

intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be placed in the RECORD at the appropriate place as if read.

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

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 320 submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 320) designating November 26, 2011, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses.

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

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent 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 any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 320) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 320

Whereas small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all businesses having employees (commonly referred to as "employer firms") in the United States;

Whereas small businesses employ ½ of the employees in the private sector in the United States;

Whereas small businesses pay 44 percent of the total payroll of the employees in the private sector in the United States;

Whereas small businesses are responsible for more than 50 percent of the private, non-farm product of the gross domestic product;

Whereas small businesses generated 65 percent of net new jobs during the last 17 years;

Whereas small businesses generate 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs annually;

Whereas small businesses focus on 2 key strategies: deepening relationships with customers and creating value for customers;

Whereas, for every \$100 spent with locally owned, independent stores, \$68 returns to the community through local taxes, payroll, and other expenditures;

Whereas 92 percent of consumers in the United States agree that the success of small businesses is critical to the overall economic health of the United States;

Whereas 93 percent of consumers in the United States agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue;

Whereas 91 percent of consumers in the United States have small businesses in their community that the consumers would miss if the small businesses closed;

Whereas 99 percent of consumers in the United States agree that it is important to support the small businesses in their community; and

Whereas 90 percent of consumers in the United States are willing to pledge support

for a "buy local" movement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 26, 2011, as "Small Business Saturday"; and

(2) supports efforts—

(A) to encourage consumers to shop locally; and

(B) to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses and the impact of locally owned small businesses on the economy of the United States.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARDS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 321, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 321) commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Federal Executive Boards.

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

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today I rise in support of a resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Federal Executive Boards.

Federal Executive Boards were established on November 10, 1961, by President John F. Kennedy through a presidential directive to strengthen the coordination of government activities outside of Washington, DC. Today, there are 28 Federal Executive Boards across the country, where more than 80 percent of all Federal employees work.

Federal Executive Boards have improved the efficiency of Federal government activities and leveraged resources. According to the Federal Executive Board Annual Report, in Fiscal Year 2010, Federal Executive Boards saved the Federal government an estimated total of nearly \$33 million. Federal Executive Boards coordinated Alternative Dispute Resolution services by providing mediators to agencies at low or no cost, which saved the Federal government more than \$25.2 million. Furthermore, Federal Executive Boards provided training to more than 28,000 employees and saved the Federal government \$7.7 million in training costs by providing instructors and conference space to deliver group training sessions, which reduced travel and lodging expenditures.

As we commemorate this anniversary, it is fitting to recognize the contributions of Federal Executive Boards on our communities nationwide. Federal Executive Boards supported and raised more than \$78 million in Fiscal Year 2010 for the Combined Federal Campaign, the largest workplace charity campaign, supporting 20,000 nonprofit, charitable organizations that provide health and human service benefits in the United States and around the world. Last year, Federal Executive Boards supported the government-

wide initiative Feds Feed Families food drive and collected over 65,000 pounds of food. Additionally, Federal Executive Boards volunteer in their communities to mentor students and contribute to holiday toy, blood, and clothing drives.

Federal Executive Boards have also played an important role in emergency support. During the collapse of the I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis in August 2007 and the massive flooding in the southeastern area of the state just two weeks later, the Minnesota Federal Executive Board passed critical information from local and state sources to more than 100 Federal agencies to provide status updates of recovery operations and potential workforce impacts. Following the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Federal Executive Board brought together officials to discuss how Federal Executive Boards can best support first responders during an emergency.

During Hurricane Katrina, the Executive Director of the New Orleans Federal Executive Board coordinated with the Office of Personnel Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to obtain and disseminate guidance, as well as communicate issues of concern from Federal agencies in the area. In addition, Federal Executive Boards initiated several activities to prepare Federal employees for a pandemic. For instance, a number of Federal Executive Boards held pandemic influenza tabletop exercises, which included nonprofit organizations, the private sector, and other levels of government.

Federal Executive Boards are vital to confronting today's challenges and helping agencies meet their workforce needs and missions. They are uniquely positioned to bring together the Federal family. Again, I want to say mahalo, thank you, to the Federal Executive Boards for their valuable work and congratulate them on their success on this 50th anniversary.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask further 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 any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 321) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 321

Whereas the Federal Executive Boards were established through a presidential directive signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1961;

Whereas, the Federal Executive Boards increase effectiveness and economy of Federal agencies through coordination of local approaches to national programs and shared management needs;

Whereas, the Federal Executive Boards serve over 780,000 Federal civilian employees in 28 locations across the Nation;

Whereas, the Federal Executive Boards provide a forum for the exchange of information between Washington, D.C. and agencies in the field about programs, management methods, and administrative issues;

Whereas, the Federal Executive Boards improve the continuity of Government operations by facilitating planning and coordination among local Federal agencies;

Whereas, the Federal Executive Boards increase the efficiency of Federal spending through cost-avoidance on coordinated training and alternative dispute resolution programs;

Whereas, the Federal Executive Boards serve as the Federal point of contact for intergovernmental collaboration and community outreach in their locales;

Whereas commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Federal Executive Boards will recognize members and staff of Federal Executive Boards for their unyielding dedication and commitment to public service, as well as the Federal agencies whose support over the years has helped Federal Executive Boards provide Federal employees with low-cost training, emergency preparedness plans, and performance recognition through inter-agency awards events; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Federal Executive Boards;

(2) commends the Federal Executive Boards for their unyielding dedication to the Federal community;

(3) encourages Federal leaders to continue support of, and participation in, activities of the Federal Executive Boards; and

(4) urges the people of the United States to observe the 50th anniversary of Federal Executive Boards with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m., Monday, November 14, 2011; 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 following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 3 p.m., 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, and that at 3 p.m. the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2354, the Energy and Water appropriations bill, for debate only.

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

PROGRAM

Ms. CANTWELL. There will be no rollcall votes on Monday. Senators should expect two votes at noon on Tuesday. Those votes will be the confirmation of the Gleason and Rogers nominations.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011, at 2 P.M.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come be-

fore the Senate, I ask unanimous consent it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:33 p.m., adjourned until Monday, November 14, 2011, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

RICHARD GARY TARANTO, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT, VICE PAUL R. MICHEL, RETIRED.

GONZALO P. CURIEL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE THOMAS J. WHELAN, RETIRED.

JOHN Z. LEE, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE DAVID H. COAR, RETIRED.

GEORGE LEVI RUSSELL, III, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, VICE PETER J. MESSITTE, RETIRED.

JOHN J. THARP, JR., OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE BLANCHE M. MANNING, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM B. POLLARD, III, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF MILITARY COMMISSION REVIEW. (NEW POSITION)

SCOTT L. SILLIMAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF MILITARY COMMISSION REVIEW. (NEW POSITION)

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate November 10, 2011:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. GIOVANNI K. TUCK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ROBIN RAND

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. EVERETT H. THOMAS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. RONNIE D. HAWKINS, JR.

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. JUDY M. GRIEGO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN W. HESTERMAN III

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID C. COBURN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOSEPH E. MARTZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL RALPH O. BAKER
BRIGADIER GENERAL ALLEN W. BATSCHELET
BRIGADIER GENERAL HEIDI V. BROWN
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN A. DAVIS
BRIGADIER GENERAL PATRICK J. DONAHUE II
BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT S. FERRELL
BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN G. FOGARTY
BRIGADIER GENERAL CHARLES W. HOOPER
BRIGADIER GENERAL PAUL J. LACAMERA
BRIGADIER GENERAL SEAN B. MACFARLAND
BRIGADIER GENERAL KEVIN W. MANGUM
BRIGADIER GENERAL ROGER F. MATHEWS
BRIGADIER GENERAL AUSTIN S. MILLER
BRIGADIER GENERAL CAMILLE M. NICHOLS
BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN R. O'CONNOR
BRIGADIER GENERAL GUSTAVE F. PERNA
BRIGADIER GENERAL WARREN E. PHIPPS, JR.
BRIGADIER GENERAL GREGG C. POTTER
BRIGADIER GENERAL NANCY LEE S. PRICE
BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY A. SMITH
BRIGADIER GENERAL JEFFREY J. SNOW
BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH E. TOVO
BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN J. TOWNSEND
BRIGADIER GENERAL THOMAS S. VANDAL
BRIGADIER GENERAL MARK W. YENTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. PETER M. VANGJEL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. GILL P. BECK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE VICE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 3034:

To be general

GEN. LLOYD J. AUSTIN III

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JANET L. COBB

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REAPPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. WILLIAM B. CALDWELL IV

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE DIRECTOR, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 10506 AND 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM E. INGRAM, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. RAYMOND A. THOMAS III

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE ARMY'S VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 3064 AND 3084:

To be brigadier general

COL. JOHN L. POPPE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY AND SURGEON GENERAL AND FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 5137:

To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. MATTHEW L. NATHAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) EARL L. GAY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED