

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CARPER. 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 June 30, 2010, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Nuclear Terrorism: Strengthening Our Domestic Defenses, Part I."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 30, 2010, at 9 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to continue the hearing on the nomination of Elena Kagan to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONTRACTING
OVERSIGHT

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Interagency Contracts (Part II): Management and Oversight."

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, from 2–5 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sarah Cramer and Michael Crusinberry of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's proceedings.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Heidi McDonald and Amanda Spinney from Senator BINGAMAN's office be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of today.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Adam Pelzer and Madeline Daniels of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's proceedings.

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

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY EXTENSION
ACT OF 2010, PART II

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5611, which was received from the House.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5611) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 5611) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CELEBRATING 130 YEARS OF
UNITED STATES-ROMANIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 67, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 67), celebrating 130 years of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations, congratulating the Romanian people on their achievements as a great nation, and reaffirming the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania, a trusted and most valued ally.

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

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

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 67) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 67

Whereas the United States established diplomatic relations with Romania in June 1880;

Whereas the United States and Romania are two countries united by shared values and a strong commitment to freedom, democracy, and prosperity;

Whereas Romania has shown, for the past 20 years, remarkable leadership in advancing security and democratic principles in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans, and the Black Sea region, and has amply participated to the forging of a wider Europe, whole and free;

Whereas Romania's commitment to meeting the greatest responsibilities and challenges of the 21st century is and has been reflected by its contribution to the international efforts of stabilization in Afghanistan and Iraq, its decision to participate in the United States missile defense system in Europe, its leadership in regional non-proliferation and arms control, its active pursuit of energy security solutions for South Eastern Europe, and its substantial role in shaping a strong and effective North Atlantic Alliance;

Whereas the strategic partnership that exists between the United States and Romania has greatly advanced the common interests of the United States and Romania in promoting transatlantic and regional security and free market opportunities, and should continue to provide for more economic and cultural exchanges, trade and investment, and people-to-people contacts between the United States and Romania;

Whereas the talent, energy, and creativity of the Romanian people have nurtured a vibrant society and nation, embracing entrepreneurship, technological advance and innovation, and rooted deeply in the respect for education, culture, and international cooperation; and

Whereas Romanian Americans have contributed greatly to the history and development of the United States, and their rich cultural heritage and commitment to furthering close relations between Romania and the United States should be properly recognized and praised: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) celebrates the 130th anniversary of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations;

(2) congratulates the Romanian people on their achievements as a great nation; and

(3) reaffirms the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania.

NATIONAL EISGN DAY 2010

COMMEMORATING THE REMARKABLE
LIFE OF CHAPLAIN HENRY
VINTON PLUMMER

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM
AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration en bloc of the following resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 576, S. Res. 577, and S. Res. 578.

Without objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the resolutions be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 576, S. Res. 577, and S. Res. 578) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

The resolutions, with their preambles, read as follows:

S. RES. 576

Whereas the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN) (15 U.S.C. 7001 et seq.) was enacted on June 30, 2000, to ensure that a signature, contract, or other record relating to a transaction may not be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because the signature, contract, or other record is in electronic form;

Whereas in that Act, Congress directed the Secretary of Commerce to take all actions necessary to eliminate or reduce, to the maximum extent possible, the impediments to commerce in electronic signatures, for the purpose of facilitating the development of interstate and foreign commerce; and

Whereas June 30, 2010, marks the 10th anniversary of the enactment of ESIGN and would be an appropriate date to designate as "National ESIGN Day 2010": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of a "National ESIGN Day 2010";

(2) recognizes the contribution made by Congress in the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (ESIGN) (15 U.S.C. 7001 et seq.) to the adoption of modern solutions that keep the United States on the leading technological edge; and

(3) reaffirms the commitment of the Senate to facilitating interstate and foreign commerce in an increasingly digital world.

S. RES. 577

Whereas Henry Vinton Plummer was born into slavery on July 31, 1844, in Prince George's County, Maryland and escaped from slavery to serve honorably in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War;

Whereas Henry Plummer was assigned in 1864 to the Union gunboat U.S.S. Coeur de Lion, which engaged numerous Confederate ships trying to run Union blockades in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries during the Civil War;

Whereas after being honorably discharged from the Navy in 1865, Henry Plummer studied to become a minister, and felt called to serve again in the United States military;

Whereas in 1866, the 39th Congress passed legislation to establish African-American military units and stipulated that a chaplain be assigned to each regiment;

Whereas in July 1884, Henry Plummer was appointed the first African-American chaplain in the United States Regular Army with a military rank equivalent of Captain;

Whereas Chaplain Plummer served for more than 10 years with the Ninth Cavalry and was stationed at Army forts in Kansas, Wyoming, and Nebraska;

Whereas during his time in uniform, Chaplain Plummer worked to improve education and voter participation and reduce the temptation of gambling, drunkenness, and prostitution among soldiers under his ministry;

Whereas Chaplain Plummer fought racism and other injustices of the time while serving his country with the Ninth Cavalry;

Whereas Chaplain Plummer's records in Fort Riley and Fort Robinson noted that he performed admirably in his work among soldiers and in his efforts on behalf of their spiritual well-being;

Whereas Chaplain Plummer endured racial bias and animosity throughout his time in uniform, including being denied officer housing and being forced to live among enlisted personnel despite holding the Army officer rank equivalent of Captain;

Whereas in 1894, Chaplain Plummer was court-martialed, convicted, and dismissed from the Army under circumstances tainted by racial and personal animus;

Whereas the Army Board for Correction of Military Records concluded that personal grudges and racial bias were driving factors that led to Chaplain Plummer's court-martial;

Whereas the Army Board for Correction of Military Records noted evidence that shows Chaplain Plummer served his country well and was a highly respected and admired officer;

Whereas in 2005, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records changed the status of Chaplain Plummer's military discharge to "honorable";

Whereas despite the unfair and racially charged atmosphere that led to Chaplain Plummer's conviction and discharge, he continued to ask for reinstatement in the military out of a desire to serve his country;

Whereas Chaplain Plummer was a devoted family man, minister, veteran, and community leader committed to the principles of liberty and opportunity for which the United States stands; and

Whereas Chaplain Plummer rose from the depths of slavery to remarkable heights, and led a life of selfless contributions to his country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the life and patriotism of Chaplain Henry Vinton Plummer;

(2) expresses its admiration for Chaplain Plummer for his perseverance and resolve in the face of racial oppression in the military history of the United States; and

(3) congratulates Chaplain Plummer's extended family for their work to commemorate his life of devotion to helping others while overcoming tremendous adversity.

S. RES. 578

Whereas the Summer Food Service Program provides healthy, nutritious meals to an average 2,900,000 children each weekday during the summer;

Whereas there are 34,700 feeding sites in low-income neighborhoods located at churches, schools, parks, recreation centers, and summer camps in all 50 States;

Whereas thousands volunteer at summer feeding sites;

Whereas summer feeding programs play an important role in providing safe places for children and teenagers to engage in physical activity and provide educational opportunities to spur learning during the summer months;

Whereas data from the Department of Agriculture has shown rates of hunger and food insecurity among school-age children increase during the summer months;

Whereas the 19,500,000 children receiving free or reduced priced meals through the National School Lunch Program, only 1 in 9 receive meals at a summer feeding site on an average day;

Whereas there are only 34 summer food sites for every 100 school lunch programs; and

Whereas many low-income, food insecure children in rural areas lack access to summer feeding locations: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 2010 as "Summer Food Service Program Awareness Month";

(2) encourages schools, nonprofit institutions, churches, parks, recreation centers, and summer camps to sponsor summer feeding sites in their communities; and

(3) encourages schools, local businesses, nonprofit institutions, churches, cities, and State governments to raise awareness of the availability of summer feeding sites and support efforts to increase participation of children who might otherwise go without meals if not for the Summer Food Service Program.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE AND CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 293, the adjournment resolution, received from the House and at the desk.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (H. Con. Res. 293) providing for the conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 293) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 293

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Thursday, July 1, 2010, through Saturday, July 3, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Wednesday, June 30, 2010, through Sunday, July 4, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, July 12, 2010, or such other time on that day as may be specified in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble