

As far as I am concerned, we are here, we are here to stay, we are going to get this done, and we cannot be discouraged by the Republican obstruction.

I see the majority leader on the floor. Would it be convenient to yield to him?

Mr. REID. I so appreciate my friend extending his usual courtesy.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I offer a cloture motion which is at the desk, and I ask it be reported.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been 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 motion to proceed to Calendar No. 349, S. 3217, the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010.

Christopher J. Dodd, Blanche L. Lincoln, Jeff Bingaman, Mark Begich, Charles E. Schumer, Arlen Specter, Robert Menendez, Benjamin L. Cardin, Daniel K. Inouye, Jack Reed, Edward E. Kaufman, Byron L. Dorgan, Richard J. Durbin, Tom Udall, John F. Kerry, Sheldon Whitehouse, Robert P. Casey, Jr.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following a period of morning business tomorrow, Wednesday, April 28, the Senate resume the motion to proceed to S. 3217, with the time until 12:20 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that at 12:20 p.m., the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3217, with the mandatory quorum waived.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Rhode Island.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island is recognized.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I thank the majority leader for his steady and strong leadership through these times.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

SUSPENDING THE 2011 COLA

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I support the recent actions by both the

Senate and House of Representatives to suspend the 2011 cost of living adjustment for Members of Congress.

Although there has been encouraging news on some sectors of our economy, too many Californians are unemployed or underemployed. It is fitting that we forgo a cost of living adjustment at this time.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY G. JONES

• Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I wish today to pay tribute to the well-respected tribal leader and proud veteran of the War in the Pacific with the U.S. Marine Corps, Stanley G. Jones, Sr., "Scho-Hallem."

Mr. Jones is retiring after more than 40 years of service to his people, the Tulalip Tribes, of my State of Washington. Mr. Jones served on the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors for the past 44 years; longer than any other Tulalip tribe member.

Mr. Jones helped guide tribes in the Northwest through their legal battle to regain lost treaty rights, culminating in the Boldt Decision of the 1970s. He was instrumental in reviving the traditional First Salmon Ceremony in 1976, the practice having been outlawed by the Federal Government in the early 1900s. He was the first Chair of the National Indian Gaming Task Force, and helped set tribal policy regarding the usage of proceeds from Tulalip tribal ventures.

Mr. Jones was a strong advocate for economic development. He led the Tulalip Tribes' efforts to invest their lands, and worked to create jobs and opportunities for his tribe's people, and those in neighboring communities. He also endeavored to provide educational opportunities, health care, housing and senior services to tribal members.

Mr. Jones will be sorely missed but his legacy is in the growing respect for treaty rights and tribal sovereignty that he leaves behind. Today his vision is being carried on by a new generation of tribal leaders.

I take this opportunity to wish him a long and well-deserved retirement.●

REMEMBERING MARY THURMAIER

• Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today it is with sadness that I remember the life of Mary Thurmaier, who passed away on April 25. I was fortunate to know Mary, who did so much for her community and for our state.

Mary was a tireless activist and volunteer. Perhaps her most significant contribution of all was her 24 years of service on the Stevens Point Area School Board, from 1982 to 2006. Mary, a devoted mother of four herself, spent her nearly two and a half decades on the board working to strengthen public education for the children of Stevens Point. She focused much of her considerable effort on critical issues like early childhood education.

Mary also served a vital role for her community when she managed the Point Area Bus Cooperative before the city took over the operations. She did a tremendous job in that position and later went on to serve as director of the Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau. She also served as a Democratic national committeewoman for Wisconsin.

Above all, Mary was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother. My thoughts are with her family and friends today, as so many mourn her loss. I know all of us are grateful for Mary's life and her many contributions to Stevens Point and the State of Wisconsin, which will live on for many years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:13 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4543. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4285 Payne Avenue in San Jose, California, as the "Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building".

H.R. 4861. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1343 West Irving Park Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Steve Goodman Post Office Building".

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3253. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1963. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3253. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4543. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 4285 Payne Avenue in San Jose, California, as the "Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4861. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1343 West Irving Park Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Steve Goodman Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 27, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1963. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide assistance to caregivers of veterans, to improve the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 3261. A bill to establish the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. BOND):

S. 3262. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the volume cap for private activity bonds shall not apply to bonds for facilities for the furnishing of water and sewage facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 3263. A bill to establish a Chief Veterinary Officer in the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. 3264. A bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to provide for regulation of debt settlement services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. 3265. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 3266. A bill to ensure the availability of loan guarantees for rural homeowners; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. CARPER):

S. 3267. A bill to improve the provision of assistance to fire departments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. Res. 501. A resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. Res. 502. A resolution eliminating secret Senate holds; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. Con. Res. 61. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that general aviation pilots and industry should be recognized for the contributions made in response to Haiti earthquake relief efforts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 182

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 182, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 504

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 504, a bill to redesignate the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

S. 891

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 891, a bill to require annual disclosure to the Securities and Exchange Commission of activities involving columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, and wolframite from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and for other purposes.

S. 1055

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1055, a bill to grant the congressional gold medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.

S. 1057

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr.

INOUE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1057, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the participation of physical therapists in the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program, and for other purposes.

S. 1190

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1190, a bill to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders, and for other purposes.

S. 1235

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1235, a bill to amend the Public Health Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend section 340B of the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under that section to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers.

S. 1598

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1598, a bill to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system.

S. 2882

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2882, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rules relating to the treatment of individuals as independent contractors or employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2989

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was withdrawn as a cosponsor of S. 2989, a bill to improve the Small Business Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3065

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3065, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to enhance the readiness of the Armed Forces by replacing the current policy concerning homosexuality in the Armed Forces, referred to as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", with a policy of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.