

as National Character Counts Week, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

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

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

So the resolution (S. Res. 103) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

#### S. RES. 103

Whereas young people will be the stewards of our communities, the nation, and world in critical times, and the present and future well-being of society requires an involved, caring citizenry with good character;

Whereas concerns about the character training of children have taken on a new sense of urgency as violence by and against youth threatens the physical and psychological well-being of the United States;

Whereas, more than ever, children need strong and constructive guidance from their families, their communities, and institutions such as schools, youth organizations, religious institutions, and civic groups;

Whereas the character of a nation is only as strong as the character of the individual citizens comprising the nation;

Whereas the public good is advanced when young people are taught the importance of good character, and that character counts in personal relationships, in school, and in the workplace;

Whereas scholars and educators agree that people do not automatically develop good character and, therefore, conscientious efforts must be made by youth-influencing institutions and individuals to help young people develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise good character;

Whereas character development is, first and foremost, an obligation of families, efforts by religious institutions, schools, and youth, civic, and human service organizations also play a very important role in supporting family efforts by fostering and promoting good character;

Whereas the Senate encourages students, teachers, parents, youth, and community leaders to recognize the valuable role youth in the United States play in the present and future of the United States, and to recognize that character plays an important role in the future of the United States;

Whereas, in July 1992, the Aspen Declaration was written by an eminent group of educators, youth leaders, and ethics scholars for the purpose of articulating a coherent framework for character education appropriate to a diverse and pluralistic society;

Whereas the Aspen Declaration states that "Effective character education is based on core ethical values which form the foundation of democratic society";

Whereas the core ethical values identified by the Aspen Declaration constitute the 6 core elements of character;

Whereas the 6 core elements of character are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, justice and fairness, caring, and civic virtue and citizenship;

Whereas the 6 core elements of character transcend cultural, religious, and socioeconomic differences;

Whereas the Aspen Declaration states that "The character and conduct of our youth reflect the character and conduct of society; therefore, every adult has the responsibility to teach and model the core ethical values and every social institution has the responsibility to promote the development of good character.";

Whereas the Senate encourages individuals and organizations, especially the individuals and organizations that have an interest in the education and training of our youth, to adopt the 6 core elements of character as intrinsic to the well-being of individuals, communities, and society as a whole; and

Whereas the Senate encourages communities, especially schools and youth organizations, to integrate the 6 core elements of character into programs serving students and children: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate proclaims the week of October 15 through October 21, 1995, as National Character Counts Week, and requests the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to embrace the 6 core elements of character and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding adjournment of the Senate, on Wednesday, August 30, committees have from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to file any legislative or executive reported business.

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

#### STAR PRINT—SENATE REPORT 104-133

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate report 104-133 be star printed to reflect the changes that I send to the desk.

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

#### ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 5 P.M.

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD remain open for submission of statements and introduction of legislation until 5 p.m. this evening.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent as in executive session that the Senate immediately proceed to the following Executive Calendar nominations:

Cal. No. 184. James Hoecker;  
Cal. No. 232. Vincent Ryan, Jr.;  
Cal. No. 238. Victor Jackovich;  
Cal. No. 244. John Hirsch;  
Cal. No. 252. Vera Alexander;  
Cal. No. 253. John Callahan;  
Cal. No. 255. Howard Schloss;  
Cal. No. 256. Lynne Waihee;

Cal. No. 257. Mary Furlong;  
Cal. No. 268. Andre Davis;  
Cal. No. 269. Catherine Blake;  
Cal. No. 270. B. Lynn Winnmill;  
Cal. No. 271. Edward Blair;  
Cal. No. 272. John Garamendi;  
Cal. No. 273. Charles Curtis;  
Cal. No. 274. Jeanne Ferst;  
Cal. No. 275. Terence Evans;  
Cal. No. 276. Michael Murphy;  
Cal. No. 277. Joseph McKinley;  
Cal. No. 278. James Moody;  
Cal. No. 279. William Sessions;  
Cal. No. 280. Ortrie Smith;  
Cal. No. 281. Evan Wallach;  
Cal. No. 282. Donald Pogue;  
Cal. No. 283. Lt. Gen. John Otjen;  
Cal. No. 284. Lt. Gen. James Clapper;  
Cal. No. 285. Maria Haley;  
Cal. No. 286. Herbert Collins;  
Cal. No. 287. Roberta Gross;  
Cal. No. 288. Jill Long;  
Cal. No. 289. Jill Long;  
Cal. No. 290. William Courtney;  
Cal. No. 291. Stanley Escudero;  
Cal. No. 292. Joseph Presel;  
Cal. No. 293. Mark Gearan;  
Cal. No. 294. Lee Jackson;  
Cal. No. 295. David Burke;  
Cal. No. 296. Edward kaufman;  
Cal. No. 297. Tom Korologos;  
Cal. No. 298. Bette Lord;  
Cal. No. 299. Alberto Mora;  
Cal. No. 300. Cheryl Halpern;  
Cal. No. 301. Marc Nathanson;  
Cal. No. 302. Carl Spielvogel;  
Cal. No. 303. Jerome Stricker;  
Cal. No. 304. Sheryl Marshall;  
Cal. No. 305. William Leblanc;  
Cal. No. 306. Jacob Lew;  
Cal. No. 307. Beth Slavet;  
Cal. No. 308. Stephen Potts;  
Cal. No. 309. Jay Ehle;  
Cal. No. 10. Robert Francis;  
Cal. No. 311. John Goglia.

I further ask unanimous consent the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that any statements relating to any of the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, and the Senate then immediately return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

James John Hoecker, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2000.

#### PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

Vincent Reed Ryan, Jr., of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Victor Jackovich, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

John L. Hirsch, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone.