

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 4 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LEAHY. 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 November 17, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening Medicare and Medicaid: Taking Steps to Modernize America's Health Care System."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2010.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. 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 November 17, 2010, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing Critical Infrastructure in the Age of Stuxnet."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Judicial and Executive Nominations."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE INTERNET

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 17, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Bill McConagha, a detailee in the Senate HELP Committee Majority Health Office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of S. 510, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ASIAN CARP PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 366, S. 1421.

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

The assistant editor of the Daily Digest read as follows:

A bill (S. 1421) to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. 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, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1421

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Asian Carp Prevention and Control Act".

SEC. 2. ADDITION OF SPECIES OF CARP TO THE LIST OF INJURIOUS SPECIES THAT ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING IMPORTED OR SHIPPED.

Section 42(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting "of the big-head carp of the species *Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*;" after "Dreissena polymorpha";

GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK/USA

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 681, submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant editor of the Daily Digest read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 681) designating the week of November 15 through 19, 2010, as "Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA."

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, 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 that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 681) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 681

Whereas more than 1/2 of the companies on the 2009 Fortune 500 list were launched during a recession or bear market;

Whereas 92 percent of Americans believe that entrepreneurs are critically important to job creation and 75 percent believe that the United States cannot have a sustained economic recovery without another burst of entrepreneurial activity;

Whereas the economy and society of the United States, as well as the country as a whole, have benefitted greatly from the everyday use of breakthrough innovations developed and brought to market by entrepreneurs;

Whereas Global Entrepreneurship Week is an initiative aimed at inspiring young people to embrace innovation and creativity;

Whereas Global Entrepreneurship Week helps the next generation of entrepreneurs to acquire the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to create vibrant enterprises that will improve the lives and communities of the entrepreneurs;

Whereas, in 2009, more than 160,000 individuals participated in the more than 2,300 entrepreneurial activities held worldwide during Global Entrepreneurship Week;

Whereas, in 2009, more than 1,100 partner organizations participated in Global Entrepreneurship Week, including chambers of commerce, institutions of higher education, high schools, businesses, and State and local governments; and

Whereas, in 2010, thousands of organizations in the United States will join in the celebration by planning activities designed to inspire, connect, inform, mentor, and engage the next generation of entrepreneurs throughout Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of November 15 through 19, 2010, as “Global Entrepreneurship Week”; and

(2) supports the goals of Global Entrepreneurship Week/USA, including—

(A) inspiring young people everywhere to embrace innovation, imagination, and creativity; and

(B) training the next generation of entrepreneurial leaders.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2010

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 18; 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; that following any leader remarks, there be a period of morning business for one 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 Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 510, the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, postcloture; and the Senate recess from 12:30 until 3 p.m., with the time during recess, adjournment, or period of morning business counting postcloture.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, the postcloture debate time on the motion to proceed to the food safety bill will expire late tomorrow afternoon. In the meantime, we will continue to work on an agreement to consider amendments to the bill. We wish to reach agreement so we can complete action on this important legislation this week.

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. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3962 AND S. 3963

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3962) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of

certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 3963) to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children and for other purposes.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading en bloc, and I object to my own request en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. 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 6:58 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DANIEL L. SHIELDS III, OF PENNSYLVANIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM.

JOSEPH M. TORSELLA, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR U.N. MANAGEMENT AND REFORM, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

JOSEPH M. TORSELLA, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS FOR U. N. MANAGEMENT AND REFORM.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ANDREW L. TRAVER, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES. (NEW POSITION)

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED.

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LOUIS JOHN FINTOR, OF FLORIDA
BETH ANNE MITCHELL, OF FLORIDA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LESLIE WILLIAMS DOUMBIA, OF ALABAMA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

PERRY A. DAVIS, OF ILLINOIS
LAWRENCE J. PANIGOT, OF TEXAS
DONALD P. PEARCE, OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

YVON ACCIUS, OF FLORIDA
OMAR S. AHMED, OF NEW YORK
DRU ALEJANDRO, OF ILLINOIS
CHRIS E. ANDERSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
RACHEL ATWOOD, OF NORTH DAKOTA
CALEB DANIEL BECKER, OF TEXAS
GEOFFREY BENELISHA, OF VIRGINIA
THOMAS DEE BEVAN, OF UTAH
CORI BICKEL, OF ARKANSAS
DOREL V. BINDEA, OF VIRGINIA

CARLO WISE BOEHM, OF TEXAS
THOMAS CHARLES BOLLATI, OF NEW YORK
M. ALLYN BROOKS-LASURE, OF VIRGINIA
BRENDAN E. BROWN, OF VIRGINIA
ANYA YAKHEDT'S BRUNSON, OF FLORIDA
MELODY BULLOCK, OF VIRGINIA
JIHI JULIETA BUSTAMANTE, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTINE BUZZARD, OF OKLAHOMA
DENEEN KAY CASTLE, OF ILLINOIS
DANJIE CHEN, OF VIRGINIA
YUSHIN CHOI, OF CALIFORNIA
DIANA CHU, OF ARIZONA
PAUL COLOMBINI, OF MARYLAND
EMMA CONDON, OF MINNESOTA
PATRICK EVANS CONNALLY, OF WASHINGTON
JOSEPH G. CORDARO, OF TENNESSEE
SETH CORNELL, OF PENNSYLVANIA
LOGAN RICHARD COUNCIL, OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHRISTOPHER D. COURT, OF VIRGINIA
EMILY GRACE CRAWFORD, OF ILLINOIS
TODD WILSON ARDELL CRAWFORD, OF OREGON
JOAQUIN CROSLIN, OF TEXAS
ANDREW CROSSON, OF TENNESSEE
EMILEE M. CUMMINGS, OF VIRGINIA
STEWART E. DAVIS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CARRIE A. DENVER, OF VIRGINIA
REBECCA DICKENS, OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM A. DIEFENBACH, OF VIRGINIA
AMANDA WICKHAM DIXON, OF TENNESSEE
COURTNEY ELIZABETH DOGGART, OF NEW YORK
DONNA S. ELDRIDGE, OF INDIANA
OMAR FAROOQ, OF VIRGINIA
JASON M. FLEMING, OF VIRGINIA
LISBETH L. FOUSE, OF MARYLAND
YAN GAO, OF MASSACHUSETTS
PHYLLIS GEORGE, OF VIRGINIA
JEFFREY GRIESSMANN, OF VIRGINIA
ANDREW GRILLOS, OF CALIFORNIA
JAMES WILLIAM HALLOCK, OF NEW YORK
JASON M. HAMMONTREE, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
JEFFREY HANLEY, OF PENNSYLVANIA
VANESSA H. HARPER, OF CONNECTICUT
ERIN M. HART, OF VIRGINIA
MICHAEL D. HAUSER, OF FLORIDA
DAVID B. HEATON, OF VIRGINIA
ADAM G. HELLER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
JUSTIN EDWARD HINTZEN, OF VIRGINIA
CHRISTIN HO, OF MASSACHUSETTS
JAMES WESLEY JEFFERS, OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHRISTOPHER A. JONES, OF VIRGINIA
ANDREA R. KALAN, OF TEXAS
RYAN WILLIAM KAY, OF CALIFORNIA
KAMILAH MARESSA KEITH, OF GEORGIA
UMA FATIMAH KHAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA
JOHN M. KIPP, OF VIRGINIA
AHMED KOKON, OF NEW YORK
DEREK R. KOLB, OF CALIFORNIA
VALERIE A. LABOY, OF TEXAS
JESSE L. LASWELL, OF VIRGINIA
STEPHEN FROLING LECOMPTTE, OF MARYLAND
KRISTINA LESZCZAK, OF OHIO
BONNIE M. MACE, OF IOWA
DANIELLE ANNE MANISCALCO, OF MASSACHUSETTS
MICHAEL J. MARCHANT, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LYNNE MARTIN, OF VIRGINIA
ROYDEN MASCARENHAS, OF VIRGINIA
REBECCA E. MCCALL, OF VIRGINIA
FRISCO JOHNSON MCDONALD, OF ARKANSAS
DEBORAH M. MCFARLAND, OF VIRGINIA
MEGHAN E. MERCIER, OF FLORIDA
MEREDITH T. METZLER, OF TEXAS
MOLLY LYNN MITCHELL—OLD, OF NORTH CAROLINA
JAIMY LYNETTE MOODY, OF LOUISIANA
EVAN MORRIS, OF WASHINGTON
JULIE NAUMAN, OF FLORIDA
ELIZABETH ANN NOLL, OF VIRGINIA
KRYSTLE WANTANA ONIKE NORMAN, OF VIRGINIA
BRANDON RENE NUGENT, OF VIRGINIA
ANY PAABUS, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
JACK PAN, OF NEVADA
LEONARD K. PAYNE IV, OF VIRGINIA
MICHAEL PERIARD, OF VIRGINIA
MICHAEL POLYAK, OF MICHIGAN
ROBERT RADEMEYER, OF VIRGINIA
RENE MICHELLE RAGIN, OF NEW YORK
SHANKAR RAO, OF COLORADO
KEDENARD MADEILLE RAYMOND, OF MARYLAND
BRIAN OWEN ROBERTS, OF WEST VIRGINIA
TANIA J. ROMANOFF, OF MASSACHUSETTS
ARCA H'LAEL SAMPSON, OF CALIFORNIA
TIMOTHY L. SAVAGE, OF CALIFORNIA
BRIAN J. SAWICH, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANDREW J. SCHEINSON, OF VIRGINIA
CHRIS SCISORS, OF FLORIDA
ELIZABETH ELLENOR SHACKELFORD, OF MISSISSIPPI
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ANDREW STABLES, OF WASHINGTON
KRISTEN L. STOLT, OF VIRGINIA
FREDERICK STOUTER, OF VIRGINIA
GEORGE JAMES SULLIVAN, OF NEW YORK
THOMAS C. SUSMAN, OF VIRGINIA
SHAWN TENBRINK, OF OHIO
JAMES PORTER THROWER, OF FLORIDA
EVELINE W. TSENG, OF NEW YORK
AMY MICHELLE VALENTI, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CHARLES F. VETTER, OF ILLINOIS
CYNTHIA H. WANG, OF CALIFORNIA
GEORGE BYRD PAGE WARD III, OF MARYLAND
RONALD P. WARD, OF FLORIDA