

presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2647, the Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Harry Reid, Ben Nelson, Benjamin L. Cardin, Byron L. Dorgan, Robert Menendez, Richard J. Durbin, Charles E. Schumer, Tom Harkin, Evan Bayh, Patrick J. Leahy, Jack Reed, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Roland W. Burris, Edward E. Kaufman, Paul G. Kirk, Jr., Barbara Boxer, Sheldon Whitehouse, Carl Levin.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, with respect to the conference report accompanying H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, I certify that the information required by rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate related to congressionally directed spending items has been identified in the joint statement of managers accompanying the conference report and that the required information has been available on a publicly accessible congressional Web site for more than 48 hours.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM K. SESSIONS III TO BE CHAIR OF THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 132, the nomination of William Sessions, to be chairman of the United States Sentencing Commission.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Nomination of William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I now send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of William K. Sessions, III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Patrick J. Leahy, Thomas R. Carper, Byron L. Dorgan, Tom Udall, Benjamin L. Cardin, Roland W. Burris, Al Franken, Tom Harkin, Jon Tester, Charles E. Schumer, Mark Begich, Frank R. Lautenberg, Daniel K. Akaka, Sherrod Brown, Bernard Sanders, Richard J. Durbin, Jack Reed.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived and the Senate now resume legislative session.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will resume legislative session.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for the vote on the conference report to accompany Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010, H.R. 2892. If I were able to attend today's session, I would have voted yes on the conference report.

THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to express my great appreciation to Senators HARKIN, DODD, and COBURN for working in a bipartisan manner to reauthorize the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program. I am also thankful to all of the members on the HELP Committee for their efforts to ensure that we passed this bill in a timely manner so that individuals receiving care under the Ryan White program would not see an interruption in their services.

This bill continues policies that seek to accomplish the goal of ensuring that Ryan White funding follows the patient. The bill, which will pass by unanimous consent, updates funding formulas and requires more accurate and reliable data reporting from the States, which will ensure that funds are allocated to the areas with the greatest need. It encourages aggressive testing strategies and establishes a national HIV/AIDS testing goal of 5 million tests per year. The bill also provides more flexibility to allow grantees to spend funds effectively.

Over the years we have seen a dramatic change in the geographic location of the HIV/AIDS epidemic from northern, metropolitan areas, to southern—and in many instances—rural areas. Today, more persons living with AIDS reside in the South than in any other area of the country. Of the 26,347 new HIV cases, 51.2 percent were diagnosed in the 17 Southern States and of the top 20 metropolitan areas with the highest AIDS case rates, 14 were in the

South. Thanks to the bipartisan efforts of the HELP Committee this reauthorization will ensure that funding is distributed in an equitable manner, reaching individuals with the greatest need.

The Ryan White program provides care for millions of Americans in need of medical care. Unfortunately we have also seen abuses, where these funds are misspent and patients do not receive the care they need. As the ranking member of the HELP Committee, I will continue to work to prevent these abuses and guarantee that funding is distributed to legitimate organizations that provide real services. It is a travesty that so many millions of dollars have been wasted due to poor oversight and corruption.

As Congress continues to authorize and provide funding for services under the Ryan White program, we must also commit to conduct proper oversight, so that these dollars actually reach the patients who need assistance, rather than being pocketed by criminals.

I close by again expressing my great appreciation to my colleagues for their hours of hard work and dedication to extend the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program. I also thank the HIV/AIDS community for their tireless efforts to provide care to individuals with HIV/AIDS. Many Americans with HIV/AIDS will continue to receive access to vital care because of the compassion and dedication of HIV/AIDS organizations receiving Ryan White dollars. Finally, I also thank my staff members Greg Dean, Chuck Clapton and Hayden Rhudy, as well as the staff members of Senator HARKIN's office, Connie Gardner and Jenelle Krishnamoorthy, for their hard work on this important bill.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING CAROL TOMLINSON-KEASEY

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Dr. Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, a committed educator and administrator and the founding chancellor of University of California, Merced. Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey passed away on October 10th from complications related to breast cancer. She was 66 years old.

Dr. Carol Tomlinson-Keasey was born in Washington, DC, on October 15, 1942. The daughter of an Army officer, she moved around frequently before graduating from a high school in France. Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey received a bachelor's degree in political science from Penn State University, a master's in psychology from Iowa State University, and a Ph.D. in developmental psychology from University of California, Berkeley.

In 1977, Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey became an associate professor of psychology at the University of California, Riverside. During her 15-year tenure at UC Riverside, she earned faculty and

administrative appointments. In 1992, Dr. Tomlinson was named vice provost and professor at University of California, Davis. She was appointed dean of UC Davis College of Letters and Science in 1994 and vice provost for academic planning and personnel in 1995 before lending her considerable talents to the University of California Office of the President in 1997.

Beginning in 1998, Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey assumed a leadership role in the planning and building of University of California, Merced, the first new University of California campus in 40 years. A gifted administrator, Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey fully immersed herself in every aspect of the enormous task of starting a major public university. Whether it was selecting the eventual site of the campus, the recruitment of administrators and faculty members or even choosing the school mascot, Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey worked tirelessly to see that the dream of a University of California campus in the San Joaquin Valley became a reality. In 1999, Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey became the first female founding chancellor of a University of California campus.

UC Merced has been a model of growth and progress since its inception in 2005. Today, the burgeoning campus is a living testament to Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey's hard work, vision, and dedication. Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey has left behind a legacy that has resulted in greater opportunities for future generations of California students, especially those students who are the first in their families to attend college and come from underrepresented ethnic or racial minority groups in the Central Valley. Her family and friends should take great pride and comfort in knowing Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey's accomplishments will continue to positively impact many people in the future.

Dr. Tomlinson-Keasey is survived by her husband Blake Keasey; children, Amber and Kai; three brothers, Alen, Gene and John Tomlinson; and four grandchildren.●

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES

● Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, today I recognize a dedicated group of volunteers for their service to small business owners in Texas. The Service Corps of Retired Executives, also known simply as SCORE, is a nonprofit organization that connects new entrepreneurs with seasoned business executives for expert advice and consultation.

Creating a new business enterprise can be challenging, and perhaps the most advantageous way for new entrepreneurs to seek advice is asking successful executives who have firsthand experience. SCORE provides a forum for entrepreneurs to engage experienced leaders in both one-on-one settings and group environments. SCORE offers complementary counseling services covering important topics such as business management, financing, marketing, and taxes, among many others.

SCORE was created on October 5, 1964, as a mission of the Small Business Administration, SBA. Since that time, the organization has evolved into a stand-alone nonprofit group, steadily increased its volunteer base, and embraced the Internet as a tool for outreach. SCORE is approaching a significant milestone this year—45 years of service to small business owners. It is worth noting that SCORE recently documented another achievement by providing services to its 8 millionth client.

Today SCORE offices can be found in 48 States and the District of Columbia. In 2008, 11,200 SCORE volunteers provided approximately 1.3 million hours of service saving business owners an estimated \$167 million. In Texas, 378 SCORE volunteers provided over 63,000 hours of complimentary counseling. SCORE's remarkable success continues to be recognized by the Federal Government, and today the SBA maintains a partnership with SCORE to help entrepreneurs turn their visions into reality.

I commend SCORE volunteers in Texas for sharing their time and expertise with the next generation of business owners. In so doing, SCORE volunteers are helping a new generation build their own American dream.●

REMEMBERING JEANNETTE GRUBB

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I was deeply saddened to learn that my dear friend and mentor for the past 63 years, Jeannette Grubb, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2009, at the age of 106 years old.

I last saw Jean on September 12, 2009, at the rededication ceremony at Shortridge High School, and I, as well as many others, enjoyed a wonderful visit with her. As always, Jean, herself a 1920 Shortridge High School graduate, was ever enthusiastic about Shortridge and recalled memories of her time as a Shortridge student, teacher and advisor. She was a special person, a woman of faith, whose concern for others was apparent.

Jean was well-educated and prepared for the important responsibilities of teaching. As a graduate of Indiana University, she earned her bachelor of arts, and later her master's in journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. I am grateful that in 1944, Jean was asked to give up teaching mathematics to become the director of publications for Shortridge, a post she held until her retirement in 1970. Jean inspired us to be better students, and focused on creative and excellent writing skills.

Jean is one of the most memorable teachers in my life. When I was a Thursday columnist for the Shortridge High School Daily Echo, she served as the faculty adviser of the publication that she also served on as a Shortridge student.

As a high school student, the opportunity to publish a column, and to

know that at least a few of my classmates read what I had written, provided an unparalleled privilege. On one occasion, an unflattering column which I authored about the unhealthy habits of the basketball team was read by the Indianapolis School Board—whose members only received copies of the Thursday edition of the school paper. This incident caused a temporary shutdown of the Echo's headquarters and a sudden trip for me to the principal's office to hear the consequences that unbridled journalism could have on the school, Jean, and me.

During this traumatic experience, Jean was my heroine, and the freedom of the press prevailed.

Furthermore, Jean has always been an active member of the Shortridge High School alumni community. As publications adviser, she organized the 50th anniversary celebration of the Echo. She also has worked to gather names and contact information for the Shortridge High School Alumni Association so that each of us can stay closely in touch with our friends and classmates. Following her retirement, Jean worked with the Indiana Historical Society to compile a complete history of our alma mater.

In 2005, Jean deservedly received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indiana High School Press Association for her tireless commitment to journalistic excellence among young people, and her unwavering support of the alumni and history of Shortridge High School. On this occasion, I included remarks about Jean in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to honor her achievement.

Throughout my public service, I have enjoyed frequent communications with Jean. She was always optimistic and supportive.

She was loved and appreciated. Her friendship and compassion will be greatly missed by her many students and friends whose lives she influenced through her exemplary dedication to teaching.●

TRIBUTE TO RAJIV KUMAR

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, today I congratulate Rajiv Kumar, a medical student at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, for receiving the Community Health Leaders Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Mr. Kumar received this prestigious award for his efforts to reduce obesity among Rhode Island residents. In 2005, he established Shape Up RI—a statewide exercise and weight loss challenge. Since then, over 35,000 Rhode Islanders have participated in the program including my staff and me, and I can personally attest to its fun and effectiveness. I had the pleasure of meeting with Mr. Kumar earlier this month to discuss the great work he has done to encourage personal responsibility in an engaging and innovative new format, and I look forward to the continued growth and success of Shape Up RI.●