

Netherlands, Malaysia, Australia, Indonesia, Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, the Philippines, Canada, and New Zealand;

(3) supports the ongoing international investigation into the attack on Malaysian Airlines Flight 17, including unobstructed access to the crash site;

(4) calls on the Government of the Russian Federation to immediately stop the flow of weapons and fighters across the border with Ukraine, allow an Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) monitoring mission on the border, and fully cooperate with the international investigation currently underway; and

(5) urges the European Union to join the United States Government in holding the Government of the Russian Federation accountable for its destabilizing actions in Ukraine through the use of increased sanctions.

#### AFRICAN LEADERS SUMMIT

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 498, S. Res. 522.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 522) expressing the sense of the Senate supporting the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit to be held in Washington, DC, from August 4 through 6, 2014.

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

#### U.S.-AFRICA SUMMIT

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, as chairman of the subcommittee responsible for funding and oversight of our Nation's foreign assistance budget, I have witnessed firsthand the significant gains achieved by many African countries over the last 20 years.

This progress has been driven by the ingenuity and hard work of the African people, and has been supported by U.S. assistance provided by the American people and others. I am pleased that so many African leaders will be coming to Washington next week for the U.S.-Africa Summit to discuss how we can continue to grow partnerships between the U.S. and their countries.

However, I am disappointed by the lack of attention to human rights and the rule of law in connection with the summit. There is no doubt that for peace and equitable economic development to flourish on the African continent, investment is needed to spur economic growth and security cooperation is needed to foster stability. But without a commitment to fundamental human rights and the rule of law, these efforts cannot be sustained.

That is why I support the administration's exclusion of three of Africa's worst human rights abusers, Omar al-Bashir, Robert Mugabe, and Isaias Afwerki, who have no place in these discussions. But it is also why I am disappointed there will be leaders present who have been credibly implicated in gross violations of human rights and

significant corruption, including President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea. President Obiang has used events like these as propaganda to shed his image as a brutally corrupt dictator. He should not be sitting down to an invitation-only dinner at the White House while his political opponents languish in jail.

While I support the intent of this summit, and the continued growth of our relationship with African leaders who are dedicated to improving the lives of their people, I cannot support the hospitality provided to those who use their offices to silence their critics and treat their countries' natural resources as their own personal bank account.

I hope the White House and State Department will insist that the rule of law and fundamental freedoms including the freedoms of expression, association, and religion remain a common theme during discussions on economic and security cooperation. These are not just American values, they are universal human rights.

In the long run, our commitment to our own principle will ensure that the assistance we provide yields sustainable results for the good of the people of Africa and the United States.

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, I ask that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The resolution was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of Tuesday, July 29, 2014, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### REAUTHORIZING THE MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS SEMIPOSTAL STAMP

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 503, S. 231.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 231) to reauthorize the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

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

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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. 231

*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 "Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2013".

#### SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.

Section 2(c)(2) of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2010 (39 U.S.C. 416 note) is amended by striking "2 years" and inserting "6 years".

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. PRYOR. 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. 532, S. Res. 533, S. Res. 534, and S. Res. 535.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. PRYOR. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles, where applicable, be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2772 AND S. 2773

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

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2772) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2773) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, for border security, law enforcement, humanitarian assistance, and for other purposes.

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

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

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader and the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 110-298, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Mike Hettich of Kentucky.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader and the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 110-298, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery Board: Michael Harris of Nevada.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Berl Perdue of Kentucky.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 1,  
2014

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2014; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and 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 until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

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PROGRAM

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, there will be no votes tomorrow. The next rollcall vote will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 8.

GRIDLOCK IN CONGRESS

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, before we close the Senate before the August recess, I just want to speak for 1 minute.

We all heard the exchange earlier between the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator MENENDEZ, and Senator ENZI, and Senator CARPER also participated, about appointing ambassadors. I think it is a sad day for America when our gridlock, the gridlock that the Congress has created, makes it to where we cannot appoint our ambassadors to go overseas to represent our great Nation and to be our representatives there in these countries, many of which are struggling, and many of which have a lot of tensions either with us, the United States, or their neighbors or other countries in the world.

I think our country is suffering because of the gridlock and I must say that the fault rests with all of us. We are elected to be leaders, and we are not showing leadership by not working through these difficult issues and allowing the basics of government, including our ambassadors to be appointed.

I must say there is a simple solution to all of this, and it is not something that is found in a new political science textbook, it is not something that

some talking head on a TV show has proposed. There is some ancient wisdom that we all should follow, and that is the Golden Rule. We should do unto others as we would have others do unto us. If we would follow that, if all of us would take that to heart and apply that to our business here in the U.S. Senate and the business of the Nation, it would be revolutionary in how we conduct our business.

That is the only way to fix it. You have to approach this job as a public servant and to do what is right for the country, not for your party or not for some individual agenda. I hope when we are all home during the August recess we will hear some of that from our constituents and we will bring that back in September and we will rededicate ourselves to getting the business of the Nation done.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, 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 11:15 p.m., adjourned until Friday, August 1, 2014, at 11 a.m.