

(SAFER) barrier, an energy-absorbing barrier affixed to concrete walls that has become the standard at all major oval tracks in the United States;

Whereas the Indianapolis 500, the largest single-day spectator sporting event in the world, has occurred on every Memorial Day weekend since 1911, except during the involvement of the United States in world wars from 1917 through 1918 and 1942 through 1945;

Whereas, in 1977, Janet Guthrie became the first woman to compete in the Indianapolis 500, making the competition the first and only major sport in which men and women compete, according to the same rules, against one another;

Whereas, in 1991, Willy T. Ribbs became the first of several African-American drivers to compete in the Indianapolis 500;

Whereas, in 2005, Danica Patrick became the first female driver to lead the Indianapolis 500 when she took the lead near the 140-mile mark;

Whereas, in 2009, Helio Castroneves became a 3-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 and Danica Patrick finished in third place, the best finish ever by a woman in the sport;

Whereas the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, by hosting the IndyCar Series, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, the MotoGP Series, and the Formula One Series, is the only facility in the world that has played host to 4 elite racing series;

Whereas nearly every international motorsport icon has competed and won at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, including A.J. Foyt, Al Unser, Rick Mears, Dale Earnhardt, Mario Andretti, Graham Hill, Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson, Michael Schumacher, Lewis Hamilton, and Valentino Rossi;

Whereas every May since 1981 the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has served as the backdrop for the annual Armed Forces Induction Ceremony, in which citizens of Indiana who have volunteered to serve in the Armed Forces are administered the oath of enlistment;

Whereas, in 1987, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was officially listed on the National Park Service list of National Historic Landmarks as the oldest continuously operated automobile racecourse; and

Whereas, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has played an enormous part in shaping and defining the City of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, United States motorsports, and the United States automobile industry, and is a great source of pride to all citizens of Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the United States Senate recognizes the 100th anniversary of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) to the bill H.R. 2918, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

Section 105(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act 1965 (Public Law 88-454; 2 U.S.C. 104a) is amended—

(1) in the last sentence of paragraph (1), by striking “shall” and inserting “may”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(6) Beginning with the report covering the first full semiannual period of the 112th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate—

“(1) shall publicly post on-line on the website of the Senate each report in a searchable itemized format as required under this section;

“(2) shall issue each report required under this section in electronic form; and

“(3) may issue each report required under this section in other forms at the discretion of the Secretary of the Senate.”.

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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ENGRAVING OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND THE NATIONAL MOTTO IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER.

(a) ENGRAVING REQUIRED.—The Architect of the Capitol shall engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center, in accordance with the engraving plan described in subsection (b).

(b) ENGRAVING PLAN.—The engraving plan described in this subsection is a plan setting forth the design and location of the engraving required under subsection (a) which is prepared by the Architect of the Capitol and approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 197 and 258; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD; the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Stephen Alan Owens, of Arizona, to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substances of the Environmental Protection Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Daniel Ginsberg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

MEASURE READ FIRST TIME—H.R. 2454

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 2454 has been received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. MERKLEY. I ask for its first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2454) to create clean energy jobs, achieve energy independence, reduce global warming pollution and transition to a clean energy economy.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2009

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, July 7; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business for 1 hour, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, as previously ordered, the Senate proceed to H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security appropriations bill; finally, I ask that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, tomorrow, we will begin consideration of the Homeland Security appropriations bill. Rollcall votes are expected to occur throughout the day. As stated earlier today, at approximately 12:15 tomorrow, Senator-elect Al Franken will be sworn in to be U.S. Senator from the State of Minnesota.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:12 p.m. adjourned until Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at a 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

JOHN M. MCHUGH, OF NEW YORK, TO BE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE PRESTON M. GEREN.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PATRICIA D. CAHILL, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2014, VICE CHERYL FELDMAN HALPERN, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ANTHONY MARION BABAUTA, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, VICE LESLIE M. TURNER, RESIGNED.

SAMUEL D. HAMILTON, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, VICE H. DALE HALL, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR., OF UTAH, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

DOUGLAS W. KMIEC, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA.

EARL MICHAEL IRVING, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND.

JONATHAN S. ADDLETON, OF GEORGIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF CAREER MINISTER, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO MONGOLIA.

GAYLEATHA BEATRICE BROWN, OF NEW JERSEY, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BURKINA FASO.

DAVID H. THORNE, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO.

FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE

GEORGE H. COHEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION DIRECTOR, VICE ARTHUR F. ROSENFELD, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

JOSEPH A. MAIN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR FOR MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH, VICE RICHARD STICKLER.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

RAFAEL BORRAS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE ELAINE C. DUKE, RESIGNED.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

PEGGY E. GUSTAFSON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, VICE ERIC M. THORSON.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Monday, July 6, 2009:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

STEPHEN ALAN OWENS, OF ARIZONA, TO BE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DANIEL GINSBERG, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on July 6, 2009 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

PHILIP MUDD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (NEW POSITION), WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MAY 4, 2009.