

Whereas individuals in the United States celebrate American Diabetes Month in November; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of American Diabetes Month, including—

(A) encouraging individuals in the United States to fight diabetes through public awareness of prevention and treatment options; and

(B) enhancing diabetes education;

(2) recognizes the importance of early detection, awareness of the symptoms, and understanding the risk factors of diabetes, including—

(A) being over the age of 45;

(B) having a specific racial and ethnic background;

(C) being overweight;

(D) having a low level of physical activity;

(E) having high blood pressure; and

(F) having a family history of diabetes or a history of diabetes during pregnancy; and

(3) supports decreasing the prevalence of type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes in the United States through increased research, treatment, and prevention.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Housing Finance Reform: Fundamentals of Transferring Credit Risk in a Future Housing Finance System.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. 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 December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will conduct a hearing entitled “Crafting a Successful Incentive Auction: Stakeholders’ Perspectives.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled “The Transition in Afghanistan.”

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

EXTENDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME COURT POLICE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 2922.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2922) to extend the authority of the Supreme Court Police to protect court officials away from the Supreme Court grounds.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (H.R. 2922) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

MISSISSIPPI REALIGNMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2871, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2871) to amend title 28, United States Code, to modify the composition of the southern judicial district of Mississippi to improve judicial efficiency, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the measure.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed; that 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. 2871) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, tonight the Senate passed by unanimous consent a clean extension of the authority the Supreme Court Police use to protect Supreme Court Justices, their employees, and guests when they leave the Supreme Court grounds. I have worked with my counterparts in the House for months to move this extension without amendments because that authority is set to expire at the end of this month. Last month, the House voted by an overwhelming majority of 399 to 3 to pass this bipartisan bill, which extends the Supreme Court Police’s authority to protect Supreme Court Justices, their staff, and official guests off Supreme Court grounds through 2019. Congress has provided this authority since the 1980s, to ensure the continued safety of our Supreme Court Justices and their employees.

Threats to the safety of Supreme Court Justices are a threat to our democracy. In light of recent attacks of

Justices off the grounds of the Supreme Court, it was all the more imperative that we pass this extension without delay. I look forward to President Obama signing this bill into law and thank the chairman and ranking member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Courts, Representatives COBLE and WATT, as well as Representatives CONYERS, MARINO, and HOLDING for working with me to ensure enactment of this extension.

The Senate also passed by unanimous consent a bipartisan bill to reorganize Mississippi’s Southern District from five divisions to four divisions, which was recommended by Chief Judge Louis Guirola of the Southern District of Mississippi. This realignment will allow the Southern District to absorb the counties formerly served by a now-closed courthouse in Meridian, and the District will be able to better serve the needs of litigants, jurors, the bar, and the general public.

This commonsense piece of legislation promotes efficiency and saves money in the Southern District of Mississippi. I thank Representatives COBLE and WATT for sponsoring this important improvement and look forward to its swift enactment.

I yield the floor.

AUTHORIZING DOCUMENT PRODUCTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to S. Res. 315.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 315) to authorize production of records by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has received a request from a Federal agency seeking access to records that the Committee obtained during its review of disability claims adjudications made in the Social Security Administration’s Huntington, WV Office of Disability Adjudication and Review.

This resolution would authorize the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, acting jointly, to provide records, obtained by the Committee in the course of its review, in response to this request and requests from other government entities and officials with a legitimate need for the records.

I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 315) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—S. 1797

Mr. REID. Mr. President, S. 1797, introduced earlier by Senator REED, I am told, is at the desk and due for a first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1797) to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. I now ask for a second reading but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, December 11; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 233, the nomination of Cornelia T.L. Pillard to be U.S. circuit judge for the District of Columbia, postclosure; further, that time during adjournment count postclosure.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Upon the use or yielding back of postclosure time, the Senate will proceed to vote on the confirmation of the Pillard nomination. If all

time is used, the vote will occur around 1 a.m. on Thursday morning, December 12. Senators will be notified when the vote is scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. 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 7:20 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate December 10, 2013:

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

MELVIN L. WATT, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

THE JUDICIARY

PATRICIA ANN MILLETT, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT.