

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Rick Houghton, who will graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point next year and who now is an intern in my office, be accorded the privilege of the floor during today's session of the Senate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SANDERS. I ask unanimous consent that Winoka Begay, Jessica Borchert, Julian Carr, Kelley Fry, and Dane Lauritzen, from the office of Senator BINGAMAN, be granted the privileges of the floor for today, June 24, 2008.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Matthew Solomon, a detailee on Senator LEAHY's staff, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the FISA debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DODD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Ryan Kehmna and Ben Weingrod, both staff members from my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on H.R. 6304.

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dionne Thompson, a fellow in the office of Senator LANDRIEU, be given floor privileges during the current session.

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

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 3145

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 3145, and that it then be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

CONRAD B. DUBERSTEIN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURTHOUSE

THEODORE L. NEWTON, JR. AND GEORGE F. AZRAK BORDER PATROL STATION

JAMES M. ASHLEY AND THOMAS W.L. ASHLEY UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

TIMOTHY J. RUSSERT HIGHWAY

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the EPW

Committee be discharged and the Senate immediately proceed to the following naming bills en bloc: H.R. 430, H.R. 2728, H.R. 3712, S. 3145.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 430) to designate the United States Bankruptcy courthouse located at 271 Cadman Plaza East in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Conrad B. Duberstein United States Bankruptcy Courthouse."

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 2728) to designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station."

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H.R. 3712) to designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the "James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse."

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 3145) to designate a portion of United States Route 20A, located in Orchard Park, New York, as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway."

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed, all en bloc.

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

The bill (H.R. 430) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The bill (H.R. 2728) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The bill (H.R. 3712) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The bill (S. 3145) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3145

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Timothy "Tim" John Russert was born on May 7, 1950 in Buffalo, New York, to Elizabeth and Timothy Joseph Russert.

(2) Tim Russert graduated from Canisius High School in Buffalo, New York, earned his bachelor's degree in political science from John Carroll University in 1972, and his Juris Doctor from Cleveland State University—Marshall School of Law in 1976.

(3) Tim Russert embarked on a career in public service with United States Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and the Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, from 1977 to 1984.

(4) After his career in public service and New York politics, Tim Russert began his career in journalism when he joined NBC in 1984.

(5) In 1991, Tim Russert became the host of the Sunday morning news program Meet the Press, the longest-running program in the history of television. He would go on to become the longest serving host of the show.

(6) Throughout his career, Tim Russert received 48 honorary doctorates and several awards for excellence in journalism, including—

(A) the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio-Television News Directors Association;

(B) the John Peter Zenger Freedom of the Press Award;

(C) the American Legion Journalism Award;

(D) the Veterans of Foreign Wars News Media Award;

(E) the Congressional Medal of Honor Society Journalism Award;

(F) the Allen H. Neuharth Award for Excellence in Journalism;

(G) the David Brinkley Award for Excellence in Communication;

(H) the Catholic Academy for Communication's Gabriel Award; and

(I) an Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

(7) In 2004, Tim Russert authored the best-selling autobiography, *Big Russ and Me*, which chronicled his life growing up in South Buffalo and his education at Canisius High School. He is also the author of *Wisdom of our Fathers*.

(8) Tim Russert advocated on behalf of abused children and voiced the need to protect our Nation's young people, serving on the board of directors of the Greater Washington Boys and Girls Club and America's Promise—Alliance for Youth.

(9) Tim Russert sat in the front seat of history, chronicling the political and societal events that have defined our time, and serving as a trusted source of information and analysis for millions of Americans.

(10) Tim Russert was a tireless booster of Buffalo, a famous fan of his beloved Buffalo Bills, and was always proud of his South Buffalo roots, a source of civic pride in the Western New York community.

(11) Tim Russert passed away on June 13, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Maureen Orth and their son, Luke Russert.

SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.

The portion of United States Route 20A located in Orchard Park, New York, between Abbot Road and California Road shall be known and designated as the "Timothy J. Russert Highway".

SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the portion of United States Route 20A referred to in section 2 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Timothy J. Russert Highway.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of the following named bills on the calendar, all en bloc: Calendar No. 760, S. 2403; Calendar No. 761, S. 2837; Calendar No. 762, S. 3009; Calendar No. 763, H.R. 781; Calendar No. 764, H.R. 1019; Calendar No. 766, H.R. 4140.

I further ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

SPOTTSWOOD W. ROBINSON III AND ROBERT R. MERHIGE, JR. FEDERAL COURTHOUSE

The bill (S. 2403) to designate the new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond,

Virginia, as the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse," was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2403

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SPOTTSWOOD W. ROBINSON III AND ROBERT R. MERHIGE, JR. FEDERAL COURTHOUSE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The new Federal Courthouse, located in the 700 block of East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, shall be known and designated as the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Federal Courthouse referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse".

THEODORE ROOSEVELT UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

The bill (S. 2837) to designate the United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse" was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2837

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. THEODORE ROOSEVELT UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The United States courthouse located at 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the United States courthouse referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Theodore Roosevelt United States Courthouse".

J. JAMES EXON FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION BUILDING

The bill (S. 3009) to designate the Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction in Omaha, Nebraska, as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building," was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3009

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. J. JAMES EXON FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Federal Bureau of Investigation building under construction at the intersection of 120th and L Streets in Omaha, Nebraska, shall be known and designated as the "J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other

record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the J. James Exon Federal Bureau of Investigation Building.

COLONEL CHARLES D. MAYNARD LOCK AND DAM

The bill (H.R. 781) to redesignate Lock and Dam No. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the "Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam," was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

RAFAEL MARTINEZ NADAL UNITED STATES CUSTOMHOUSE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 1019) to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the "Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building," was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

RICHARD B. ANDERSON FEDERAL BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 4140) to designate the Port Angeles Federal Building in Port Angeles, Washington, as the "Richard B. Anderson Federal Building," was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE TORNADO IN LITTLE SIOUX, IOWA

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 599 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 599) expressing the condolences of the Senate to those affected by the tragic events following the tornado that hit Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Little Sioux, Iowa, on June 11, 2008.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I am pleased to be an original cosponsor of this Senate resolution to pay tribute to the four boy scouts who lost their lives almost 2 weeks ago when a tornado struck Little Sioux Scout Ranch in western Iowa: Aaron Eilerts of Eagle Grove, Iowa and Sam Thomsen, Josh Fennen, and Ben Petrizilka of Omaha, Nebraska. I would like also to recognize the bravery and dedication of all the other scouts affected by this tragedy and of the emergency crews who responded.

All of these remarkable young people had already established themselves as leaders in their community. The loss of four of them is a tragedy for Iowa and Nebraska.

I would like in particular to express my condolences to the four families who have suffered such a devastating loss. My thoughts and prayers are with them at this difficult time.

The Boy Scouts of America is an organization that never fails to exceed expectations. All the Scouts at Little Sioux Ranch that day kept their courage when all about them was chaos. Many of those who survived suffered considerable injuries. As the storm passed, the Boy Scouts immediately began to administer first aid to the injured and set to work to clear the roads, allowing the emergency crews to move in. In their bravery and resourcefulness, they did honor to Boy Scouts throughout the country. We are proud of them and humbled by their service.

I am saddened that we must be here today at all offering this resolution, but I am honored to pay tribute to these young leaders, and I extend my deepest sympathy to all those affected by this tragedy.

Mr. DODD. 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 related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 599) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 599

Whereas, on the evening of June 11, 2008, a tornado struck the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Little Sioux, Iowa;

Whereas 4 lives were tragically lost, and many other people were injured;

Whereas Boy Scouts and Boy Scout leaders at the camp showed great heroism and courage in providing aid and assistance to their fellow Scouts;

Whereas the first responders, firefighters, and law enforcement, and medical personnel worked valiantly to help provide care and comfort to those who were injured;

Whereas the Boy Scouts of America will continue to feel the loss and remember the courage of the Boy Scouts who were at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch the evening of June 11, 2008;

Whereas the Boy Scouts of America will continue to develop young men who show the character, strength, and bravery that was demonstrated by the Boy Scouts at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch on the evening of June 11, 2008; and

Whereas the people of Nebraska and Iowa have embraced those affected and will continue to offer support to the families of those who were lost and injured; Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who lost their lives in the terrible events of June 11, 2008, at the Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Little Sioux, Iowa: Sam Thomsen, Josh Fennen, and Ben Petrizilka of Omaha, Nebraska, and Aaron Eilerts of Eagle Grove, Iowa;

(2) shares its thoughts and prayers for a full recovery for all those who were injured;

(3) commends the Boy Scouts of America for the support the organization has provided