

Committee be discharged from further consideration, and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 242.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 242) "Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Aerospace Day."

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

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 242) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 242

Whereas the missions to the moon by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration are recognized around the globe as 1 of the most outstanding achievements of humankind;

Whereas the United States is a leader in the International Space Station, the most advanced human habitation and scientific laboratory ever placed in space;

Whereas the first aircraft flight occurred in the United States, and the United States operates the largest and safest aviation system in the world;

Whereas the United States aerospace industry is a powerful, reliable source of employment, innovation, and export income, directly employing 831,000 people and supporting more than 2,000,000 jobs in related fields;

Whereas space exploration is a source of inspiration that captures the interest of young people;

Whereas aerospace education is an important component of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and helps to develop the science and technology workforce in the United States;

Whereas aerospace innovation has led to the development of advanced meteorological forecasting, which has saved lives around the world;

Whereas aerospace innovation has led to the development of the Global Positioning System, which has strengthened national security and increased economic productivity;

Whereas the aerospace industry assists and protects members of the Armed Forces with military communications, unmanned aerial systems, situational awareness, and satellite-guided ordinances; and

Whereas September 16, 2009, is an appropriate date to observe "National Aerospace Day": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of "National Aerospace Day"; and

(2) recognizes the contributions of the aerospace industry to the history, economy, security, and educational system of the United States.

#### NATIONAL HISPANIC SERVING INSTITUTIONS WEEK

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 269 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 269) designating the week beginning September 20, 2009, as "National Hispanic Serving Institutions Week."

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

Mr. CASEY. 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 be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 269) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 269

Whereas Hispanic Serving Institutions play an important role in educating Hispanic students and helping them contribute to the economic vitality of this Nation;

Whereas there are approximately 268 Hispanic Serving Institutions currently in operation in the United States;

Whereas Hispanic Serving Institutions are actively involved in stabilizing and improving their local communities;

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic Serving Institutions adds to the strength and culture of our Nation; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic Serving Institutions are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the achievement and goals of Hispanic Serving Institutions across this Nation;

(2) designates the week beginning September 20, 2009, as "National Hispanic Serving Institutions Week"; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for Hispanic Serving Institutions.

#### CONGRATULATING THE HIGH POINT FURNITURE MARKET

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 270 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 270) Congratulating the High Point Furniture Market on the occasion of its 100th anniversary as a leader in home furnishing.

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

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent 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 be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 270) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 270

Whereas, since the first home furnishings market was held in High Point, North Carolina in the spring of 1909, the High Point Furniture Market has gained a worldwide reputation as the premier place to experience the newest ideas in home furnishings;

Whereas, as the home furnishings market that has more new product premieres than any other, the High Point Furniture Market has become known around the world as the launching pad for the home furnishings trends that will shape the culture and homes of the people of the United States for years to come;

Whereas, every spring and fall for 100 years, as many as 85,000 people have traveled to the small city of High Point from all parts of the United States and more than 110 countries to participate in one of the largest and most influential commercial events in the world;

Whereas the High Point Furniture Market is the intellectual and creative nerve center of the home furnishings industry in the United States, and the centerpiece of the furniture industry cluster in the region;

Whereas a study conducted by High Point University in 2007 estimated the economic impact of the furniture industry cluster in the region at \$8,250,000,000 annually and found that the furniture industry cluster was responsible for more than 69,000 jobs in the region;

Whereas an economic impact study carried out at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro found that the High Point Furniture Market contributes approximately \$1,200,000,000 each year to the economies of the City of High Point, the Piedmont Triad, and the State of North Carolina;

Whereas the High Point Furniture Market is responsible for approximately 13,516 jobs, just under 20 percent of the furniture-related jobs in the Piedmont Triad;

Whereas the High Point Furniture Market is a nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

Whereas the Department of Commerce has awarded the High Point Furniture Market "International Buyer Program" status for 3 years;

Whereas, as a participant in the International Buyer Program, the High Point Furniture Market represents the United States and the State of North Carolina to the world, and positions the home furnishings industry in the United States front and center on the world stage; and

Whereas, as the first century of the High Point Furniture Market comes to a close in fall of 2009, the High Point Furniture Market continues to expand and improve, securing its position as the most important domestic and international event in the home furnishings industry: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the High Point Market on the occasion of its 100th anniversary as a leader in home furnishing;

(2) honors and recognizes the contributions of the High Point Furniture Market during the last 100 years; and

(3) encourages the High Point Furniture Market to continue as the world-wide premier event of the home furnishings industry.

# SUPPORT FOR IDEALS AND GOALS OF CITIZENSHIP DAY 2009

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 271 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 271) expressing support for the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day 2009.

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

Mr. CASEY. 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 statement related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 271) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 271

Whereas Constitution Day and Citizenship Day are observed each year on September 17;

Whereas, the Joint Resolution of February 29, 1952 (66 Stat. 9, chapter 49), designated September 17 of each year as "Citizenship Day", in "commemoration of the formation and signing, on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution of the United States and in recognition of all who, by coming of age or by naturalization have attained the status of citizenship";

Whereas section 111(c) of Division J of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108-447; 118 Stat. 3344) amended section 106 of title 36, United States Code, to designate September 17 as "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day";

Whereas Citizenship Day is a special day for all United States citizens, including those who were born in the United States and those who chose to become citizens;

Whereas Citizenship Day is a day to take pride in being a United States citizen and to appreciate the rights, freedoms, and responsibilities inherent in United States citizenship;

Whereas, on Citizenship Day, naturalization ceremonies will be held at historic landmarks throughout the United States;

Whereas United States citizens are viewed with respect, honor, and dignity in the United States and throughout the world; and

Whereas, on September 17 of each year, "The civil and educational authorities of States, counties, cities, and towns are urged to make plans for the proper observance of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and for the complete instruction of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the United States and of the State and locality in which they reside", section 106(d) of title 36, United States Code: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the ideals and goals of Citizenship Day 2009;

(2) recognizes that citizens from all backgrounds have made countless contributions to the strength of the United States, making the United States a symbol of success, promise, and hope;

(3) recognizes the initiative taken by immigrants to learn about the responsibilities and significance of United States citizenship and wishes immigrants well in their future efforts to contribute to the United States; and

(4) calls on the people of the United States to observe Citizenship Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs in support of all United States citizens.

## TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. CASEY. As a point of clarification with respect to the agreement governing consideration of H.R. 3288, if a new substitute amendment has to be offered, no amendments would be in order to that amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The record will so reflect.

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the previous order regarding H.R. 3288 be modified to provide that the Senate resume consideration of the bill at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 17, and then the remaining provisions of the order remain in effect.

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

## ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, September 17; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the

morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, 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; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 98, H.R. 2996, the Interior appropriations bill.

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

## PROGRAM

Mr. CASEY. Tomorrow at 2 p.m., the Senate will suspend consideration of the Interior appropriations bill in order to complete action on the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill. At 2 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a series of up to six rollcall votes, including passage of the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill.

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CASEY. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:05 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

## CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, September 16, 2009:

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

JOSEPH W. WESTPHAL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

JUAN M. GARCIA III, OF TEXAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

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.