

S. 2976, to designate as wilderness certain land and inland water within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in the State of Michigan, and for other purposes;

S. 3159 and H.R. 4395, to amend Public Law 101-377 to revise the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include the Gettysburg Train Station, and for other purposes;

S. 3168, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain non-Federal land in the State of Pennsylvania for inclusion in the Fort Necessity National Battlefield; and

S. 3303, to establish the Chimney Rock National Monument in the State of Colorado.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to testimony@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact David Brooks or Allison Seyferth.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Sudan: A Critical Moment for the CPA, Darfur and the Region."

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2010, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Iran Sanctions: Why Does the U.S. Government Do Business With Companies Doing Business in Iran?"

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

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. to

conduct a hearing entitled, "Stafford Act Reform: Sharper Tools for a Smarter Recovery."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2010, at 10 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee of the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 12, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Espionage Statutes: A Look Back and A Look Forward."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BINGAMAN, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Kevin Huyler, a fellow with the staff of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, for the pendency of S. 3217 and any votes thereupon.

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

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 522, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 522) recognizing National Nurses Week.

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

Mr. DODD. 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, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 522) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 522

Whereas since 1990, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, which is known as National Recognition Day for Nurses, through May 12, which is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing;

Whereas National Nurses Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that nurses make to provide safe, high-quality health care;

Whereas nurses are known to be patient advocates, acting fearlessly to protect the lives of those under their care;

Whereas nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession with 3,100,000 jobs;

Whereas nurses are experienced researchers, and their work encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry, including clinical research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing education research;

Whereas nurses are well positioned to provide leadership to eliminate health care disparities that exist in the United States;

Whereas nurses help inform and educate the public to improve the practice of all nurses and, more importantly, the health and safety of the patients they care for;

Whereas survey data shows that enrollments in entry-level baccalaureate programs in nursing rose by 3.6 percent in 2009, and though this marks the ninth consecutive year of enrollment growth, the annual increase in student capacity in 4-year nursing programs has declined sharply since 2003 when enrollment was up by 16.6 percent;

Whereas nursing programs in the United States were forced to reject almost 119,000 qualified applicants according to the most recent survey of all prelicensure nursing programs;

Whereas according to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, employment of registered nurses is expected to grow by 22 percent from 2008 to 2018, which is a much faster rate of growth than the average rate of growth for all occupations;

Whereas according to survey data, enrollment in doctoral nursing programs increased by more than 20 percent this year, signaling strong interest among students in careers as nursing scientists, faculty, primary care providers, and specialists;

Whereas expanding capacity in baccalaureate and graduate programs is critical to sustaining a healthy nursing workforce and providing patients with the best care possible;

Whereas the nationwide nursing shortage has caused dedicated nurses to work longer hours and care for more acutely ill patients;

Whereas nurse educators work on average more than 57 hours per week in order to ensure that each and every new registered nurse receives an excellent education, advancing excellence among the next generation of nurses;

Whereas nurses inform legislators on the education, retention, recruitment, and practice of all nurses and, more importantly, the health and safety of the patients they care for; and

Whereas increased Federal and State support is needed to enhance existing programs and create new programs to educate nursing students at all levels, to increase the number of faculty members to educate nursing students, to create clinical sites and have appropriately prepared nurses teach and train at those sites, to create educational opportunities to retain nurses in the profession, and to educate and train more nurse research scientists who can discover new nursing: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes National Nurses Week;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week;

(3) acknowledges the importance of quality higher education in nursing, including baccalaureate and graduate programs, to meet the

needs of one of the fastest growing labor fields in the Nation; and

(4) supports the nurse capacity initiatives for institutions of higher education included in the Higher Education Opportunity Act.

HONORING DEEPWATER HORIZON CREW MEMBERS

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 523 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 523) honoring the crew members who perished aboard the offshore oil rig, Deepwater Horizon, and extending the condolences of the Senate to the families and loved ones of the deceased crew members.

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

Mr. DODD. 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. 523) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 523

Whereas oil and natural gas are necessary commodities for the United States;

Whereas a drill ship, the Deepwater Horizon, was drilling in 5,000 feet of water approximately 50 miles off the coast of Louisiana, in the Gulf of Mexico;

Whereas on April 20, 2010, a terrible explosion occurred aboard the Deepwater Horizon;

Whereas 126 men and women were on board the Deepwater Horizon at the time of the explosion;

Whereas 11 men remain missing, and are presumed dead;

Whereas 17 people were injured, 3 of them critically; and

Whereas the United States is greatly indebted to oil rig crewmen for the serious physical risks, difficult periods of separation from their families, and supremely challenging engineering tasks endured to produce much-needed energy for the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors the crew members who perished aboard the offshore oil rig, Deepwater Horizon; and

(2) expresses sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of the deceased crew members.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, May 13; 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 be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 3217, Wall Street reform, and that the Senate recess from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, we have eight amendments pending and Sen-

ators should expect rollcall votes throughout Thursday's session as we continue to process amendments on the Wall Street reform legislation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:26 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination by unanimous consent and the nomination was confirmed:

STEPHEN T. AYERS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, May 12, 2010:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

STEPHEN T. AYERS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL FOR THE TERM OF TEN YEARS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PARKER LOREN CARL, OF KENTUCKY, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

GERALD SIDNEY HOLT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

ROBERT R. ALMONTE, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

JERRY E. MARTIN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.