

Whereas more than a hundred United States-based family, religious, and educational organizations representing countless millions of Americans strongly oppose United States ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the tenets of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women are incompatible with the tradition and policy of the United States to uphold motherhood and to regard motherhood with the highest degree of honor and respect;

(2) the Convention would create negative perceptions toward motherhood; and

(3) the Senate should not give its advice and consent to ratification of the fundamentally flawed Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a two-part hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

This hearing will take place on Thursday, May 18, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the first part of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 2439, a bill to authorize the construction of the Southeastern Alaska Intertie system. The purpose of the second part of the hearing is to consider the nomination of Mildred Dresselhaus, to be Director, Office of Science, Department of Energy.

Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. However, those who wish to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information regarding S. 2439, please contact Dan Kish. For further information regarding the Dresselhaus nomination, please contact David Dye.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. 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 Thursday, May 11, 2000, to conduct a hearing on pending nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet

on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on reauthorization of the Pipeline Safety Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to conduct a hearing Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., to receive testimony on the Administration's legislative proposal on the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 11, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. The markup will take place in Dirksen Room 226.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 11 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 1367, a bill to amend the Act which established the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, in the State of New Hampshire, by modifying the boundary and for other purposes; S. 1617, a bill to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center, in Cincinnati, Ohio; S. 1670, a bill to revise the boundary of Fort Mantanzas National Monument, and for other purposes; S. 2020, a bill to adjust the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Mississippi, and for other purposes; S. 2478, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study on the peopling of America, and for other purposes; and S. 2485, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance in planning and constructing a regional heritage center in Calais, Maine.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege

of the floor be granted to the following Appropriations Committee detailees during floor consideration of the Senate appropriations bills and appropriations conference reports: Brian Wilson and Leslie Kalan.

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

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mike Daly, a fellow in the office of Senator ABRAHAM, be granted floor privileges for the period of the consideration of S. 2521, military construction fiscal year 2001 appropriations bill.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that John Underminer, a fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this afternoon.

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

PERMISSION TO FILE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL AND REPORT

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the recess of the Senate, the Armed Services Committee be permitted to file the Department of Defense authorization bill and report at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2000.

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

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO MOTHER'S DAY THAT THE UNITED STATES SENATE SHOULD REJECT THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW) AS IT DEMEANS MOTHERHOOD AND UNDERMINES THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 307, submitted earlier by Senator HELMS, which expresses the sense of the Senate with respect to Mother's Day, that the U.S. Senate should reject the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women as it demeans motherhood and undermines the traditional family.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding?

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I object to my own request on behalf of the other side of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will lie over under the rule.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 106th Congress, to be

held in Mississippi and Louisiana, May 19–22, 2000: the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY); the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE); the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS); the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS); the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH); the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY); the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX); and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA).

CORRECTIONS IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 434

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 112, which is at the desk.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 112) to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 434.

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

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 112) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 112

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That, in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 434) to authorize a new trade and investment policy for sub-Saharan Africa, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) In section 112(b)(1), insert “(including fabrics not formed from yarns, if such fabrics are classifiable under heading 5602 or 5603 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and are wholly formed and cut in the United States)” after “yarns wholly formed in the United States.”

(2) In section 112(b)(2), insert “(including fabrics not formed from yarns, if such fabrics are classifiable under heading 5602 or 5603 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and are wholly formed in the United States)” after “yarns wholly formed in the United States.”

(3) In section 112(b)(3), strike “countries, subject” and insert “countries (including fabrics not formed from yarns, if such fabrics are classifiable under heading 5602 or 5603 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and are wholly formed and cut in 1 or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries), subject”.

(4) In section 112(b)(5)(A), insert “apparel articles of” after “to the extent that”.

(5) In section 213(b)(2)(A) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as contained in section 211(a) of the bill—

(A) in clause (i), strike “in a CBTPA beneficiary country” and insert “in 1 or more CBTPA beneficiary countries”; and

(B) in clause (ii)—

(i) strike “cut in a CBTPA beneficiary country” and insert “cut in 1 or more CBTPA beneficiary countries”; and

(ii) strike “assembled in such country” and insert “assembled in 1 or more such countries”.

(6) In section 213(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as contained in section 211(a) of the bill, insert “(including fabrics not formed from yarns, if such fabrics are classifiable under heading 5602 or 5603 of the HTS and are wholly formed and cut in the United States)” after “yarns wholly formed in the United States.”

(7) In section 213(b)(2)(A)(ii) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as contained in section 211(a) of the bill, insert “(including fabrics not formed from yarns, if such fabrics are classifiable under heading 5602 or 5603 of the HTS and are wholly formed in the United States)” after “yarns wholly formed in the United States”.

(8) In section 213(b)(2)(A)(iii)(I) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as contained in section 211(a) of the bill, strike “United States, in an amount” and insert “United States (including fabrics not formed from yarns, if such fabrics are classifiable under heading 5602 or 5603 of the HTS and are formed in 1 or more CBTPA beneficiary countries), in an amount”.

(9) In clause (v) of section 213(b)(2)(A) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as contained in section 211(a) of the bill—

(A) strike “fibers, fabric, or yarn” each place it appears in the heading and the text and insert “fabrics or yarn”;

(B) strike “fibers, fabric, and yarn” and insert “fabrics and yarn”; and

(C) insert “apparel articles of” after “to the extent that”.

(10) In section 213(b)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as contained in section 211(a) of the bill, strike “entered” and insert “classifiable”.

(11) In section 213(b)(2)(A) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, as contained in section 211(a) of the bill, strike “(vii) TEXTILE LUGGAGE.—” and insert “(viii) TEXTILE LUGGAGE.—”.

(12) Strike section 412(a)(2) and insert the following:

(2) in the flush paragraph at the end, by striking “and (G)” and inserting “(G), and (H) (to the extent described in section 507(6)(D))”.

(13) In the article description for subheading 9902.51.13 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, as added by section 502(a) of the bill, strike “of 64’s and linen worsted wool count wool yarn”.

(14) In section 505(d), insert “to the United States Customs Service” after “appropriate claim”.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 1 p.m. on Monday, May 15. I further ask unanimous consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period for the transaction of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator AKAKA, 30 minutes; Senator KENNEDY, 30 minutes; Senator THOMAS, or his designee, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will not be in session tomorrow and will reconvene on Monday at 1 p.m. When the Senate reconvenes, there will be a period for morning business not to exceed the hour of 3 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the military construction appropriations bill under the previous order. Senators who have statements in regard to this appropriations bill are encouraged to come to the floor on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 1 P.M. MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:31 p.m., adjourned until Monday, May 15, 2000, at 1 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 11, 2000:

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BARRY EDWARD CARTER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE SALLY A. SHELTON.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

MARK S. WRIGHTON, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2006, VICE ROBERT M. SOLOW, TERM EXPIRED.

THE JUDICIARY

JOHN W. DARRAH, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE GEORGE M. MAROVICH, RETIRED.

JOAN HUMPHREY LEFKOW, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, VICE ANN C. WILLIAMS, ELEVATED.

RICARDO MORADO, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, VICE FILAMON B. VELA, RETIRED.

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED, AND ALSO FOR THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS INDICATED HEREWITH:

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

LESLIE O'CONNOR, OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

AMY MARIE ALLEN, OF ARIZONA
WILLIAM H. AVERY, OF FLORIDA
STEPHEN B. BANKS, OF VIRGINIA
STEPHEN A. BARNEBY, OF NEVADA
BRIDGET A. BRINK, OF MICHIGAN
JENNIFER CHINTANA BULLOCK, OF PENNSYLVANIA
PAUL M. CARTER, JR., OF MARYLAND
ROBERT E. GABOR, OF CALIFORNIA
JEFFREY E. GALVIN, OF COLORADO
EDWARD G. GRULICH, OF TEXAS
SALLY BYRNE IRONFIELD, OF VIRGINIA
EMILY ALLT KENEALY, OF VIRGINIA
YURI KIM, OF GUAM
GREGORY MICHAEL MARCHESA, OF CALIFORNIA
ROBERT B. MOONEY, OF CALIFORNIA
PEGGY ANN ORTEGA, OF HAWAII
ROBERT A. PITRE, OF WASHINGTON
JENNIFER L. SAVAGE, OF VIRGINIA
RUSSELL ADAM SCHIEBEL, OF TEXAS
MICHAELA A. SCHWEITZER-BLUM, OF VIRGINIA
ANDREW SEAW, OF NEW YORK
DAVID WILLIAM SIMONS, OF WYOMING
MATTHEW ALEXANDER SPIVAK, OF CALIFORNIA
CHERYL S. STEELE, OF FLORIDA
MARGARET C. SULA, OF TEXAS
MARTINA ANNA TKADLEC, OF TEXAS