

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AUTHORITY ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 239, S. 384.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 384) to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research.

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

Mr. REID. 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 related statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 384) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 384

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF POSTAGE STAMP FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH.

Section 414(h) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking "2011" and inserting "2015".

COMMEMORATING THE 84TH BIRTHDAY OF HIS MAJESTY KING BHUMIBOL ADULYADEJ

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 343.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 343) commemorating the 84th birthday of his Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2011.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that there be 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. 343) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 343

Whereas on June 9, 1946, His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej ascended to the throne and celebrated his 65th year as King of Thailand earlier this year;

Whereas King Bhumibol is the world's longest-serving monarch;

Whereas King Bhumibol has enjoyed a special relationship with the United States, having been born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1927, while his father was completing his studies in the United States;

Whereas on March 20, 1833, the United States and Thailand (then known as Siam) signed the Treaty of Amity and Commerce, making the Kingdom of Thailand the first treaty ally of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas bilateral trade between Thailand and the United States grew by 38 percent between 2002 and 2010;

Whereas the United States and Thailand have remained strong security allies for 57 years, as memorialized in the Manila Pact in 1954, and later expanded under the Thanat-Rusk Communique of 1962;

Whereas President Bush designated Thailand as a major Non-NATO Ally on December 30, 2003;

Whereas Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, while in Bangkok on November 16, 2011, stated "Our nations are connected through not only security cooperation and business ties, but the democratic values we share and the bonds of family and friendship that link our people";

Whereas the Fulbright Program, which was established between Thailand and the United States in 1950, and other exchanges, provide graduate, undergraduate, and high school students from each country the opportunity to study in the other country;

Whereas collaboration between Thailand and the United States has resulted in significant public health achievements;

Whereas in response to the worst flooding in Thailand's history—

(1) the United States Government—
(A) has provided humanitarian assistance and disaster relief;

(B) is working to help improve Thailand's capacity to prepare and respond to such disasters in the future; and

(C) has declared the United States will support Thailand's long-term recovery; and

(2) United States citizens and the private sector have donated to reconstruction efforts; and

Whereas more than 150,000 people of Thai descent live in the United States.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) sends warm wishes to the people of Thailand as they celebrate the 84th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej on December 5, 2011, and commemorate his 65-year reign as King of Thailand;

(2) celebrates the alliance and friendship between Thailand and the United States that reflects common interests, a 178-year diplomatic history, and, most importantly, shared values, including democracy, good governance, and the rule of law; and

(3) expresses its deepest sympathies for the recent historic floods in Thailand, and supports continuing efforts to provide civilian and military assistance to save lives, restore health, and facilitate Thailand's economic recovery.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1944

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am told that S. 1944, introduced earlier today by Senator CASEY, is due for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1944) to create jobs by providing payroll tax relief for middle class families and businesses, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for the second reading but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2011; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order; finally, that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to allow for our weekly caucus meetings.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, about noon tomorrow there will be a cloture vote on the nomination of Caitlin Halligan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:13 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION

PAULINE R. MAIER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JAMES MADISON MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING NOVEMBER 17, 2017, VICE J. C. A. STAGG, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JONATHAN DON FARRAR, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

JOSEPH E. MACMANUS, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE VIENNA OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

JOSEPH E. MACMANUS, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

PHYLLIS MARIE POWERS, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA.

WILLIAM E. TODD, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA.

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

TONY HAMMOND, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 14, 2012, VICE DAN GREGORY BLAIR, RESIGNED.

MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

MARK A. ROBBINS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2018, VICE MARY M. ROSE, TERM EXPIRED.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be lieutenant

BENJAMIN M. LACOUR
ANDREW R. COLEGROVE
ANNA-ELIZABETH B. VILLARD-HOWE
JEFFREY G. PEREIRA
COLIN T. KLEWER
PAUL M. CHAMBERLAIN
KYLE A. BYERS
ANDREW J. OSTAPENKO
LAURA T. GALLANT
GREGORY R. SCHWEITZER
MEGAN R. GUBERSKI
NATHAN E. WITHERLY
CHRISTINE L. SCHULTZ
CLAIRE V. SURREY-MARSDEN
RONALD L. MOYERS, JR.
BRIAN D. PRESTCOTT

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 3064 AND 3069(B):

To be major general

COL. JIMMIE O. KEENAN

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

TODD S. ALBRIGHT
CLETUS A. ARCIERO
KAREN C. BAKER
VINCENT J. BARNHART
JOHN P. BARRETT
TIMOTHY P. BARRON
JAMES D. BARRY

WILLIAM K. BAXTER
PHILIP J. BELMONT
PAUL D. BENNE
MARK E. BOSELEY
BARBARA L. BOWSHER
STEVEN M. BRADY
TIMOTHY J. CAFFREY
ARTHUR B. CAJIGAL
SEAN T. CARROLL
KENDALL R. CLARK
DAVID S. COBB
JOHN J. COMBS
AMY B. CONNORS
PATRICK R. COOK
GEORGE L. COPPIT III
CORY N. COSTELLO
EUGENE D. COX
SCOTT M. CROLL
GEORGE H. CUMMINGS, JR.
SHELTON A. DAVIS
TROY M. DENUNZIO
KATHRYN K. ELLIS
ANDRE FALLOT
JOHN W. FAUGHT
TOMAS M. FERGUSON
ROGER K. FINCHER
LOUIS N. FINELLI
CHARLES J. FOX
WILLIAM C. FREY
BARNETT T. GIBBS
JAMES D. GRADY
SCOTT D. GREENWALD
STEPHEN A. HARRISON
FRANKLIN H. HAUGER
MICHAEL A. HELWIG
CHARLES G. HENDERSON
MICHAEL D. HENRY
ELIZABETH C. HERSCH
CHRISTY W. JONES
JENNIFER S. JURGENS
SEAN KEENAN
CHRISTOPHER KLEM
STACEY G. KOFF
GEORGE M. KYLE
KRISTIE J. LOWRY
MIGDALIA MACHADO
MARYANN MASONE
PARNELL C. MATTISON
EDWARD L. MCDANIEL
MARK K. MCPHERSON
MICHAEL S. MEYER
BART J. MEYERS
KEVIN E. MOORE
DAN S. MOSELY III
CLINTON K. MURRAY
ALEXANDER S. E. NIVEN
RICARDO C. ONG
JOSEPH R. ORCHOWSKI
JOHN M. PAGE
NEIL E. PAGE
MARK P. PALLIS
JAMES L. PERSSON
CHRISTIAN POPA
MAXIMILIAN PSOLKA
MITCHELL J. RAMSEY
JOHN C. RAYFIELD
SCOTT T. REHRIG
MIN S. RO
DONALD W. ROBINSON
MICHAEL K. ROSNER
ROBERTO J. SARTORI
SAMUAL W. SAUER
BRETT J. SCHNEIDER
JAMES A. SEBESTA
SCOTT B. SHAWEN
CLAYTON D. SIMON
JAMES J. STEIN
EDWARD J. SWANTON
STEVEN J. TANKSLEY
STEVEN K. TOBLER

RAYMOND F. TOPP
LADD A. TREMAINE
DAVID M. WALLACE
ALDEN L. WEG
ROBERT B. WENZEL
JASON S. WIEMAN
RONALD N. WOOL
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THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

LARRINGTON R. CONNELL
MICHAEL E. DINOS
VESNA ELE
WENDELL J. FOX
MICHAEL K. GREGORY
ERIC A. HALL
JAE I. HWANG
SIMUEL L. JAMISON
HEKYUNG L. JUNG
TODD S. KIMURA
LEE A. KNOX, JR.
VALERIE G. MCDAVID
ANDREW D. PALALAY
DONG S. PARK
KIMBERLEY L. PERKINS
MANUEL POZO-ALONO
ANA L. RIVERA
THOMAS K. SCHREIBER
JACK N. SEIDENBERG
GLORIA T. TORRES
RICARDO J. VENDRELL

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 5, 2011:

THE JUDICIARY

EDGARDO RAMOS, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

ANDREW L. CARTER, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

JAMES RODNEY GILSTRAP, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

DANA L. CHRISTENSEN, OF MONTANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA.

WITHDRAWAL

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on December 5, 2011 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

JONATHAN DON FARRAR, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON APRIL 14, 2011.