

measures to prevent the Government of Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, which would be both a dangerous violation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, done at Washington, London, and Moscow July 1, 1968, and entered into force March 5, 1970, and a potential means to the end of carrying out President Ahmadinejad's threats against Israel;

(4) further calls on the United Nations Security Council and all Member States of the United Nations to consider targeted sanctions, travel bans, and other measures linked to the cessation of the Government of Iran's incitement to hatred and genocide;

(5) calls for the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Committee on the Prevention of Genocide to implement its mandate to act as a mechanism of early warning, and to make recommendations to the United Nations Security Council to monitor and report on threats of genocide made by leaders in Iran;

(6) further calls on parties to the Genocide Convention to file a complaint against leaders in Iran before the International Court of Justice for the failure by the Government of Iran to abide by its obligations under Articles 1, 4, and 5 of the Genocide Convention; and

(7) reaffirms the unwavering strategic partnership and close friendship between the United States and Israel and reasserts the steadfast commitment of the people and the Government of the United States to defend the right of Israel to exist as a free and democratic state.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2842. Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2843. Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2844. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, supra.

SA 2845. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2844 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, supra.

SA 2846. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, supra.

SA 2847. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2846 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, supra.

SA 2848. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2847 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2846 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2842. Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 142 and insert the following:
SEC. 142. (a) Section 411(h) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1240a(h)) is amended by striking paragraph (5).

(b) Subsection (a) takes effect on July 6, 2012.

SA 2843. Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 29, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

SEC. 156. (a) The Secretary of Agriculture may provide disaster relief assistance in accordance with this section to repair damage caused by natural disaster occurring in calendar year 2012 to watersheds located in any area for which the President declared a major disaster in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

(b) The assistance authorized by this section—

(1) includes both financial and technical assistance; and

(2) shall be provided through the emergency watershed protection program established under section 403 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203).

(c) There is appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture, out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$27,900,000, to remain available until expended, to provide assistance under this section.

SA 2844. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following new section:
SEC. _____

This joint resolution shall become effective 5 days after enactment.

SA 2845. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2844 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike "5 days" and insert "4 days".

SA 2846. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following new section:
SEC. _____

This joint resolution shall become effective 3 days after enactment.

SA 2847. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2846 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike "3 days" and insert "2 days".

SA 2848. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2847 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2846 proposed by Mr. REID to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 117, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike "2 days" and insert "1 day".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. MURRAY. 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 September 20, 2012, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, "Taking Consumers for a Ride: Business Practices in the Household Goods Moving Industry."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. MURRAY. 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 September 20, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 406 to conduct a hearing entitled, "Water Resources Development Act: Growing the Economy and Protecting Public Safety."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet, with U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means, during the session of the Senate on September 20, 2012, at 10 a.m., in HVC-210 of the Capital Visitor Center, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Reform and the Tax Treatment of Capital Gains."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. 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, to conduct a hearing entitled "Roundtable Discussion: Pension Modernization for a 21st Century Workforce" on September 20, 2012, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 20, 2012, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Advancing the Federal-Tribal Relationship through Self-Governance and Self-Determination."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized

to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 20, 2012, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 20, 2012, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Offshore Profit Shifting and the U.S. Tax Code."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 20, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 20, 2012, at 2 p.m., to hold a East Asian and Pacific Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Maritime Territorial Disputes and Sovereignty Issues in Asia."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Secu-

rities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 20, 2012, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Computerized Trading: What Should the Rules of the Road Be?"

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3607

Mr. MERKLEY. I understand there is a bill at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3607) to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Mr. MERKLEY. I now ask for its second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

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

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, reappoints the following individual as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board:

Trevor Whipple of Vermont.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 12 p.m. on Friday, Sep-

tember 21, 2012; that following the prayer and 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 the majority leader be recognized and that the first hour be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees with the majority controlling the first half and Republicans controlling the final half.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. MERKLEY. Unless we reach an agreement, the next rollcall vote will be after midnight tomorrow evening, but we hope we can work something out in order to complete our work.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 12 NOON TOMORROW

Mr. MERKLEY. 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 8:21 p.m., adjourned until Friday, September 21, 2012, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

KETANJI BROWN JACKSON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, VICE HENRY HAROLD KENNEDY, RETIRED.

NELSON STEPHEN ROMAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE RICHARD M. BERMAN, RETIRED.

ROBERT D. OKUN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE LINDA KAY DAVIS, RETIRED.