

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of majority and minority leaders of the Senate and Speaker minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, as amended by Public Law 108-349, announces the joint re-designation of the following individual, as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Susan S. Robfogel of New York.

The Chair, on behalf of the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, as amended by Public Law 108-349, announces the joint reappointment of the following individual as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Barbara L. Camens of the District of Columbia and Roberta L. Holzwarth of Illinois.

DESIGNATING THE "ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE, SR., POST OFFICE BUILDING"

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1760 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. 1760) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard in Madison, Wisconsin, as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr., Post Office Building."

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

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I rise today in support of H.R. 1760, which would name a Post Office in Madison, WI as the "Robert M. La Follette, Sr. Post Office Building." This passage of this legislation is timely, coming shortly before what would have been La Follette's 150th birthday next month.

Robert La Follette was born into a farming family in Primrose, WI, on June 14, 1855. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, he served as the District Attorney for Dane County. He would go on to serve the State of Wisconsin as a Congressman, the Governor, and a U.S. Senator. Throughout his career, he fought on behalf of the people, not the politics. He truly embodied the "fighting" spirit of the people of Wisconsin.

As Governor, La Follette instituted direct primary elections, allowing the people to choose their representatives, rather than having the party leaders chose them. His reform efforts in the State, and his excellent speaking style, placed him in the national spotlight. In 1906, La Follette joined the U.S. Senate, where he would remain until his death in 1925.

It was as a U.S. Senator that La Follette truly launched a national pro-

gressive movement. He protested the corruption of government and the influence of large corporations on political leaders. He argued in favor of women's suffrage, worker's rights and racial equality. He fought for economic and social reform to remove power from the few and place it in the hands of the many.

La Follette's fighting spirit and drive for reform have prevented him from falling out of the Nation's consciousness. Nowhere is this truer than in Wisconsin, the State he served so tirelessly for more than 30 years. His legacy is alive in the people of Wisconsin, who so often embody his pioneering spirit of reform. His legacy is alive in the United States Senate, where we continue to fight for honesty in politics. For all these reasons, I urge my colleague to join me in support of H.R. 1760, to commemorate the legacy, and celebrate the life of Robert "Fighting Bob" La Follette.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon 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. 1760) was read the third time and passed.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OKLAHOMA INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 159, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 159) recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association and its members' vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States.

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

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I rise in support of this resolution recognizing the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association on its 50th anniversary and also recognizing its members' vital contribution to the oil and gas industry of the United States.

The Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association—OIPA—was founded by Roy Woods on January 13, 1955. Roy Woods and other founders possessed the leadership and vision to establish a unified voice for independent crude oil and natural gas producers.

The founders were independent oil and natural gas producers, and its membership still comprises independents, both large and small.

OIPA is my State's largest oil and gas advocacy group, representing over 1,500 member companies in the crude oil and natural gas exploration/production industry, as well as affiliated busi-

nesses. OIPA is also a member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

OIPA's mission is to enhance and protect the ability of Oklahoma's independent oil and natural gas producers to conduct their business and to ensure a strong energy supply.

OIPA is a proactive and diverse organization striving to provide a broad range of services to its members and the industry it supports.

OIPA has worked successfully on behalf of Oklahoma independent producers on State and national issues, advocating for State and national governmental policies that protect and enhance the Oklahoma independent producers' ability to do business.

Most recently, I have worked with OIPA in the introduction of the Natural Gas Production Act of 2005—S. 926, which I introduced, that would extend section 29 to include natural gas produced from depths below 15,000 feet. This bill is strongly supported by OIPA members and I thank them for their support.

The Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association has been and will continue to be an invaluable asset in developing and promoting the oil and gas industry in the United States.

I am introducing this resolution as an expression of my appreciation. I congratulate the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association for its 50-year history and its contributions to the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma and the United States.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 159) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 159

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association was founded and incorporated in the State of Oklahoma on January 13, 1955;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association was founded by independent oil and natural gas producers, and its membership is still comprised of independent producers, both large and small;

Whereas the founders of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association possessed the leadership and vision to establish a unified voice for independent crude oil and natural gas producers;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is the largest oil and gas advocacy group in the State, representing over 1,500 member companies in the crude oil and natural gas exploration and production industry and affiliated businesses;

Whereas the mission of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is to enhance and protect the ability of independent oil and natural gas producers in Oklahoma to conduct their business and to ensure energy supply;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is a rarity in State oil and

gas associations, with a full-time governmental affairs specialist and a full-time regulatory affairs specialist working with agencies that regulate the oil and gas industry;

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association is a proactive and diverse organization striving to provide a broad range of services to its members and the industry it supports;

Whereas the leaders of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association have worked successfully on behalf of Oklahoma independent producers on State and national issues, advocating for State and national governmental policies that protect and enhance the ability of Oklahoma independent producers to do business; and

Whereas the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association will continue to look toward the future by forging alliances within the oil and gas industry and with other organizations devoted to a more prosperous Oklahoma: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association;

(2) congratulates the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association for its 50-year history of contributions to the oil and gas industry of Oklahoma and the United States;

(3) recognizes that the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association has been and will continue to be an invaluable asset in developing and promoting the oil and gas industry in the United States; and

(4) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association as an expression of appreciation and for public display at the 50th annual meeting of the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1127

Mr. FRIST. I understand there is a bill at the desk due for a second reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1127) to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress all documentation related to the Secretary's recommendations for the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment.

Mr. FRIST. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 810

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 810) to amend the Public Service Act to provide for human embryonic stem cell research.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for its second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 6. I further ask that following the morning prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then return to executive session to resume consideration of the nomination of Janice Rogers Brown to be United States Circuit Judge for the DC Court of Appeals; I further ask consent that the vote invoking cloture on the Brown nomination occur at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 7.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, on Monday, June 6, the Senate will return from the Memorial Day recess and resume consideration of the nomination of Janice Rogers Brown for the DC Circuit. There will be no rollcall votes on June 6, but Senators are encouraged to come to the floor that day to speak on the Brown nomination.

As a reminder, cloture was just filed on the Brown nomination and the nomination of William Pryor to the Eleventh Circuit. Thus, we will vote on the cloture motion with respect to the Brown nomination on Tuesday, June 7, at noon.

Given the agreement reached this week, I expect cloture to be invoked and hope that we can proceed to the confirmation vote on Judge Brown early Tuesday afternoon. I also would like to remind my colleagues that we have time agreements with respect to the nominations of Griffith, McKeague, and Griffin to the circuit courts, as well. It is my intention to move to these nominations at an early time, as well.

Finally, since we were unable to finish our work on the Bolton nomination to be ambassador to the United Nations, we will revisit this issue following the break, as well.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

THANKING THE PAGES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we are going to be out in just a couple min-

utes, but I want to take the opportunity, before closing, to thank the pages, who are sitting here before me, for all the tremendous work they do. It is very rare that we have the opportunity to thank them publicly, and I want to take that opportunity right now.

They are here from early in the morning, and they are here tonight at 9 o'clock. It is a little bit after 9 right now. I will slip out, and they will still be here cleaning up and getting things in order.

They do a tremendous job, the pages, representing really most parts of the country, and I want to say thank you on behalf of the Democratic leader, the Republican leader, and both sides of the aisle.

SPENDING TIME IN HOME STATES

Mr. FRIST. We will be going on recess here for about 8 days, a much-needed recess for many people. A recess means we, for the most part, go back to our home States and spend time with people. So we all look forward to that opportunity to get back and travel around the country and get outside of Washington, DC, and listen very directly to the American people.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2005, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 167.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:02 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 6, 2005, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 26, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

WILLIAM ANDERSON, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE, VICE NELSON F. GIBBS.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

RICHARD A. RAYMOND, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FOOD SAFETY, VICE ELSA A. MURANO, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

RANDAL QUARLES, OF UTAH, TO BE AN UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE BRIAN CARLTON ROSEBORO.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ISRAEL HERNANDEZ, OF TEXAS, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COMMERCIAL SERVICE, VICE RHONDA KEENUM.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

PHILIP D. MORRISON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE PAMELA F. OLSON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RONALD E. NEUMANN, OF VIRGINIA, 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 ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

GREGORY L. SCHULTE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE VIENNA OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

GREGORY L. SCHULTE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO