

MERKLEY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. CARDIN, AND MR. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 404

Whereas violent civil conflict between North and South in Sudan raged for 21 years, resulting in the deaths of an estimated 2,000,000 people and displacement of another 4,000,000 people;

Whereas the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) by the National Congress Party (NCP) and Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) on January 9, 2005, brought a formal end to that civil war;

Whereas the United States Government, particularly through the efforts of the President's Special Envoy for Sudan Jack Danforth, worked closely with the parties, the mediator, General Lazaro Sumbeiywo, the members of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), and the United Kingdom and Norway to bring about the CPA;

Whereas the CPA established a 6-year interim period during which the Government of Sudan would undertake significant democratic reforms and hold national elections, and at the end of which the South would hold a referendum on self-determination, with the option to forge an independent state;

Whereas, while the parties have made progress on several parts of the CPA, limited national government reforms have been made and several key issues remain outstanding, notably border demarcation, resolution of the census dispute, and certain preparations for the 2011 referenda for southern Sudan and Abyei;

Whereas the NCP's delay and refusal to follow through on some of its commitments under the CPA has fueled mistrust and suspicion, increasing tensions between northern and southern Sudan;

Whereas research by the Small Arms Survey, published as recently as December 2009, shows that both sides are building up their security forces and covertly stockpiling weapons in anticipation of a possible return to civil war;

Whereas the Government of Southern Sudan continues to face a range of challenges and continues to struggle with problems of financial management, insufficient capacity, and a limited ability to provide security in parts of its territory, especially in the face of increasing inter-ethnic and communal violence;

Whereas humanitarian organizations and the United Nations report that more than 2,500 people were killed and an additional 350,000 displaced by inter-ethnic and communal violence within southern Sudan throughout 2009;

Whereas the Lord's Resistance Army, a brutal rebel group formed in northern Uganda, has reportedly resumed and increased attacks against civilians in southern Sudan, creating another security challenge in the region;

Whereas the Government of Southern Sudan and the United Nations Mission (UNMIS) have not taken adequate steps to address the rising insecurity and to protect civilians in southern Sudan;

Whereas, despite 5 years of peace, most of southern Sudan remains severely underdeveloped with communities lacking access to essential services such as water, health care, livelihood opportunities, and infrastructure;

Whereas Sudan is scheduled to hold national elections in April 2010, and the people of southern Sudan and Abyei are to hold

their referendum on self-determination in January 2011 under the terms of the CPA;

Whereas the holding of these elections, Sudan's first multiparty elections in 24 years, could be a historic milestone for the country and a step toward genuine democratic transformation if the elections are fair and free and all communities are able to participate;

Whereas the existence of laws that grant powers to government security services in Sudan to arrest and detain citizens without charge and recent actions taken by the security forces to restrict freedom of speech and assembly by opposition parties have raised concerns that conditions may not exist for fair and free elections in Sudan;

Whereas the conflict in Darfur is still unresolved, the security situation remains volatile, and armed parties continue to commit humanitarian and human rights violations in the region, raising concerns that conditions may not exist for Darfurians to freely and safely participate in the elections; and

Whereas the security situation in the whole of Sudan has profound implications for the stability of neighboring countries, including Chad, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Uganda: Now, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) acknowledges the critical importance of preventing a renewed North-South civil war in Sudan, which would have catastrophic humanitarian consequences for all of Sudan and could destabilize the wider region;

(2) supports the efforts of President Barack Obama to reinvigorate and strengthen international engagement on implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA);

(3) encourages all international envoys and representatives, including those of the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, IGAD, the African Union, and the United Nations, to work closely together and coordinate their efforts to bolster the peace accord;

(4) calls on the parties in Sudan—

(A) to comply fully with their commitments under the CPA;

(B) to refrain from actions that could escalate tensions in the run-up to the 2011 referendum;

(C) to work expeditiously to resolve outstanding issues of the agreement; and

(D) to begin negotiations to resolve post-referenda issues, including resource allocation and citizenship rights in the case of separation;

(5) calls on the Government of National Unity to amend or repeal laws and avoid any further actions that would unduly restrict the freedom of speech and assembly by opposition parties or the full participation of communities, including those in Darfur, in the upcoming national elections;

(6) encourages the international community and the United Nations to engage with local populations to provide assistance for elections in Sudan and popular consultations while also closely monitoring and speaking out against any actions by the Government of Sudan or its security forces to restrict or deny participation in a credible elections process;

(7) calls on the Government of Southern Sudan to work with the assistance of the international community to design and begin implementing a long-term plan for security sector reform that includes the transformation of the army and police into modern security organs and the training of all security forces in human rights and civilian protection;

(8) urges the United Nations Security Council to direct and assist the UNMIS peacekeepers to better monitor and work to

prevent violence in southern Sudan and to prioritize civilian protection in decisions about the use of available capacity and resources;

(9) supports increased efforts by the United States Government, other donors, and the United Nations to assist the Government of Southern Sudan to improve its governing capacity, strengthen its financial accountability, build critical infrastructure, and expand service delivery;

(10) urges the President to work with the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, other governments, and regional organizations at the highest levels to develop a coordinated multilateral strategy to promote peaceful change and full implementation of the CPA; and

(11) encourages the President and other international leaders to strategize and develop contingency plans now for all eventualities, including in the event that the CPA process breaks down or large-scale violence breaks out in Sudan before or after the 2011 referendum, as well as for longer term development in the region following the referendum.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jeff Barham, a detailee in the Senate HELP Committee majority office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of Ms. Patricia Smith's nomination to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

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

CONGRATULATING NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY FEINBERG SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 394 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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. 394) congratulating the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine for its 150 years of commitment to advancing science and improving health.

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 related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 394) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 394

Whereas, on March 12, 1859, the origins of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine began with Drs. Hosmer A. Johnson, Edmund Andrews, Ralph N. Isham, and

David Rutter signing an agreement to establish the medical department of Lind University, which provided the first graded curriculum in a medical school in the United States;

Whereas, on October 9, 1859, the medical school marked its first session;

Whereas, on April 26, 1864, the medical department of Lind University became Chicago Medical College;

Whereas in 1870, Chicago Medical College entered into an agreement with Northwestern University to serve as the Department of Medicine for the University;

Whereas in 2002, the Northwestern University Board of Trustees renamed the medical school in honor of benefactor Reuben Feinberg;

Whereas the Feinberg School of Medicine is one of the pre-eminent medical schools in the Nation, producing the next generation of leaders in medical and related fields through its innovative research and educational programs;

Whereas the Feinberg School of Medicine supports the provision of the highest standard of clinical care by its clinical affiliates for their patients;

Whereas the Feinberg School of Medicine is cited annually in national college rankings as one of the top medical schools for research;

Whereas Feinberg School of Medicine alumni are leaders in their fields;

Whereas the Feinberg School of Medicine is a leader in aligning experts from various disciplines to create a collaborative research enterprise that explores the fertile discovery space between disciplines; and

Whereas Feinberg School of Medicine faculty are nationally and internationally prominent physicians and scientists who have an impact on the most pressing medical and research issues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Feinberg School of Medicine on the momentous occasion of its 150th anniversary, and expresses best wishes for continued success;

(2) recognizes and commends the Feinberg School of Medicine for its dedication to educating world class physicians and scientists, sponsoring cutting edge medical research, and providing highly specialized clinical care; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Feinberg School of Medicine for appropriate display.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, appoints the Senator from Illinois, Mr. BURRIS, to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 22, 2010.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, February 2; 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 there be a period of morning business for 1 hour equally di-

vided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half, and with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the nomination of Patricia Smith postcloture; that the time during any adjournment, recess, or period of morning business count postcloture; finally, I ask consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly caucus luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the Smith nomination. I hope we will be able to yield back some of the postcloture debate time so we may proceed to a vote on confirmation at a reasonable time. Upon disposition of the Smith nomination, the Senate will immediately proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Martha Johnson to be Administrator of General Services.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, 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 6:51 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 2, 2010, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

JEFFREY A. LANE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (CONGRESSIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS), VICE LISA E. EPIFANI, RESIGNED.

INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND CANADA

LANA POLLACK, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE A COMMISSIONER ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND CANADA, VICE ALLEN I. OLSON.

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

PAUL STEVEN MILLER, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2016, VICE CAROLYN L. GALLAGHER, TERM EXPIRED.

DENNIS J. TONER, OF DELAWARE, TO BE A GOVERNOR OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 8, 2012, VICE KATHERINE C. TOBIN, RESIGNED.

UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION

J. PATRICIA WILSON SMOOT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SIX YEARS, VICE DEBORAH ANN SPAGNOLI, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

DOUGLAS R. DIXON

DAVID M. FALLAH
CHRISTOPHER D. JENKINS
KENNETH E. JONES
RODNEY H. JONES
BRYAN P. KALISH
CHIN R. LIN
COLLINS T. LYONS
WILLIAM F. MADDUX
STEFAN S. OLPINSKI
SAMUEL A. PASSO
DOMINIQUE M. REYNERS
DONALD K. SCALES
THORPE C. WHITEHEAD
VICKI J. WYAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

ROMNEY C. ANDERSEN
PEDRO ARCHEVALD
MARTIN F. BAECHELER
ANDREW J. BAUER
BRIAN M. BELSON
KEVIN J. BOYLE
JEROME L. BULLER
BRIAN S. BURLINGAME
MARK W. BURNETT
YONG H. CHUN
DANIEL L. CRUSER
JAMES F. CUMMINGS
SHERI L. DEMARTELAERE
JOHN F. FARR III
ROBERT D. FORSTEN
MARK A. FRAMSTAD
JAMES D. FRIZZI
GREGORY M. FRYER
MARK D. GIBBONS
GAIL M. GLUSHKO
JOSEPH M. GOBERN
DELORES M. GRIES
DAVID J. HARFORD
MARK L. HIGDON
MICHAEL J. HOILLEN
GUNTHER HSUE
JEFFREY W. HUTCHINSON
RICHARD P. JAMES
SAMUEL S. JANG
CHATT A. JOHNSON
TROY R. JOHNSON
JENNIFER L. JUNNILA
RUSS S. KOTWAL
MARC H. LABOVICH
TERRENCE L. LAKIN
HEECHOO S. LEE
JEFFREY C. LEGGIT
ANDREW J. LIPTON
JOHN M. LOWERY
CLIFFORD C. LUTZ, JR.
BRIAN F. MALLOY
CEDRIC F. MCCORD
LEE A. MCFADDEN
JEFFERY M. NELSON
JOHN J. OCONNELL
THOMAS G. OLIVER
JOSE M. ORTIZ
MARK F. OWENS
HON S. PAK
CHRIS G. PAPPAS
GEORGE E. PATTERSON
DEAN C. PEDERSEN
NICHOLAS A. PIANTANIDA
BARRY R. POCKRANDT
RICHARD W. POPE
BRET K. PURCELL
ANTHONY S. RAMAGE
LANCE C. RANEY
EVAN M. RENZ
DAVID E. RISTEDT
THOMAS J. ROGERS
DAVID C. ROMINE
IRENE M. ROSEN
RUSSELL S. ROWE
DANIEL S. ROY
BRIAN W. SMALLLEY
BRYAN L. SMITH
REED K. SMITH
STEVEN E. SPENCER
ROBERT W. STEWART
EDWARD J. SWANTON
MOTAMEN H. TAVAF
BENJAMIN A. THOMPSON
JOHN J. VOGEL
JOSEPH L. WILDE
MARGARET A. YACOVONE
IN K. YOON
CLORINDA K. ZAWACKI
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

CHARLES E. BANE
CHAD C. BLACK
SHARA C. CHANCE
JAMES G. COISMAN
CHRISTOPHER C. CORRIE
ROSE C. GRIMM
CLARISSA HACKETT
NATHAN A. HOYT
JULIE D. KANE
RENEE C. KREBS