

caused by attempts by the museum to remove the original color and patina of the Marbles with abrasive cleaners;

Whereas Greece is constructing a new, permanent museum in full view of the Acropolis to house all the Marbles, protected from the elements in a safe, climate-controlled environment;

Whereas Greece has pledged to work with the British government to negotiate mutually agreeable conditions for the return of the Parthenon Marbles;

Whereas the people of Greece have a great, ancient bond to the Parthenon Marbles, which were in Greece for over 2,200 years of the over 2,430 year history of the Parthenon;

Whereas the British people support the return of the Parthenon Marbles, as reflected in several recent polls;

Whereas a resolution signed by a majority of members of the European Parliament urged the British government to return the Parthenon Marbles to their natural setting in Greece;

Whereas the British House of Commons Select Committee on Culture, Media and Sport is to be commended for examining the issue of the disposition of the Parthenon Marbles in hearings held in 2000; and

Whereas in 2004 the Olympic Games will take place in Athens, Greece—birthplace of the Olympics—and the Parthenon Marbles should be returned to their home in Athens by that time: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the Government of the United Kingdom should enter into negotiations with the Government of Greece as soon as possible to facilitate the return of the Parthenon Marbles to Greece before the Olympics in 2004.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Friday, June 28, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of holding a hearing to “Examine How a Department of Homeland Security Should Address Weapons of Mass Destruction and Relevant Science and Technology, and Public Health Issues.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on S. 2246, the Instructional Materials Accessibility Act: Making Instructional Materials Available to All Students, during the session of the Senate on Friday, June 28, 2002, at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

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

ALLOCATION TO SUBCOMMITTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, for the information of the Senate, I want to appear in the RECORD the allocations to subcommittees for fiscal year 2003 by the Committee on Appropriations in the Senate.

On Thursday, June 27, 2002, the Committee on Appropriations, by a unanimous rollcall vote of 29 to 0, approved the allocation to subcommittees for fiscal year 2003.

These allocations were prepared in consultation with my esteemed colleagues, Senator TED STEVENS, distinguished ranking member of the committee, who stands with me committed to presenting bills to the Senate consistent with these allocations.

Furthermore, Senator STEVENS and I stand committed to opposing any amendments that would breach the allocations. We are committed to doing what we can to enforce discipline in the processing of thirteen, individual bipartisan and responsible appropriations bills for fiscal year 2003.

I ask unanimous consent that a table setting forth the allocation to subcommittees be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS—FY 2003
SUBCOMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS**
(Discretionary spending in millions of dollars)

Subcommittee	Budget authority	Outlays
Agriculture	17,980	18,318
Commerce	43,475	44,416
Defense	355,139	346,843
District of Columbia	517	581
Energy & Water	26,300	25,823
Foreign Operations	16,350	16,076
Interior	18,926	18,804
Labor-HHS-Education	133,988	127,131
Legislative Branch	3,413	3,467
Military Construction	10,622	10,122
Transportation	21,100	60,169
Treasury, General Gov't	18,501	18,237
VA, HUD	91,434	96,325
Deficiencies	10,344	6,780
Total	768,089	793,092

Approved by the Committee on a unanimous vote of 29 to 0 on June 27, 2002.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94-201, as amended by Public Law 105-275, appoints the following individuals as members of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress: Susan Barksdale Howorth of Mississippi, for a term of six years; and Marlene Meyerson of Texas, for a term of six years.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 4231

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 4231 is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the information of the Senate.

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4231) to improve small business advocacy and for other purposes.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I now ask for the second reading and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will re-

ceive its second reading on the next legislative day.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Environment and Public Works Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey Merrifield to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and that his nomination be placed on the Executive Calendar.

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

Mr. BYRD. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and that they be placed on the calendar:

Fred L. Dailey to be a member of the board of directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation;

Grace Daniel to be a member of the board of directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation;

Sharon Brown-Hruska to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;

Walter Lukken to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;

Douglas Flory to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration board.

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

Mr. BYRD. As in executive session I ask unanimous consent that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Phyllis Fong to be Inspector General at the Department of Agriculture and that her nomination be referred to the Government Affairs Committee for its consideration under the statutory time limitation.

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

ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD remain open today until 2:30 p.m. for the introduction of legislation and submission of statements.

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

THANKS TO MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority and minority leaders, I wish to thank all Members of the Senate on both sides of the aisle, and the fine members of the staff of Senators and of the Senate on both sides of the aisle. I thank them for the good work they have done. I wish for them a very peaceful and enjoyable Independence Day holiday. And, of course, I wish for them safety for themselves and their families. I want them all to remember this birthday as a nation and how it