

SEC. 9. TERMINATION OF TASK FORCE.

The Task Force shall terminate 120 days after the date on which the Task Force submits the report of the Task Force under section 5(c).

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 114—EX-PRESSING SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATION OF APRIL 27, 2009, AS “NATIONAL HEALTHY SCHOOLS DAY”

Mrs. GILLIBRAND submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 114

Whereas there are approximately 54,000,000 children and 7,000,000 adults who spend their days in the Nation’s 120,000 public and private schools;

Whereas over half of all schools in the United States have problems linked to indoor air quality;

Whereas children are more vulnerable to environmental hazards, as they breathe in more air per pound of body weight due to their developing systems;

Whereas children spend an average of 30 to 50 hours per week in school;

Whereas poor indoor environmental quality is associated with a wide range of problems that include poor concentration, respiratory illnesses, learning difficulties, and cancer;

Whereas an average of 1 in every 13 school-age children has asthma, the leading cause of school absenteeism, accounting for approximately 14,700,000 missed school days each year;

Whereas the Nation’s schools spend approximately \$8,000,000,000 a year on energy costs, causing officials to make very difficult decisions on cutting back on much needed academic programs in their efforts to maintain heat and electricity;

Whereas healthy and high-performance schools that are designed to reduce energy and maintenance costs, provide cleaner air, improve lighting, and reduce exposure to toxic substances provide a healthier and safer learning environment for children and improve academic achievement and well-being;

Whereas new building construction, especially for new school buildings, should be designed to meet energy efficiency standards, including Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards;

Whereas green and healthy schools save an average of \$100,000 per year on energy costs, enough to hire 2 teachers, buy 200 new computers, or purchase 5,000 new textbooks;

Whereas converting all of the Nation’s schools to green schools would reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 33,200,000 metric tons;

Whereas Congress has demonstrated its interest in this compelling issue by including the Health High-Performance Schools program in the No Child Left Behind Act and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007;

Whereas our schools have the great responsibility of guiding the future of our children and our Nation; and

Whereas April 27, 2009, would be an appropriate date to designate as “National Healthy Schools Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the designation of April 27, 2009, as “National Healthy Schools Day”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, April 27, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 386

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that at noon Tuesday, April 28, the Senate return to legislative session to resume consideration of S. 386; that upon passage of the bill, the Senate then return to executive session to resume consideration of the Sebelius nomination.

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

TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AFFECTING JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1626, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1626) to make technical amendments to laws containing time periods affecting judicial proceedings.

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

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, 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. 1626) was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, April 28; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order; further, I ask consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus lunches.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, at 10 a.m. tomorrow the Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Under the previous order, there will be up to 8 hours for debate equally divided between the two leaders or designees. Senators should also be prepared for a vote on passage of S. 386, the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act, at noon tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BROWN. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:34 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PEARLIE S. REED, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, VICE BOYD KEVIN RUTH-ERFORD.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

THOMAS R. LAMONT, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, VICE RONALD J. JAMES.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

JOHN D. PORCARI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE THOMAS J. BARRETT, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

CATHERINE RADFORD ZOI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (ENERGY, EFFICIENCY, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY), VICE ALEXANDER A. KARSNER, RESIGNED.

WILLIAM F. BRINKMAN, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, VICE RAYMOND L. ORBACH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ANNE CASTLE, OF COLORADO, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, VICE MARK A. LIMBAUGH.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

KURT M. CAMPBELL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS), VICE CHRISTOPHER R. HILL, RESIGNED.

DANIEL BENJAMIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE COORDINATOR FOR COUNTERTERRORISM, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR AT LARGE, VICE DELL L. DAILEY, RESIGNED.

ROBERT ORRIS BLAKE, JR., OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, VICE RICHARD A. BOUCHER, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

PHYLLIS CORRINE BORZI, OF MARYLAND, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE BRADFORD P. CAMPBELL, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

DAVID HEYMAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE STEWART A. BAKER, RESIGNED.