

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND  
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.

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

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct an executive business meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MAN-  
AGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FED-  
ERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECUR-  
ITY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Addressing the U.S.-Pakistan Strategic Relationship."

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator STEVENS, I ask unani-

mous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Rebecca Gilman, Jessica Kazmierczak, Kate Williams, and Kevin Simpson.

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT  
AGREEMENT—H.R. 6049

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 6049 occur on Monday, June 16, at 5:30 p.m., and that following morning business on Monday, the Senate resume the motion to proceed with all time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees, with the 20 minutes immediately prior to the vote controlled between the majority and Republican leaders, with the majority leader controlling the final 10 minutes, and that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

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

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 592, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 592) commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 592) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 592

Whereas May 18, 2008, marks the 75th anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority was created by Congress in 1933 to improve navigation along the Tennessee River, reduce the risk of flood damage, provide electric power, and promote agricultural and industrial development in the region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 (16 U.S.C. 831 et seq.) was signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on May 18, 1933;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority continues to serve the Tennessee Valley, providing reliable and affordable electricity, managing the Tennessee River system, and stimulating economic growth;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority provides more electricity than any other public utility in the Nation and has competitive rates and reliable transmission;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority is expanding its environmental policy to increase its renewable energy sources, improve energy efficiency, and provide clean energy in the Tennessee Valley region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority continues to reduce power plant emissions and is working to further improve air quality for the health of individuals in the Tennessee Valley region;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority is a leader in the nuclear power industry, with multi-site nuclear power operations that provide approximately 30 percent of the Tennessee Valley Authority's power supply;

Whereas, as part of NuStart Energy Consortium, the Tennessee Valley Authority submitted one of the first combined operating license applications for a new nuclear power plant in 30 years;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority's integrated management of the Tennessee River system provides a wide range of benefits that include providing electrical power, reducing floods, facilitating freight transportation, improving water quality and supply, enhancing recreation, and protecting public land;

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority builds business and community partnerships that foster economic prosperity, helping companies and communities attract investments that bring good jobs to the Tennessee Valley region and keep them there; and

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority no longer receives appropriations to help fund its activities in navigation, flood control, environmental research, and land management, because the Tennessee Valley Authority pays for all its activities through power sales and issuing bonds: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary;

(2) recognizes the Tennessee Valley Authority for its long and proud history of service in the areas of energy, the environment, and economic development in a service area that includes 7 States;

(3) honors the accomplishments of the Board of Directors, retirees, staff, and supporters of the Tennessee Valley Authority who were instrumental during the Tennessee Valley Authority's first 75 years; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Bill Sansom, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Tom Kilgore, for appropriate display.

HONORING THE DETROIT RED  
WINGS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 593, submitted earlier today by Senator LEVIN.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 593) honoring the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 2008 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship.

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I am delighted to submit this resolution today, along with my Michigan colleague, Senator STABENOW, congratulating the Detroit Red Wings on a

hard-fought victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in the 2008 Stanley Cup finals. Last Wednesday night, the Red Wings captured Lord Stanley's Cup for the fourth time in 11 years, marking the 11th Stanley Cup Championship in the Red Wings' storied 81-year history.

The 2008 Championship was secured through grit, and the strength of team work. As Kris Draper said after the series clinching win, "Once again, our resolve came through." This resolve, and the winning tradition that spans every level of the Red Wings organization, has been fostered over the years by the Ilitch family, whose commitment to winning championships and to the Detroit community are second to none.

The Red Wings season was defined by a physically dominating team that was able to control play at both ends of the ice. After winning three difficult playoff series on the road, the Red Wings followed up a heart-wrenching, triple-overtime loss at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, with an equally epic 3-2 heart-stopping cup-clinching victory in Pittsburgh. Moments after cutting Detroit's lead in half with a power-play goal with just 1:27 remaining, Pittsburgh swiftly pushed the puck back deep into the Red Wings' zone. As time seemingly slowed, Red Wings fans tensely watched, hoping their team would be able to withstand this final onslaught. With the final seconds ticking away, a Pittsburgh player launched a backhander toward the goal, goalie Chris Osgood dove to the ice, stretching his pad to the post trying to block any rebound attempt. Another Penguin slapped at it, and almost unimaginably, the puck slithered all the way along the goal line, daring to throw the game into yet another overtime inferno. And with that, the horn sounded, giving Red Wings fans everywhere the sweet taste of victory. I immediately called my daughter Erica to share in her joy as a Red Wing fanatic. Knowing that for her, those last few seemed like an eternity.

This euphoria spilled out into the streets of Detroit last Friday, where over a million fans joined the Red Wings organization in celebration. Unfazed by the 92-degree heat, the Red Wings faithful flaunted their red and white, swelling with pride over victoriously navigating the difficult path to the cup.

Throughout the season, each member of the Red Wings organization worked tirelessly toward their ultimate goal to bring the Cup home to Hockeytown. The members of the 2008 Red Wings include Andrea Lilja, Kyle Quincey, Niklas Lidstrom, Justin Abdelkader, Dan Cleary, Pavel Datsyuk, Derek Meech, Dallas Drake, Kirk Maltby, Aaron Downey, Brett Lebda, Brad Stuart, Chris Chelios, Darren McCarty, Jiri Hudler, Brian Rafalski, Kris Draper, Mikael Samuelsson, Henrik Zetterberg, Mattias Ritola, Darren Helm, Mark Hartigan, Jakub Kindl, Valtteri Filppula, Jonathan Ericsson, Niklas Kronwall, Thomas Kopecky,

Johan Franzen, Thomas Holmstrom, Chris Osgood, Jimmy Howard, Dominik Hasek, Head Coach Mike Babcock, and Assistant Coaches Paul McLean and Todd McLellan.

The Red Wings are one of the original six teams of the National Hockey League, and since their inception in 1926, have been a constant source of pride and inspiration for hockey fans throughout Michigan. The Red Wings have won the third most Stanley Cup Championships in the NHL, earning the distinction as one of the NHL's most successful franchises, and the most dominating over the past decade and a half. The Red Wings excellence, along with the undying love and support of the fans in Michigan and the enormous popularity of hockey in Michigan, make it clear why Detroit is widely known as Hockeytown, U.S.A.

Veterans such as Nicklas Lidstrom, Chris Chelios, Darren McCarty, Kris Draper and Kirk Maltby have remained integral figures on the ice and positive role models in the community for many years. Dearborn native Brian Rafalski, and Northern Michigan Alum Dallas Drake further deepen the team's Michigan roots. Drake returned this year to the team that drafted him and can now add a Stanley Cup championship to the one he earned as a member of the 1991 Northern Michigan University NCAA hockey championship team.

While this is first and foremost a team accomplishment, I would be remiss not to highlight a couple of individuals who contributed mightily to the team's overall success. Henrik Zetterberg, the Conn Smythe trophy winner, set a Red Wings playoff record with 27 points, including a remarkable six goal effort in the finals, the last of which proved to be the series clincher. In addition, Captain Nicklas Lidstrom, with his calm demeanor and unshakable nerve, became the first European born player to captain an NHL team to a Stanley Cup championship.

The Red Wings continue to set the standard for championship-caliber hockey and teamwork. From long-time members of the Red Wings organization, to veteran additions to the roster, to new, young talent that helped to energize the team, the 2008 team united and won in classic Red Wings fashion. In doing so, the Red Wings have once again taken hockey fans across the country on a tremendous journey.

Let the record reflect a symbolic gesture as if to throw an octopus onto the floor of the Senate. Go Wings! I know my colleagues join me in congratulating the players, owners, and fans of the Detroit Red Wings on capturing the Stanley Cup once again.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 593) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 593

Whereas, on June 4, 2008, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins, 3 to 2 in game 6 of the National Hockey League Stanley Cup Finals;

Whereas that triumph marks the 11th Stanley Cup Championship in the history of the Red Wings, bringing the total number of Stanley Cup Championships won by the Red Wings to more than the number won by any other professional hockey team in the United States;

Whereas that triumph also marks the fourth Stanley Cup Championship for the Red Wings in 11 seasons, building on the team's reputation as one of the greatest dynasties in the history of the National Hockey League;

Whereas the championship win caps a historic season in which the Red Wings set a National Hockey League record for the most victories during the first half of the regular season (30-8-3), captured a seventh consecutive division title, earned a berth in the Stanley Cup playoffs for the 17th consecutive season, and won a sixth Presidents' Cup Trophy for the best regular season record in the National Hockey League;

Whereas, led by Captain Nicklas Lidstrom, the Red Wings, employing a combination of both youth and experience, became National Hockey League champions through pure grit and determination;

Whereas Nicklas Lidstrom, born in Västerås, Sweden, became the first European-born National Hockey League player to captain a Stanley Cup Championship team;

Whereas Henrik Zetterberg, through his hard work and skill on both ends of the ice, won the Conn Smythe Trophy for the most valuable player in the playoffs;

Whereas Nicklas Lidstrom, Kris Draper, Kirk Maltby, Tomas Holmstrom, and Darren McCarty have all been members of the team for the last 4 Stanley Cups won by the Red Wings, and Chris Osgood, Chris Chelios, and Brian Rafalski have each earned their third Stanley Cup Championship;

Whereas Marian and Mike Ilitch, the owners of the Red Wings and community leaders in Michigan, have once again returned Lord Stanley's Cup to the city of Detroit;

Whereas Red Wings head coach Mike Babcock, following in the footsteps of the great Scotty Bowman, has won his first Stanley Cup Championship;

Whereas the Red Wings, who have played in Detroit since 1926, continue to be prized and cherished by all Michiganders and Red Wing fans across the country;

Whereas, since 1952, Red Wings fans have continued the tradition of the "Legend of the Octopus," throwing octopi onto the ice, each of the 8 tentacles symbolizing the original 8 games needed to win the Stanley Cup;

Whereas Detroit, otherwise known as "Hockeytown, U.S.A.," is home to the most loyal fan base in the world;

Whereas the passion and support of all Red Wings fans have assisted the team through this long and difficult season, enabling the players to achieve the greatest prize in all of hockey, the Stanley Cup;

Whereas each Red Wings player made a valuable contribution to the team's success and will be remembered on the most illustrious sports trophy, the Stanley Cup; and

Whereas those Red Wings players are Chris Chelios, Dan Cleary, Pavel Datsyuk, Aaron Downey, Dallas Drake, Kris Draper, Jonathan Ericsson, Valtteri Filppula, Johan Franzen, Mark Hartigan, Dominik Hasek,

Tomas Holmstrom, Jimmy Howard, Jiri Hudler, Tomas Kopecky, Niklas Kronwall, Brett Lebda, Nicklas Lidstrom, Andreas Lilja, Justin Abdelkader, Kirk Maltby, Darren McCarty, Derek Meech, Chris Osgood, Kyle Quincey, Brian Rafalski, Mikael Samuelsson, Mattias Ritola, Darren Helm, Jakub Kindl, Brad Stuart, and Henrik Zetterberg: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the Detroit Red Wings on winning the 2008 National Hockey League Stanley Cup Championship.

#### CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACKINAC ISLAND'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND MUSEUM PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 325 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 325) celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission's Historic Preservation and Museum Program, which began on June 15, 1958, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 325) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5749

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I understand H.R. 5749 has been received from the House and is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5749) to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading, and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

#### ORDER FOR MEASURE TO BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 5749

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate on Friday, June 13, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 5749 be considered to have received a second reading and objection made to further proceedings and the bill be placed on the calendar.

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

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-

ate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. Monday, June 16; 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 the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, under a previous order, following morning business on Monday, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 6049, the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act. At 5:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the bill.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. DURBIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:49 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 16, 2008, at 2 p.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

##### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

MATTHEW S. PETERSEN, OF UTAH, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2011, VICE HANS VON SPAKOVSKY.