

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 6, 2011, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Perspectives on the Crisis in Libya."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 6, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BAUCUS. 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 April 6, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 6, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Electronic Communications Privacy Act: Government Perspectives on Protecting Privacy in the Digital Age."

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 6, 2011. The Committee will meet in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building beginning at 10 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 6, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Census: Learning Lessons from 2010, Planning for 2020."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs' Subcommittee on Fi-

ancial Institutions and Consumer Protection be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 6, 2011, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "The State of Community Banking: Opportunities and Challenges."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 6, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my intern, Robyn Varner, have floor privileges for the remainder of the day.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 134, introduced earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 134) supporting the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month.

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

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, Dr. James Parkinson first identified the symptoms of this debilitating disease in 1817, and now an estimated 1.5 million Americans are currently living with Parkinson's. Despite major advances in modern technology and the establishment of the Parkinson's Disease Research Agenda more than 10 years ago, we regrettably still do not know the cause, and we are still looking for a cure.

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative brain disorder with major symptoms such as tremors, trouble walking, and speech difficulties. The number of people being diagnosed with Parkinson's continues to rise. The newest treatments are coming from cutting edge medical innovations, like deep brain stimulation. However, we can and must do more to keep pushing the boundaries to find better therapies and hopefully, very soon, a cure. This requires a continued national commitment to biomedical research.

The National Institutes of Health is the largest contributor to Parkinson's research, along with the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Department of Defense. Texas has committed to leading the way in Parkinson's disease re-

search and has received more than \$2.7 million in Federal funds. These dollars are being put to use at some of our top university and medical research facilities across the State, including: the University of Texas, Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Science Center, and the Audie L. Murphy VA Medical Center in San Antonio.

Today, I am proud to recognize April as Parkinson's Awareness Month, and I hope that this will not only raise awareness of this devastating disease, but will also renew focus and vigor to the fight to treat and ultimately eliminate Parkinson's disease.

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 134) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 134

Whereas Parkinson's disease is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States, second only to Alzheimer's disease;

Whereas even though there is inadequate comprehensive data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, as of 2011, it is estimated that the disease affects over 1,000,000 people in the United States;

Whereas although research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown;

Whereas there is no objective test for Parkinson's disease, and the rate of misdiagnosis can be high;

Whereas symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and include tremors, slowness, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, and speaking, rigidity, cognitive problems, dementia, mood disorders, such as depression and anxiety, constipation, skin problems, and sleep disruptions;

Whereas medications mask some symptoms of Parkinson's disease for a limited amount of time each day, often with dose-limiting side effects;

Whereas ultimately the medications and treatments lose their effectiveness, generally after 4 to 8 years, leaving the person unable to move, speak, or swallow;

Whereas there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease; and

Whereas increased education and research are needed to help find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's disease;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of Parkinson's Awareness Month;

(3) continues to support research to find better treatments, and eventually, a cure for Parkinson's disease;

(4) recognizes the people living with Parkinson's who participate in vital clinical trials to advance knowledge of this disease; and

(5) commends the dedication of local and regional organizations, volunteers, and millions of Americans across the country working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the majority controlling the second 30 minutes; further, that Senator HOEVEN be recognized at noon for up to 25 minutes to deliver his maiden speech to the Senate.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, we continue to work to complete action on the small business bill. We also hope to deal with the continuing resolution by the end of the week. Senators will be notified when votes are scheduled.

RECESS UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate recess until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:10 p.m., recessed until Thursday, April 7, 2011, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

D. BRENT HARDT, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA.

DONALD W. KORAN, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA.

GEETA PASI, OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR,

TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF DJIBOUTI.

THE JUDICIARY

SHARON L. GLEASON, OF ALASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, VICE JOHN W. SEDWICK, RETIRED.

SUSAN OWENS HICKEY, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS, VICE HARRY F. BARNES, RETIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ALAN F. ESTEVEZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. (NEW POSITION)

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. TIMOTHY J. LEAHY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DAVID S. FADOK

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS/COMMANDING GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 3036:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. THOMAS P. BOSTICK

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be admiral

VICE ADM. WILLIAM H. MCRAVEN

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASSES STATED.

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PATRICIA M. AGUILO, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CHRISTINA PAULA ALMEIDA, OF RHODE ISLAND
MARIA C. ALVARADO, OF NEW MEXICO
RYAN DAVID BALLOW, OF ALASKA
JOELLE-ELIZABETH BEATRICE BASTIEN, OF MARYLAND
CANDACE L. BATES, OF ALABAMA
OSBORNE DAVIS BURKS III, OF TENNESSEE
G. WARREN CHANE, JR., OF ARIZONA
PIERCE MICHAEL DAVIS, OF FLORIDA
KIMBERLY A. DURAND-PROUD, OF MASSACHUSETTS
ALICE H. EASTER, OF NEW YORK
RAMON JAMES ESCOBAR, OF WISCONSIN
CANDACE LYNN FABER, OF WASHINGTON
ELLIOT C. FERTIK, OF VIRGINIA
MICHAEL RODNEY FRASER, OF NEW YORK
ANGELA SAGER GIRARD, OF TEXAS
RACHEL C. GRACIANO, OF WASHINGTON
BREANNA LENORE GREEN, OF MINNESOTA
ALAMANDA LAVERNE GRIBBIN, OF FLORIDA
RUBEN HARUTUNIAN, OF MARYLAND
EMILY JEANETTE HICKS, OF TEXAS
AJANI BARCLAY HUSBANDS, OF TEXAS
TIM HUSON, OF CALIFORNIA
STEVEN J. JACOB, OF VIRGINIA
ANTHONY M. JONES, OF VIRGINIA
KELLY CHRISTINE LANDRY, OF GEORGIA
DAVID ANTOINE LEWIS, OF NEW MEXICO
PHILLIP L. LOOSLI, OF CALIFORNIA
CHRISTEN CLAIRE MACHAK, OF OHIO
JONATHAN JAMES NELLIS, OF MARYLAND

JENNIFER LORAIN ORRICO, OF WISCONSIN
ANGELA J. PALAZZOLO, OF VIRGINIA
CLARENCE JASEN PETERSON, OF MICHIGAN
DOMINIC PETER RANDAZZO, OF TEXAS
JANE RHEE, OF TEXAS

RACHAEL SCHMITT, OF ILLINOIS
HEIDY SERVIN-BAEZ, OF OREGON
DIONANDREA FRANCINE SHORTS, OF COLORADO
HYUN BO SIM, OF TENNESSEE
SARAH ANNEMARIE SIMONS, OF CALIFORNIA
MICHELLE BERNADETTE TAYLOR, OF CALIFORNIA
JAMI JELENA THOMPSON, OF INDIANA
DALEYA S. UDDIN, OF TEXAS
ANNY HONG AN TRINH VU, OF CALIFORNIA

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BRIDGETTE CLARK, OF ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JONATHAN DANIEL ADAMS, OF NEW YORK
BRANDON BARON, OF FLORIDA
TANYA R. BROTHEN, OF VIRGINIA
ELIZABETH S. CHAN, OF CALIFORNIA
GEOFFREY CHANIN, OF PENNSYLVANIA
HOWARD H. CHYUNG, OF NEW YORK
D. BRENT CORBY, OF VIRGINIA
SANDRA PATRICIA CORTINA, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ROBERT J. CROTTY, OF VIRGINIA
EDWARD E. DAIZOVI, OF INDIANA
CHRISTOPHER J. DOSTAL, OF PENNSYLVANIA
BENJAMIN J. GIBSON, OF MICHIGAN
ARIEL MICHAEL GORE, OF ILLINOIS
TRAVIS J. HALL, OF COLORADO
KRISTIN KARIN HAWKINS, OF VIRGINIA
HEIDI HERSCHDE, OF WISCONSIN
JONATHAN P. HERZOG, OF OREGON
SHARLINA HUSSAIN, OF NEW YORK
MEGAN R. IHRIE, OF NORTH CAROLINA
RYAN SCOTT INGRASSIA, OF CALIFORNIA
ANDREW WINDSOR JENKINS, OF TEXAS
LISA SCHUYLER JEWELL, OF ILLINOIS
HEATHER LYNNE JOHNSTON, OF WASHINGTON
E. CAMERON JONES, OF MASSACHUSETTS
SALMAN KHAN, OF MISSOURI
SPENCER ADAM MAGUIRE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FLORENCE MADALYN MAHER, OF NEVADA
REBECCA E. MARQUEZ, OF MINNESOTA
JACQUELINE DENISE MOUROT, OF TEXAS
VINCENT M. MUT-TRACY, OF MASSACHUSETTS
MARK L. NEIGHBORS, OF VIRGINIA
DANIEL WESLEY NEWMAN, OF NEW YORK
JAMES P. NUSSBAUMER, OF OREGON
LAWRENCE DAVID PIXA, OF WASHINGTON
CHRISTINE ANANDA PRINCE, OF VIRGINIA
AJAY SHASHIKANT RAO, OF NEW MEXICO
CAROLYN JOY RATZLAFF, OF MICHIGAN
ABIGAIL ELIZABETH RICHEY-ALLEN, OF MINNESOTA
ANNA ELIZABETH RICHEY-ALLEN, OF MINNESOTA
INNA ROTENBERG, OF MARYLAND
SARAH SAPERSTEIN, OF VIRGINIA
MARK JOSEPH SCHLINK, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
SCOTT EVAN SCHLOSSBERG, OF CALIFORNIA
HILLEARY CARTER SMITH, OF MASSACHUSETTS
MATTHEW STEPHENSON, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
KATHERINE LINDSAY SUPPLICK, OF MINNESOTA
MARY G. SWARTZ, OF MARYLAND
SARAH J. TALALAY, OF FLORIDA
EDWARD CORNELIOUS THOMPSON, OF ILLINOIS
MAUREEN PATRICIA VAHEY, OF DELAWARE
HELEN HOUSTON VAN WAGONER, OF VIRGINIA
ANNA WANG, OF VIRGINIA
HERMENE Y. YEE, OF MASSACHUSETTS
MICHELLE ZJHRA, OF WASHINGTON

WITHDRAWAL

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on April 6, 2011 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

ALAN F. ESTEVEZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR LOGISTICS AND MATERIEL READINESS. (NEW POSITION), WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON MARCH 14, 2011.