

State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure borders;

(B) strong support and deep interest in achieving a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the creation of a viable and independent Palestinian state living in peace alongside of the State of Israel;

(C) ongoing concern and sympathy for the families of Gilad Shalit, Ehud Goldwasser, Eldad Regev, and all other missing soldiers of Israel; and

(D) full commitment to seek the immediate and unconditional release of the Israeli captives; and

(3) condemns—

(A) Hamas and Hezbollah for the cross border attacks and kidnappings that precipitated weeks of intensive armed conflict between Israel and Hezbollah and armed Palestinian groups; and

(B) Iran and Syria for their ongoing support of Hezbollah and Hamas.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO REPORT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Friday, April 13, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, the Senate Finance Committee be permitted to report S. 3 during the hours of 12 noon to 2 p.m.; further, that if the bill is reported, it be in order for the majority leader to move to proceed to the bill on Monday, April 16.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent that Members have until 2:30 p.m. on Monday to file amendments to S. 3.

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

Mr. REID. I further ask unanimous consent that if the committee does not file S. 3 tomorrow, it be in order for the majority leader, on Monday, to introduce a bill dealing with the same subject matter and that it be in order for the majority leader to move to proceed to that bill on Monday.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, and on Monday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that at the close of morning business the Senate resume consideration of S. 372, as provided for under a previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. I commend the Republican leader for his willingness to work with us in getting an agreement where we debated two stem cell bills. I also would be remiss if I did not mention the primary individuals who were here

during most, if not all, of that debate: Senators Harkin, Specter, Brownback, Coleman, and Isakson. They conducted the debate in a manner which shows Members can disagree and not be disagreeable. Although there were different points of view, the debate was clearly very informative and educational.

Also, we just entered an order allowing the Senate to consider the Intelligence authorization bill on Monday. There will be a cloture vote on that bill at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

The Senate will not be in session on Friday. Therefore, there will be no roll-call votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to be brought before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:24 p.m., adjourned until Monday, April 16, 2007, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Thursday, April 12, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CLAUDE M. KICKLIGHTER, OF GEORGIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.
THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.