

IN SUPPORT OF THE VERY ENERGETIC RADIATION IMAGING TELESCOPE ARRAY SYSTEM (VERITAS)

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 35, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 35) to amend Public Law 108-331 to provide for the construction and related activities in support of the Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS).

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

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 35) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 35

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LOCATION OF VERITAS PROJECT.

Public Law 108-331 (118 Stat. 1281) is amended—

(1) in the long title, by striking “on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona” and inserting “in Arizona”; and

(2) in section 1, by striking “on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona” and inserting “at the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory Base Camp on Mount Hopkins, Arizona, or other similar location”.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 3268

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that after the Senate convenes on Tuesday, July 22, the hour prior to the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 3268 be equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture; further, that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in recess until 3 p.m., Monday, July 21; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3268, the energy speculation bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday. The next vote will occur Tuesday morning. That vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the energy speculation bill.

RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008, AT 3 P.M.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. 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 7:29 p.m., recessed until Monday, July 21, 2008, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN A. SIMON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE AFRICAN UNION, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

THE JUDICIARY

ANTHONY JOHN TRENGA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, VICE WALTER D. KELLEY, JR., RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Thursday, July 17, 2008:

THE JUDICIARY

PAUL G. GARDEPHE, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

KIYO A. MATSUMOTO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.