

Kyi from holding public office. Criticism of the document is a criminal offense. The true intent behind the proposed constitution is not the expansion of democratic principles. Its true purpose is to legitimize and make permanent the military junta and its brutal tyranny.

By awarding Suu Kyi the Congressional Gold Medal, we in Congress are letting the world know that the American people stand with Suu Kyi and the freedom-loving people of Burma and against the junta and the illegitimate charter it is propounding.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, there be no intervening action or debate, and that all statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The question is on the third reading and passage of the bill.

The bill (H.R. 4286) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 510 and the Senate 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. 510) supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, there be no intervening action or debate, and all statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 510) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preambles, reads as follows:

Whereas cystic fibrosis is one of the most common life-threatening genetic diseases in the United States and one for which there is no known cure;

Whereas the average life expectancy of an individual with cystic fibrosis is 37 years, an improvement from a life expectancy in the 1960s where children did not live long enough to attend elementary school, but still unacceptably short;

Whereas approximately 30,000 people in the United States have cystic fibrosis, more than half of them children;

Whereas 1 of every 3,500 babies born in the United States is born with cystic fibrosis;

Whereas more than 10,000,000 Americans are unknowing, symptom-free carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that all States consider newborn screening for cystic fibrosis;

Whereas the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation urges all States to implement newborn screening for cystic fibrosis to facilitate early diagnosis and treatment which improves health and life expectancy;

Whereas prompt, aggressive treatment of the symptoms of cystic fibrosis can extend the lives of people who have the disease;

Whereas recent advances in cystic fibrosis research have produced promising leads in gene, protein, and drug therapies beneficial to people who have the disease;

Whereas innovative research is progressing faster and is being conducted more aggressively than ever before, due, in part, to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's establishment of a model clinical trials network;

Whereas, although the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation continues to fund a research pipeline for more than 30 potential therapies and funds a nationwide network of care centers that extend the length and quality of life for people with cystic fibrosis, lives continue to be lost to this disease every day;

Whereas education of the public about cystic fibrosis, including the symptoms of the disease, increases knowledge and understanding of cystic fibrosis and promotes early diagnosis; and

Whereas the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will conduct activities to honor National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in May 2008: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month;

(2) supports the promotion of further public awareness and understanding of cystic fibrosis;

(3) encourages early diagnosis and access to quality care for people with cystic fibrosis to improve the quality of their lives; and

(4) supports research to find a cure for cystic fibrosis by fostering an enhanced research program through a strong Federal commitment and expanded public-private partnerships.

REGARDING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MODERN STATE OF ISRAEL

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 322.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 322) recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 322) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. REID. I would note that Senator LEVIN has agreed to lead the Senate delegation to this most important occasion. We appreciate very much his doing so. He is one of the senior Members of the Senate and chairman of the Armed Services Committee, an appropriate person to do this.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

Mr. REID. I understand that H.R. 5613 is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5613) to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading but then object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m., Monday, April 28; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period of morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, and that Senator DORGAN be recognized to speak for up to 30 minutes; that at 4:30 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 383, H.R. 2881, FAA reauthorization, as under the previous order.

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

FAA REAUTHORIZATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I had the opportunity to meet this afternoon with unions representing different airline entities. I also met with the owners and operators of airlines. We have a real problem on our hands. Fuel costs are now approaching 50 percent of the costs of our commercial airlines—50 percent. It used to be that the No. 1 cost, of course, was labor, personnel, but that is not the way it is. It is approaching 50 percent.

We are spending billions and billions of dollars, and most of that money is going to places we would rather it not go, to countries that have certainly nondemocratic forms of government, and a number of them are doing some very bad things with the money we are sending.

We are going to approach this FAA reauthorization to try to direct attention to some of the issues we read about every day: 3,000 flights being canceled, airlines flying with improper equipment. We are going to do our very best to have a good debate. I hope we can proceed to this legislation. It is something that is so important for us to do as a country.

Mr. President, the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the FAA reauthorization bill—I will again remind everyone—will be at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2920

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I think—I do not think—I am almost certain that S. 2920 is at the desk and due for its first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2920) to reauthorize and improve the financing and entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008, AT 2 P.M.

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:28 p.m., adjourned until Monday, April 28, 2008, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

LYNDON L. OLSON, JR., OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2008, VICE HAROLD C. PACHIOS, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KRISTEN SILVERBERG, OF TEXAS, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

IN THE NAVY

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

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. DAVID J. DORSETT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be commander

STANLEY A. OKORO
MERYL A. SEVERSON III

To be lieutenant commander

COLEMAN J. BRYAN
BRIAN M. CAMERON
TED R. CAMPBELL
STEVE S. CHAN
JENNIFER M. COLOMBO
REBECCA J. EICK
BRIAN L. FELDMAN
KANTI R. FORD
MARION C. HENRY
JASON J. LUKAS
JOSEPH R. LYNCH
WEBB R. MCCANSE
KATHLEEN J. McDONALD
EDWARD J. MILLER
JOSHUA P. MOSS
DANIEL G. NICASTRI
STACEY C. QUINTERO
JAMISON R. RIDGELEY
DAVID B. ROSENBERG

WITHDRAWAL

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on April 24, 2008 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

C. BOYDEN GRAY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 9, 2007.