

(2) in observance of the Chinese New Year, expresses its deepest respect for Chinese-Americans and all those throughout the world who will be celebrating this significant occasion; and

(3) wishes Chinese-Americans and all those who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous new year.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we now proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 293.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows.

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 293) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to 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 concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 293) was agreed to, as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 293

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, February 14, 2008, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2008, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Friday, February 15, 2008, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Tuesday, February 19, 2008, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until noon on Thursday, February 21, 2008, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, February 21, 2008, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2008, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Friday, February 15, 2008, through Friday, February 22, 2008, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, February 25, 2008, or such other time on that day as may be specified in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to section 5 of title 1 of Division H of Public Law 110-161, appoints the following Senator as vice chairman of the U.S.-Japan Interparliamentary Group conference for the 110th Congress: the Senator from Alaska, Mr. STEVENS.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. Sec. 1151, as amended, appoints the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. WICKER.

The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 110-161, appoints the following individuals to serve as members of the National Commission on Children and Disasters: Mark Shriver of Maryland and Sheila Leslie of Nevada.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. Sec. 1151, as amended, appoints the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center: the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. WICKER.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100-702, reappoints the following individual to the Federal Judicial Center Foundation Board: John B. White, Jr., of South Carolina.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that Senate committees may report legislative and Executive Calendar business, notwithstanding a recess or adjournment of the Senate, on Friday, February 22, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

#### APPOINTMENT AUTHORIZATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

#### ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding the Senate being in pro forma session on Friday, February 15, that the RECORD remain open until 12 noon for bill introductions and statements.

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

#### ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, February 15; that on Friday, the Senate meet in pro forma session only with no business conducted; that the Senate recess until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted; the Senate then recess until 10 a.m. on Friday, February 22, for a pro forma session only; that at the close of Friday's session, the Senate adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 25; further that the Journal of proceedings be agreed to, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and following the reading of the Washington's Farewell Address, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1200, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, as under the previous order.

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

#### RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand in recess under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:13 p.m., recessed until Friday, February 15, 2008, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### FEDERAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND

JEFFREY ROBERT BROWN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL INSURANCE TRUST FUND FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE THOMAS R. SAVING.

##### THE JUDICIARY

DAVID GUSTAFSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE CAROLYN P. CHIECHI, TERM EXPIRED.  
ELIZABETH CREWSON PARIS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE JOEL GERBER, RETIRED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOSEPH EVAN LEBARON, OF OREGON, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE STATE OF QATAR.  
STEPHEN JAMES NOLAN, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA.

INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND CANADA

SAMUEL W. SPECK, OF OHIO, TO BE A COMMISSIONER ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND CANADA, VICE DENNIS L. SCHORNACK.

THE JUDICIARY

WILLIAM T. LAWRENCE, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA, VICE JOHN DANIEL TINDER, ELEVATED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

*To be general*

LT. GEN. WALTER L. SHARP, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

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

*To be brigadier general*

COL. JAMES M. LARIVIERE, 0000  
COL. KENNETH J. LEE, 0000

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*

REAR ADM. (LH) MOIRA N. FLANDERS, 0000

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*

REAR ADM. (LH) TIMOTHY V. FLYNN III, 0000

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*

REAR ADM. (LH) VICTOR C. SEE, JR., 0000

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

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) KAREN A. FLAHERTY, 0000

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

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) RAYMOND P. ENGLISH, 0000

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

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) JULIUS S. CAESAR, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) WENDI B. CARPENTER, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) GARLAND P. WRIGHT, 0000

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

*To be rear admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) WILLIAM R. BURKE, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) MARK H. BUZZY, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) PHILIP H. CULLOM, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) MARK I. FOX, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) TIMOTHY M. GIARDINA, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) ROBERT S. HARWARD, JR., 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) WILLIAM H. HILARIDES, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) DANIEL HOLLOWAY, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) DOUGLAS J. MCANENY, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) JOHN W. MILLER, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) MICHAEL S. O'BRYAN, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) FRANK C. PANDOLFE, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID L. PHILMAN, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) BRIAN C. PRINDLE, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) DONALD P. QUINN, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) WALTER M. SKINNER, 0000  
REAR ADM. (LH) JAMES P. WISECUP, 0000