

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi designated St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as the primary benefactor of its national fundraising efforts;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors Kappas on Capitol Hill, a 4-day conference in Washington, District of Columbia, that seeks to increase member awareness of the political process through workshops, seminars, and lectures, and that seeks to inform its members of the importance of the political process in bettering society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi emphasizes financial literacy in its community-based outreach by partnering with the National Association of Bankruptcy Trustees, the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council to implement 2 major programs, Credit Abuse Resistance Education and Greeks Learning to Avoid Debt;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi, through its Kappa League and National Guide Right programs, matches thousands of at-risk youths throughout the United States with role models and mentors that encourage the youths to positively contribute to and become leaders in their communities;

Whereas, since 1990, the Kappa Alpha Psi Kappa Scholarship Fund has provided scholarship grants to more than 10,000 high school graduates to assist in furthering their education and has encouraged its undergraduate and alumni chapters to support similar endeavors to broaden the ability of economically disadvantaged youth to aspire to obtain a college education;

Whereas the oldest formal program of Kappa Alpha Psi, the Holiday Food Drive, provides food, clothing, and toys to thousands of low income individuals in many metropolitan and rural communities throughout the United States;

Whereas the national theme of Kappa Alpha Psi, "One Kappa, Creating Inspiration: A Call to Service", has mobilized Kappa Alpha Psi members across the United States who are leaders in business, education, government, the humanities, arts and entertainment, science, and medicine to become better servant leaders for their families and communities, the United States, and the fraternity at large;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with the United Negro College Fund, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the National Urban League;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi supports the National Education Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors, the North-American Interfraternity Conference, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council; and

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity will hold its Centennial Celebration at its 80th Grand Chapter Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 5, 2011, through July 10, 2011: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on 100 years of serving local communities and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 222—RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION CENTER FOR ITS ROLE IN TELLING THE STORY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE CONTINUING IMPACT ON STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM, SELF-GOVERNMENT, AND THE RULE OF LAW THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND ENCOURAGING THE CENTER IN ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD A NEW MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Mr. CASEY submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 222

Whereas the American Revolution secured the independence of the United States of America, and made possible a vibrant system of self-government based on liberty and equality;

Whereas the history and ideas of the American Revolution have sustained the Nation through its moments of greatest peril and inspired many of the greatest achievements;

Whereas the American Revolution Center (in this resolution referred to as the "Center") is the steward of a nationally significant collection of artifacts, manuscripts, and artwork from the period of the American Revolution;

Whereas the Center is actively working to be a "connector" to other American Revolution organizations and sites through its website and with collaborative programming;

Whereas the Center has committed itself to the establishment of a new "Museum of the American Revolution" that is to be built in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, just steps from Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Carpenter's Hall, and Christ Church;

Whereas the Museum of the American Revolution will be built in one of our Nation's most historic neighborhoods, visited by many millions of people from around the world each year;

Whereas the Museum of the American Revolution will tell the entire story of the American Revolution, providing a context for heritage tourists as they travel to other Revolutionary-era sites in Philadelphia and throughout the United States; and

Whereas the Center and the proposed Museum of the American Revolution will provide future generations with both a physical and a virtual venue to learn the story of the American Revolution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the contribution of the American Revolution Center to the preservation of the story of the founding of the United States; and

(2) expresses support for the Center's efforts to establish an appropriate museum to tell such story to future generations.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 521. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BURR, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent.

SA 522. Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN to the resolution S. Res. 116, supra.

SA 523. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 116, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 521. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. BURR, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. AYOTTE, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the resolution S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent; as follows:

At the end of the resolution, insert the following:

SEC. —. PREVENTING DUPLICATIVE AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS RESOLUTION.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Preventing Duplicative and Overlapping Government Programs Resolution".

(b) REPORTED LEGISLATION.—Paragraph 11 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (c), by striking "and (b)" and inserting "(b), and (c)";

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (c) and subparagraph (d); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following:

"(c) The report accompanying each bill or joint resolution of a public character reported by any committee (including the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget) shall contain—

"(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution creates any new Federal program, office, or initiative that would duplicate or overlap any existing Federal program, office, or initiative with similar mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Federal program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives; and

"(2) an explanation provided by the committee as to why the creation of each new program, office, or initiative is necessary if a similar program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives already exist."

(c) SENATE.—Rule XVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

"6. (a) It shall not be in order in the Senate to proceed to any bill or joint resolution unless the committee of jurisdiction has prepared and posted on the committee website an overlapping and duplicative programs analysis and explanation for the bill or joint resolution as described in subparagraph (b) prior to proceeding.

"(b) The analysis and explanation required by this subparagraph shall contain—

"(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution creates any new Federal program, office, or initiative that would duplicate or overlap any existing Federal program, office, or initiative with similar mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Federal program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives; and

"(2) an explanation provided by the committee as to why the creation of each new program, office, or initiative is necessary if a similar program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives already exist."

“(c) This paragraph may be waived by joint agreement of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate upon their certification that such waiver is necessary as a result of a significant disruption to Senate facilities or to the availability of the Internet or a bill or joint resolution is designated as ‘emergency.’”.

SA 522. Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. UDALL of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. HARKIN)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. HARKIN to the resolution S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent; as follows:

At the end of the resolution, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ESTABLISHING MAJORITY VOTE THRESHOLD FOR PROCEEDING TO NOMINATIONS.

The second undesignated paragraph of paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended to read as follows:

“Is it the sense of the Senate that the debate shall be brought to a close?” And if that question shall be decided in the affirmative by three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn -- except on a measure or motion to amend the Senate rules, in which case the necessary affirmative vote shall be two-thirds of the Senators present and voting -- then said measure, motion, or other matter pending before the Senate, or the unfinished business, shall be the unfinished business to the exclusion of all other business until disposed of. On a nomination to an Executive Branch position requiring the advice and consent of the Senate, the necessary affirmative vote shall be a majority of the Senators duly chosen and sworn.”.

SA 523. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent; as follows:

On page 5, line 2, strike “15 to 21” and insert “6”.

On page 6, after line 24, insert the following:

(31) Chief Financial Officer, from the following:

- (A) Department of Agriculture.
 - (B) Department of Commerce.
 - (C) Department of Defense.
 - (D) Department of Education.
 - (E) Department of Energy.
 - (F) Department of Environmental Protection Agency.
 - (G) Department of Health and Human Services.
 - (H) Department of Homeland Security.
 - (I) Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - (J) Department of the Interior.
 - (K) Department of Labor.
 - (L) National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
 - (M) Department of State.
 - (N) Department of Transportation.
 - (O) Department of the Treasury.
 - (P) Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (32) Assistant Secretary for Financial Management of the Air Force.
- (33) Assistant Secretary for Financial Management of the Army.
- (34) Assistant Secretary for Financial Management of Navy.
- (35) Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

(36) Assistant Secretaries or other officials whose primary responsibility is legislative affairs from the following:

- (A) Department of Agriculture.
 - (B) Department of Energy.
 - (C) Department of Defense.
 - (D) Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - (E) Department of Commerce.
 - (F) Department of Treasury.
 - (G) Department of State.
 - (H) Department of Health and Human Services.
 - (I) United States Agency for International Development.
 - (J) Department of Education.
 - (K) Department of Labor.
 - (L) Department of Justice.
 - (M) Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - (N) Department of Transportation.
- (37) Commissioner, Rehabilitative Services Administration, Department of Education.
- (38) Commissioner, Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.
- (39) Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, Department of Health and Human Services.
- (40) Federal Coordinator, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects.
- (41) Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Commerce.

On page 7, strike line 5 and insert the following:

SEC. 4. COMMITTEE JUSTIFICATION FOR NEW EXECUTIVE POSITIONS.

The report accompanying each bill or joint resolution of a public character reported by any committee shall contain an evaluation and justification made by such committee for the establishment in the measure being reported of any new position appointed by the President within an existing or new Federal entity.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT

I, Senator TOM COBURN, intend to object to proceeding to S. 618, a bill to promote the strengthening of the private sector in Egypt and Tunisia, dated June 29, 2011.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. 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 June 29, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Barriers to Justice and Accountability: How the Supreme Court’s Recent Rulings Will Affect Corporate Behavior.”

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, in the President’s Room at 11 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs’ Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Promoting Broader Access to Public Transportation for America’s Older Adults and People with Disabilities.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs’ Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Emergence of Swap Execution Facilities: A Progress Report.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate