

including undue hardship that would be suffered by the alien in the absence of a waiver.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.—

(A) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) APPLICATION BY THE SECRETARY.—Not later than the effective date described in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall begin to carry out subparagraph (E) of section 212(a)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(5)), including the requirement for the attestation and the granting of a waiver described in clause (iii) of such subparagraph (E), regardless of whether regulations to implement such subparagraph have been promulgated.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Paying for College: The Role of Private Student Lending.”

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet in order to conduct a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The business meeting will consider the following agenda:

S. 506, the High Performance Green Buildings Act of 2007;

H.R. 1195, SAFETEA-LU Technical Corrections Act;

H.R. 798, a bill to direct the Administrator of General Services to install a photovoltaic system for the headquarters building of the Department of Energy;

S. 635, the Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007;

S. 1523, the Capitol power plant carbon dioxide emissions reduction demonstration project bill.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “Trade and Globalization: Adjustment for a 21st Century Workforce.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized

to meet to conduct a hearing entitled “Patent Reform: The Future of American Innovation” on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness list

Panel I: The Honorable Jon W. Dudas, Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, Alexandria, VA;

Panel II: Mr. Bruce G. Bernstein, Chief Intellectual Property and Licensing Officer, InterDigital Communications Corporation, King of Prussia, PA; Ms. Mary Doyle, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Palm, Inc., Sunnyvale, CA; Mr. John A. Squires, Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York, NY; Ms. Kathryn L. Biberstein, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, and Chief Compliance Officer, Alkermes, Inc., Cambridge, MA.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the impacts of climate change on water supply and availability in the United States, and related issues from a water use perspective.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be granted to Julie Blanks, a legislative fellow in my office, for the remainder of today’s session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, appoints the Senator from Texas, Mrs. HUTCHISON, as a member of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference for the first session of the 110th Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MONUMENTS, FINE ARTS, AND ARCHIVES PROGRAM UNDER THE CIVIL AFFAIRS AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 223, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 223) recognizing the efforts and contributions of the members of the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces during and following World War II who were responsible for the preservation, protection, and restitution of artistic and cultural treasures in countries occupied by the Allied armies.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 223) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 223

Whereas the United States Government established the American Commission for the Protection and Salvage of Artistic and Historic Monuments in War Areas in 1943 to promote and coordinate the protection and salvage of works of art and cultural and historical monuments and records in countries occupied by Allied armies during World War II;

Whereas the American Commission for the Protection and Salvage of Artistic and Historic Monuments in War Areas is also known as the Roberts Commission, in honor of its chairman, Supreme Court Justice Owen J. Roberts;

Whereas, in connection with the establishment of the Roberts Commission, the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives program (MFAA) was established under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas the establishment of the Roberts Commission and the MFAA provided an example for other countries, working in conjunction with the United States, to develop similar programs, and more than 100 foreign MFAA personnel, representing at least seventeen countries, contributed to this international effort;

Whereas the MFAA was comprised of both men and women, commissioned officers and civilians, who were appointed or volunteered to serve as representatives of the Roberts Commission and as the official guardians of some of the world’s greatest artistic and cultural treasures;

Whereas members of the MFAA, called the “Monuments Men”, often joined frontline military forces and some even lost their lives in combat during World War II;

Whereas, during World War II and for years following the Allied victory, members of the MFAA worked tirelessly to locate, identify, catalogue, restore, and repatriate priceless works of art and irreplaceable cultural artifacts, including masterpieces by Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Rembrandt, and Vermeer, that had been stolen or sequestered by the Axis powers;

Whereas the heroic actions of the MFAA in saving priceless works of art and irreplaceable cultural artifacts for future generations cannot be overstated, and set a moral precedent and established standards, practices, and procedures for the preservation, protection, and restitution of artistic and cultural treasures in future armed conflicts;

Whereas members of the MFAA went on to become renowned directors and curators of preeminent international cultural institutions, including the National Gallery of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the Toledo Museum of Art, and the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, as well as professors at institutions of higher education, including Harvard University, Yale University, Princeton University, New York University, Williams College, and Columbia University;

Whereas other members of the MFAA were founders, presidents, and members of associations such as the New York City Ballet, the American Association of Museums, the American Association of Museum Directors, the Archaeological Institute of America, the Society of Architectural Historians, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as respected artists, architects, musicians, and archivists; and

Whereas members of the MFAA have never been collectively honored for their service and contributions to humanity, and they are deserving of the utmost acknowledgment, gratitude, and recognition, in particular the 12 known Monuments Men who are still alive: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the men and women who served in the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Ar-

chives program (MFAA) under the Civil Affairs and Military Government Sections of the United States Armed Forces for their heroic role in the preservation, protection, and restitution of monuments, works of art, and other artifacts of inestimable cultural importance in Europe and Asia during and following World War II;

(2) recognizes that without their dedication and service, many more of the world's artistic and historic treasures would have been destroyed or lost forever amidst the chaos and destruction of World War II;

(3) acknowledges that the detailed catalogues, documentation, inventories, and photographs developed and compiled by MFAA personnel during and following World War II have made and continue to make possible the restitution of stolen works of art to their rightful owners; and

(4) commends and extols the members of the MFAA for establishing a precedent for action to protect cultural property in the event of armed conflict, and by their action setting a standard not just for one country, but for people of all nations to acknowledge and uphold.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2007

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., later today, Thursday, June 7; that later today, on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1348 and there then be an hour of debate equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees for debate to run concurrently with respect to the Coburn amendment

No. 1311, as modified, and the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment; that no amendments be in order to the Coburn amendment prior to the vote; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote in relation to the Coburn amendment No. 1311, as modified; that upon disposition of the Coburn amendment, without further intervening action or debate, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment; that Members have until 10:30 a.m. to file any germane second-degree amendments.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, if there is no further business today, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:41 a.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 10 a.m.

DISCHARGED NOMINATION

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to an order of the Senate of January 9, 2007:

*MICHAEL W. TANKERSLEY, OF TEXAS, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK.

*NOMINEE HAS COMMITTED TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.