in Anaheim;

Whereas team owners Henry and Susan Samuelli have infused the Ducks with a winning spirit and have demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to hockey fans and the community;

Whereas Ducks fans are enthusiastic and passionate about the team and the sport of hockey and are integral to the success of the Ducks, and the National Hockey League, in the State of California;

Whereas the Ducks have established a winning tradition in Orange County;

Whereas the Ducks exemplify the championship spirit of the State of California; and

Whereas the Ducks won the 2007 Stanley Cup Championship in a convincing fashion: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Anaheim Ducks for winning their first Stanley Cup Championship;

(2) congratulates the Anaheim Ducks for winning the first Stanley Cup Championship in the history of the State of California; and

(3) commends the players, coaches, managers, and owners of the Anaheim Ducks for their heart, sacrifice, and passion.

**ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2007**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 25; 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 for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the second half; that at the close of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2638.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I turn to my distinguished colleague, the Republican leader, and ask if he has any statements.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I have nothing to add. I look forward to making progress on the bill tomorrow.

Mr. REID. I say that the Republican leader wasn't on the floor, but I will repeat for his benefit what I said a little while ago. I spoke to Josh Bolton earlier today about the appropriations bills. Of course, it would be great if we could have an overall scheme as to how we can complete them. In the meantime, if we can get them done, we should proceed through these bills one at a time and recognize that the power of the White House, whether it is a Democratic President, a Republican President in the appropriations process, comes during the conferences, anyway. The House can move things very quickly. So all these are ready to go to conference. I hope we can move through these individual appropriations bills and hopefully have some recognition of what we are going to try to accomplish in conference before we go to conference and work some of these out.

The first test will be this bill we are working on now. There has been some moving on it today. Senator COCHRAN is the one who suggested to me if there is no progress tomorrow, that we should move to third reading. When I say "no progress," people just waiting around, not offering any amendments. So that is where we are. I hope we can finish this soon, do what we need to do on SCHIP, and do the 9/11 conference report, which I understand is almost

finished. When I say almost, 100 percent of it needs to be done, and 99 percent of that has been done.

We have taken out the language the Republicans did not want, especially the President, dealing with the union situation. Even though it was hard for us to swallow, we took that out to make it more palatable to my friends on the other side. We will come back in September rested and invigorated and ready to do some other things for the country.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I would add with regard to the appropriations bills, as the majority leader knows, I have said both publicly and to

him privately, it is my preference to pass each of the bills. We are running considerably behind the House. We have got a long way to go, but I think there will be a lot of cooperation on our side in trying to get the appropriations bills signed and get them down to the President. We have a recent history of malfunction on both sides. Last year when the majority was in my party, we failed to pass 11 out of 13 appropriations bills. In 2002, when the Democrats were in the majority, they did the same thing. So there is ample opportunity to point fingers at both sides for not completing the appropriations process as we should. But I would pre-

dict to the majority leader there will be a great deal of cooperation on our side in getting through that, moving as rapidly as possible so we can function as we should.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:45 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.