

have joined us in Iraq for their efforts in promoting Iraq's security, stability, reconstruction, and transition to democracy.

In particular, I also thank Senator SESSIONS for originating the idea of this resolution and for turning it into real language for his colleagues to consider. He initially proposed such a resolution that provided certain language. At that time, he was working in a bipartisan manner with Senator LIEBERMAN and other Members of both sides of the aisle on this bipartisan resolution. He later joined with Senators LINDSEY GRAHAM, JOE BIDEN, TOM DASCHLE, and myself—most of us have actually been in Iraq recently—to hammer out a resolution that not only celebrates the liberation of Iraq and its transition to full sovereignty but also prescribes a number of steps that should be taken in the coming months to ensure those fruits of our efforts are realized.

I thank Senator DASCHLE and his colleagues for their help in fine-tuning this resolution so the entire Senate can endorse it. It is a good resolution. The importance of its passage I do not think can be underscored given the fact we are about a week before Iraq's transition to full sovereignty. It sends a timely message, the right message, of thanks to our coalition partners and our support to the Iraqi interim government and the Iraqi people who are endeavoring to defeat terrorism and secure the blessings of democracy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. If the distinguished majority leader will yield, following the meeting with the President this morning, which I had the good fortune of being able to attend, the one message that came out of the meeting to me is that the hero today in Iraq is the Prime Minister of Iraq. He is a man of great courage who has had a number of assassination attempts on his life, even when he did not live in Iraq, because of the people who were trying to get rid of him, and I wish him well. He is a man of courage. To take on this responsibility knowing that the evil forces that are in that country are out to dispense with him says a lot about the kind of man he is.

Speaking personally of the meeting at the White House this morning, I repeat the one thing that came out of that meeting today is the forceful nature of the man who is leading that country as of next Wednesday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. FRIST. I will just add to the comments of my friend from Nevada that I had the opportunity to meet with the Prime Minister a little over 2 weeks ago when we were in Baghdad.

I know Senator DASCHLE and Senator BIDEN and Senator GRAHAM also had the opportunity to meet with the Prime Minister on their recent trip. I mention that because 4 weeks ago nobody knew that he was going to be

Prime Minister. In fact, he didn't know. It was not a position that he had asked for. The interim government, through this selection process, asked him to step forward, and he did just that. Uniformly, the people who met him and who have talked with him since he has assumed this position have been impressed with his courage, his determination, and his understanding of the role that is before him.

I should also add the distinguished assistant Democratic leader and I had the opportunity to meet with the President of Iraq who will be working with the Prime Minister. He, too, is very impressive in terms of his leadership and his vision, and the boldness we know is going to be required.

GAO HUMAN CAPITAL REFORM ACT OF 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Government Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2751, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2751) to provide new human capital flexibilities with respect to the GAO, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2751) was read the third time and passed.

EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS AS PARTICIPANTS IN LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to immediate consideration of Calendar No. 590, S. 2322.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2322) to amend chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, to include employees of the District of Columbia courts as participants in long term care insurance for Federal employees.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 2322) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2322

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS.

Section 9001(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and”;

(2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon and “and”;

and

(3) by adding at the end the following: “(E) an employee of the District of Columbia courts.”.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-277, Section 710, 2(A)(ii), appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse: Laurens Tullock of Tennessee.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 120, the adjournment resolution, which is at the desk.

I further ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 120) was agreed to, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 120

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Thursday, June 24, 2004, through Monday, June 28, 2004, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, or at such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, June 24, 2004, or Friday, June 25, 2004, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House, shall notify the Members of the Senate and the House, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 4200, S. 2400, S.2401, S. 2402, S. 2403

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, with respect to H.R. 4200, which passed the