

sizable obstacle to stability and democratic governance. Unlike the Balkans, however, it is not an insurmountable one.

Despite the pervasive following of Islam in the region, religious extremism does not have the same roots in Central Asia that it does in other parts of the world. Radical groups, such as the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (whose leader, Jumaboi Khojiev Namangani, was reportedly killed fighting in Afghanistan—some sources say he has merely gone into hiding) are fortunately still the exception.

However, this could certainly change if repressive regimes continue to kindle the flames of religious extremism by stifling virtually all other opportunities for political voice. The horrors of Algeria should not be replicated in Uzbekistan or Tajikistan.

Situated in the middle of Russia, China, and India, and with virtually untapped energy potential, Central Asia would be an area of importance to the United States even under the best of circumstances. However, the War on Terror has now considerably upped the ante. Support for the cause of Muslim fundamentalism in Central Asia not only threatens the region's stability, but is sure to mean more fuel for a global jihad. As the events of 9/11 have made clear, America has as much reason to fear that development as any of the regimes themselves.

The next generation of America's leaders must not be made apologists for today's policies aimed at the short-term and short-sighted advancement of U.S. interests. This means avoiding marriages of convenience with repressive Central Asian regimes that will inevitably prove harmful to the nation's future.

The New Great Game in Central Asia is very much a battle of good against evil. Democracy, not Islamic extremism, must fill the political void. While the U.S. has no role in fomenting or aiding these "coups of the apparatchiks," Americans are still beholden to one obligation: We need to at least make sure we are not rooting for the wrong side.●

TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS TO WORK DAY

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I have had the privilege of hosting some of the future leaders of America in my office as part of Ms. Magazine's Take Our Daughters to Work Day. As part of the day's activities I asked them to write a speech on what they would do if elected to serve as a United States Senator. I am proud to submit for the record some of their responses.

If I were a United States Senator by Annie Ballard, 5th Grade, Future US Senator 2021. As a Senator of the United States I will find equality for all peoples of the Nation. For every man, woman and child of all races and types. Every man and woman should have equal pay and treatment. In some places of the country, women and people of color are not payed or treated equally to whites and men. Hispanics might be payed \$2.29 for 13 hours of work each day. Some women are qualified for jobs and have to give them up because of a less qualified man. Teams of sports will choose males over females in football, baseball and other sports. In this bill, I plan to equalize all jobs, sports and pay for all people of the United States of America.

What I would do if I were Senator, by Ashley Bageant. I would increase security at big buildings and airports so our environment can be more safe. I would do that by hiring more police officers. I would try to treat everybody the same. I would do what I would think would be right for our country. I would pay my people more money so they would have enough money to build homeless shelters to get homeless people off the street.

What I would do if I were Senator? By Kathleen Warner, 9th Grade, Future US Senator 2018. As a high school student and a Catholic, I am pro-life and feel that my opinion should be strongly considered. My reasoning on the abortion issue is that a child is a life from the point of conception and therefore should by the state just like any other citizen. Also, if a child is conceived unexpectedly the mother can put the child up for adoption where he or she has the same opportunity as other children to live a strong, successful life. Finally, let me say, I am proud to live in a country where I can express my opinion like this.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3763. An act to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:19 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4167. An act to extend for 8 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

MEASURERS REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3763. An act to protect investors by improving the accuracy and reliability of corporate disclosures made pursuant to the securities laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-6572. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Deputy Director for State and Local Affairs, received on April 17, 2002; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-6573. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conferring Designated Port Status on Anchorage, Alaska" (RIN1018-AH75) received on April 22, 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6574. A communication from the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting jointly, the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget Request Amendment; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6575. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, a report relative to the Merit Systems Protection Board Reauthorization Act of 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6576. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-229. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan to support Federal assistance, through the Transportation Efficiency Act, for the Village of Holly/Rose Township Michigan Highway-Rail Life Safety Access Project; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

Whereas, Blockage of the Cogshall Road crossing creates a life-threatening danger to residents in Holly Shores, a mobile home subdivision, when emergency vehicles cannot gain access; and

Whereas, Proximity of wetland limits the areas that can be used to address the problem; and

Whereas, Local, state, and railroad matching contributions will be used in conjunction with the Transportation Efficiency Act (TEA-21) grant to extend a passing siding to ensure no extended blockage and thus access for emergency vehicles; and

Whereas, A permanent resolution is necessary to address this significant safety problem; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body memorialize the Congress of the United States to approve federal assistance, through the TEA-21 grant program, for the Village of Holly/Rose Township Michigan Highway-Rail Life Safety Access Project; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-230. A resolution adopted by the House of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to economic stimulus legislation; to the Committee on Finance.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 348

Whereas, The attack on America of September 11, 2001, was a shock to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the nation; and

Whereas, There is an ongoing military and multidimensional response to terrorism that we strongly support; and

Whereas, The United States faces the potential of a serious recession, having already lost 50,000 manufacturing jobs in Pennsylvania since the beginning of the year, and the attack on America may cause the loss of an estimated additional 15,000 jobs; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States has already taken critical action to support affected industries and is proposing additional aid to business; and

Whereas, The Congress is considering an economic stimulus package; and

Whereas, The core goal of an economic stimulus package is the stabilization of communities; and

Whereas, Supporting business to stabilize employment must be a critical part of any economic stimulus package to be adopted by the Congress; and

Whereas, Supporting workers must be included as part of any economic stimulus package to stabilize the economy; and

Whereas, Supporting State and local governments to avoid or lessen state or local tax revenues is a critical part of any economic stimulus package; and

Whereas, The economic stimulus package should include the following provisions: extending federally funded unemployment compensation, where needed, by 26 weeks; aiding workers by improving health care access by at least paying 75% of the COBRA health care costs and other health care assistance; aiding workers by fully funding targeted training and worker reemployment programs and taking such other actions to save personal homes and stabilize credit transactions; and

Whereas, If the Congress does not address the critical areas of economic stimulus, business workers and State and local government, these costs will have to be borne by State and local governments, workers and business; and

Whereas, The economic stimulus package adopted by the Congress on October 24, 2001, fails to adequately address the needs of workers in state and local government; therefore be it

Whereas, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United States to ad-

dress each of the three critical areas that will create economic stability and allow full growth; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives ask the Congress to help workers by considering the following provisions: extending federally funded unemployment compensation, where needed, by 26 weeks; aiding workers by improving health care access by at least paying 75% of the COBRA health care costs and other health care assistance; aiding workers by fully funding targeted training and worker reemployment programs and taking such other actions to save personal homes and stabilize credit transactions; and be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives respectfully request that the Congress provide aid to affected states to offset revenue deficits; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officer of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-231. A resolution adopted by the Town Board of New Castle, New York relative to nuclear power plants; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 864: A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who commit acts of torture, extrajudicial killings, or other specified atrocities abroad are inadmissible and removable and to establish within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice an Office of Special Investigations having responsibilities under that Act with respect to all alien participants in war crimes, genocide, and the commission of acts of torture and extrajudicial killings abroad. (Rept. No. 107-144).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 495: A bill to designate the Federal building located in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, as the "Ron de Lugo Federal Building."

H.R. 819: A bill to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the "Donald J. Pease Federal Building."

H.R. 3093: A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 501 Bell Street in Alton, Illinois, as the "William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

H.R. 3282: A bill to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the "Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment and an amendment to the title and with a preamble:

S. Res. 109: A resolution designating the second Sunday in the month of December as "National Children's Memorial Day" and the last Friday in the month of April as "Children's Memorial Flag Day."

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 245: A resolution designating the week of May 5 through May 11, 2002, as "National Occupational Safety and Health Week."

S. Res. 249: A resolution designating April 30, 2002, as "Dia de los Ninos: Celebrating Young Americans", and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 410: A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 by expanding legal assistance for victims of violence grant program to include assistance for victims of dating violence.

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with amendments and an amendment to the title:

S. 1721: A bill to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the "James L. Watson United States Court of International Trade Building."

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1974: A bill to make needed reforms in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 102: A concurrent resolution proclaiming the week of May 4 through May 11, 2002, as "National Safe Kids Week."

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY from the Committee on the Judiciary.

John Edward Quinn, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

David Phillip Gonzales, of Arizona, to be United States Marshal for the District of Arizona for the term of four years.

Edward Zahren, of Colorado, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

Charles M. Sheer, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Gorden Edward Eden, Jr., of New Mexico, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

John Lee Moore, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

Ronald Henderson, of Missouri, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

By Mr. GRAHAM for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

*John Leonard Helgerson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendations that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CORZINE:

S. 2250. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to reduce the age for receipt of military retired pay for nonregular service from 60 to 55; to the Committee on Armed Services.