

collaborate to provide invaluable services to enrich and better the lives of children and youth throughout the United States;

Whereas raising awareness of, and increasing support for, organizations that provide access to healthcare, social services, education, the arts, sports, and other services will result in the development of character and the future success of the children and youth of the United States;

Whereas the month of September, as the school year begins, is a time when parents, families, teachers, school administrators, and communities increase their focus on children and youth throughout the United States;

Whereas the month of September is a time for the people of the United States to highlight and be mindful of the needs of children and youth;

Whereas private corporations and businesses have joined with hundreds of national and local charitable organizations throughout the United States in support of a month-long focus on children and youth; and

Whereas designating September 2012 as "National Child Awareness Month" would recognize that a long-term commitment to children and youth is in the public interest, and will encourage widespread support for charities and organizations that seek to provide a better future for the children and youth of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates September 2012 as "National Child Awareness Month"—

(1) to promote awareness of charities benefiting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the United States; and

(2) to recognize efforts made by those charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as critical contributions to the future of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 523—RECOGNIZING THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF FIREFIGHTERS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE UNITED STATES TO CONTAIN NUMEROUS WILDFIRES THAT HAVE AFFECTED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNET, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REID of Nevada, Mr. HELLER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. JOHANNES) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas firefighters and residents of the United States have contended with extreme and erratic fire behavior and rapid rates of fire spread;

Whereas, as of July 12, 2012, more than 31,754 wildfires have burned more than 3,281,008 acres of land, resulting in a devastating loss of life and property;

Whereas, as of July 12, 2012, firefighters have battled fires all across the Nation, including—

(1) 1,637 fires that have burned more than 516,482 acres in the Southwest United States;

(2) 13,584 fires that have burned more than 291,957 acres in the Southern United States;

(3) 3,178 fires that have burned more than 819,345 acres in the Northern and Central Rocky Mountain region of the United States;

(4) 4,963 fires that have burned more than 975,669 acres in the State of California and the Great Basin region of the United States;

(5) 787 fires that have burned more than 595,096 acres in the State of Alaska and the Northwest United States; and

(6) 7,605 fires that have burned more than 82,459 acres in the Eastern United States; and

Whereas, the brave men and women who fight wildfires on a daily basis help minimize the displacement of individuals and protect against the loss of life and property: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the heroic efforts of firefighters and military personnel to contain wildfires and protect lives, homes, natural resources, and rural economies throughout the United States;

(2) encourages the people and Government of the United States to express their appreciation to the brave men and women in the firefighting services throughout the United States;

(3) encourages the people and communities of the United States to act diligently in preventing and preparing for a wildfire; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to keep in their thoughts the individuals who have suffered as a result of a wildfire.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on July 19, 2012, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:15 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Impacts of Environmental Changes on Treaty Rights, Traditional Lifestyles, and Tribal Homelands."

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at (202) 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 16, 2012, at 4:45 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that for the duration of today's session, Alex Link, Rob Famigletti, and Samantha Freeman, who are fellows on my Judiciary Committee staff, be granted floor privileges.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to the following

Members of Senator FRANKEN's staff: Whitney Brown and Joel Salomon, for the rest of today's session.

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to S. 3369 be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be agreed to; and the Senate proceed to the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 3369, the DISCLOSE Act, upon reconsideration.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17; 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 the time until 12:30 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the majority controlling the second 30 minutes; and that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; finally, that the time from 2:15 until 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, today at 3 p.m. there will be a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 3369, the DISCLOSE Act, which we have discussed at such length tonight, upon reconsideration.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. 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 12:26 a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, July 17, 2012, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate July 16, 2012:

THE JUDICIARY

KEVIN MCNULTY, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY.