

“(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

on June 29, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Diplomat's Shield: Diplomatic Security and Its Implications for U.S. Diplomacy."

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

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kate Waters, Andrew Brau, and Jayme Wiebold of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's proceedings.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Derek Skinner from Senator BINGAMAN's office be given the privileges of the floor during the pendency of S. 679, the Presidential Appointment Efficiency and Streamlining Act.

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

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sean Mills be given the privilege of the floor through the rest of the day.

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

#### OPENING OF THE TOM LANTOS INSTITUTE IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 220.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 220) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the June 30, 2011, opening of the Tom Lantos Institute in Budapest, Hungary.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my name be added as a cosponsor of this important resolution.

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

Mr. REID. I served with Tom Lantos in the House of Representatives. He was one of the finest orators I have ever heard. He was an academic. He had a Ph.D. in economics. He was a wonderful Member of Congress. He was a survivor of the Holocaust, as was his wife. He was a courageous man. He was captured by the Nazis as a teenager on multiple occasions. He escaped, was brought back. His blond hair kind of gave him away. But he was just a wonderful human being, and I still miss him a great deal.

I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 220) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 220

Whereas the late Congressman Tom Lantos was a champion of human and minority rights in Europe and around the world;

Whereas Congressman Lantos, the only Holocaust survivor to be elected to the United States Congress, was a leading voice on human rights and founding co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus, now known as the Tom Lantos Human Rights Caucus;

Whereas Congressman Lantos always remained a proud Hungarian-American and an active promoter of strong cooperation between the country of his birth and the United States;

Whereas Congressman Lantos was a tireless advocate for tolerance and moderation, virtues embodied in the stated mission of the Tom Lantos Institute in Budapest;

Whereas the Tom Lantos Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan, and independent organization supported by the Government of Hungary and dedicated to the goal of promoting human and minority rights in Central and Eastern Europe;

Whereas educational programs on human and minority rights will lay the foundation for a more sustainable and inclusive peace; and

Whereas a strong transatlantic partnership is in the mutual interests of the United States and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate—

(1) to recognize and applaud the opening of the Tom Lantos Institute;

(2) to acknowledge the Government of Hungary for honoring the legacy of Congressman Lantos through its contributions to the Institute;

(3) to express support for the principles of the Institute, including democracy, pluralism, and human and minority rights;

(4) to express support for the education of present and future generations in Central and Eastern Europe, which will contribute to regional cooperation, historical reconciliation, and tolerance throughout the Euro-Atlantic region; and

(5) to encourage the people and the governments of the United States and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe to continue to deepen and broaden their relations.

#### CONGRATULATING KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 221.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 221) congratulating Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., on reaching the historic milestone of 100 years of serving local and international communities, maintaining a commitment to the betterment of mankind, and enriching the lives of collegiate men throughout the United States.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be

agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 221) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 221

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., was founded on January 5, 1911, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, by Elder Watson Diggs, John Milton Lee, Byron K. Armstrong, Guy Levis Grant, Ezra D. Alexander, Henry T. Asher, Marcus P. Blakemore, Paul W. Caine, Edward G. Irvin, and George W. Edmonds;

Whereas the founders of Kappa Alpha Psi were God-fearing, high-achieving, serious-minded young men who possessed the imagination, ambition, courage, and determination to defy custom and cultural challenges in pursuit of college educations and careers during a period in United States history in which such opportunities were not broadly available to African-Americans;

Whereas since its founding Kappa Alpha Psi has stressed high ideals and the importance of achievement in every field of human endeavor by instilling in African-American youth the noble aspiration of serving others and by training its members to positively influence their communities and society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi membership has grown to include more than 150,000 college-educated men, with undergraduate chapters located on more than 360 college and university campuses and with alumni chapters located in more than 340 cities in the United States and in 5 foreign countries;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi hosts a biennial Undergraduate Leadership Institute, a comprehensive training- and skills-enhancement program for the top student leaders of Kappa Alpha Psi, to inspire them to become positive role models and to serve the good of society;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with Habitat for Humanity and assists in building homes for local families in conjunction with each of its biennial national conventions;

Whereas Kappa Alpha Psi partners with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, based in Memphis, Tennessee, and, with the help of local communities and churches, has raised more than \$1,000,000 for the continuation of the mission of that hospital;

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;