

and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Childhood Obesity: The Declining Health of America's Next Generation—Part II" on Wednesday, July 23, 2008. The hearing will commence at 2:30 p.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Information Sharing: Connecting the Dots at the Federal, State, and Local Levels."

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. to consider pending nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BROWN. 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 a hearing entitled "Courting Big Business: The Supreme Court's Recent Decisions on Corporate Misconduct and Laws Regulating Corporations" on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BROWN. 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 a hearing on executive nominations, on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at 2 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, to conduct a hearing in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following individuals from my staff have floor privileges during the period of my speech today: Dustin Bradshaw, Nathan Gambill, Summer Price, and Stephen Young.

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

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dayna Gibbons, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the energy legislation.

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

HONORING THE LATE DETECTIVE  
JOHN MICHAEL GIBSON AND PRIVATE  
FIRST CLASS JACOB JOSEPH  
CHESTNUT AND THE  
UNITED STATES CAPITOL POLICE

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of a resolution 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. 621) honoring and commemorating the selfless acts of heroism displayed by the late Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police on July 24, 1998, and expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Senate for the professionalism and dedication of the United States Capitol Police.

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

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 621) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 621

Whereas Detective Gibson, born March 29, 1956, was killed in the line of duty while protecting the office complex of the House Majority Whip;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut, born April 28, 1940, was killed in the line of duty while guarding the Document Room Door entrance of the Capitol;

Whereas Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut were the first police officers to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut was the first African-American to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol;

Whereas Detective Gibson was married to Evelyn and was the father of 3 children;

Whereas Private First Class Chestnut was married to Wen Ling and was the father of 5 children;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police force consists of over 1,600 officers who are dedicated to the protection and security of the Capitol Complex and its employees and visitors;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police continually sacrifice to provide safety and security to the Members, staff, and millions of visitors each year to the Capitol Complex;

Whereas the men and women of the United States Capitol Police join with their colleagues in local law enforcement from urban to rural areas coast to coast to perform their duties with honor and courage;

Whereas while the United States Capitol Police endure physical and verbal assaults in some extreme cases, the officers continue to provide courteous, responsible, and diligent services in an unbiased and nonpartisan manner;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police face many threats to their safety and must remain constantly alert for suspicious actions or for failure to respond to requests and instructions;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police, as the first line of the defense of the Capitol, has shared in the ultimate sacrifice in law enforcement;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police are on the front lines of the War on Terrorism and remain on constant alert against unauthorized access to Capitol buildings, terrorism, and other threats to the Capitol Complex;

Whereas Capitol Police officers stationed throughout the Capitol Complex act in a professional manner and treat Members, staff, and visitors with dignity and respect;

Whereas the United States Capitol Police consistently apply security and safety measures to all, including Members of Congress;

Whereas 10 years have passed since Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut sacrificed their lives to protect the lives of hundreds of tourists, staff, and Members of Congress on July 24, 1998; and

Whereas the United States Capitol Police is one of the best trained, most highly respected law enforcement agencies in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) honors and commemorates the selfless acts of heroism displayed by the late Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut and Detective John Michael Gibson of the United States Capitol Police on July 24, 1998;

(2) expresses its condolences to the wives, children, and other family members of Private First Class Chestnut and Detective Gibson on the 10 year anniversary of their passing;

(3) expresses its gratitude and appreciation for the professional manner in which the United States Capitol Police carry out their diverse missions;

(4) expresses appreciation for the dedication United States Capitol Police officers have for protecting the Capitol Complex; and

(5) commends the United States Capitol Police for their continued courage and professionalism in protecting the Capitol Complex and its employees and visitors.

SOBOBA BAND OF LUISEÑO  
INDIANS SETTLEMENT ACT

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4841, which was received from the House.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4841) to approve, ratify, and confirm the settlement agreement entered into to resolve claims by the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians relating to alleged interferences with the water resources of the Tribe, to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and perform the Settlement Agreement and related waivers, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. PRYOR. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4841) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 110-20

Mr. PRYOR. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on July 23, 2008, by the President of the United States:

Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on accession of Albania and Croatia (Treaty Document 110-20).

I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be transferred with accompanying papers to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith, for Senate advice and consent to ratification, Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Croatia. These Protocols were adopted at Brussels on July 9, 2008, and signed that day on behalf of the United States and the other Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty. Also transmitted for the information of the Senate is the report of the Department of State, which includes an overview of the Protocols.

NATO enlargement remains an historic success in advancing freedom, stability, and democracy in the Euro-Atlantic area. Albania and Croatia serve as two more examples of countries motivated by the prospect of NATO membership to advance significant and difficult political, economic, and military reforms. Their efforts and success demonstrate to other countries in the Balkans and beyond that NATO's door remains open to nations

willing to shoulder the responsibilities of membership. I am pleased that, with the advice and consent of the Senate, these new democracies can soon join us as members of this great Alliance.

I ask the Senate to join me in advancing the cause of freedom and strengthening NATO by providing its prompt advice and consent to ratification of these Protocols of Accession. My Administration stands ready to assist you in any way we can in your deliberations.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 23, 2008.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. PRYOR. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 683 to and including 686, 696 to and including 716, all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that upon confirmation of the nominations, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, with no further motions in order, the Senate then resume legislative session and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Nelson M. Ford, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Joseph A. Benkert, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Sean Joseph Stackley, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Frederick S. Celec, of Virginia, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Jeffrey A. Remington

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 8037:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Jack L. Rives

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force 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. Donald J. Hoffman

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Kelly K. McKeague

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 3064 and 3084:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Timothy K. Adams

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. Ann E. Dunwoody

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 lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. David M. Rodriguez

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 lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Edgar E. Stanton, III

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. Matthew L. Kambic

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. Martin E. Dempsey

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. Carter F. Ham

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 lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Zahner

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 lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Robert E. Durbin

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 lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Burgess, Jr.

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 lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. John F. Kimmons