

(2) Over the past 10 years, the median family income has declined by more than \$2,500.

(3) Twenty percent of all income earned in the United States is earned by the top 1 percent of individuals.

(4) Over the past quarter century, four-fifths of the income gains accrued to the top 1 percent of individuals.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that any agreement to reduce the budget deficit should require that those earning \$1,000,000 or more per year make a more meaningful contribution to the deficit reduction effort.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 223—DESIGNATING JULY 1, 2011, AS “NATIONAL CARETAKERS DAY”

Ms. LANDRIEU submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 223

Whereas caretakers provide necessary support to a variety of individuals, including children, the elderly, and the mentally or physically disabled;

Whereas an estimated 80 percent of caretakers who work with adults provide assistance to those adults every day of the week;

Whereas childcare providers offer a safe environment for the development of children that might not otherwise be available;

Whereas individuals who received dependable childcare as children are more likely to have greater success in school, lower rates of juvenile crime, and a reduced risk of teen pregnancy; and

Whereas childcare providers enable the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth of children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 1, 2011, as “National Caretakers Day”; and

(2) recognizes the contributions of caretakers to their communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 224—CONGRATULATING THE SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 224

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America was founded on November 18, 1936;

Whereas Richard Bradfield served as the first President of the Soil Science Society of America;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America was established during the dust bowl era, a time of extreme soil degradation;

Whereas since the dust bowl era, the Soil Science Society of America has continued to provide an understanding of the sustainable use of soil and the role soil plays in society;

Whereas soil is an essential natural resource, and soil professionals serve a critical role in managing that resource;

Whereas the core purpose of the Soil Science Society of America is to advance soils as fundamental to life;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America is 1 of the premier scientific societies and is comprised of more than 6,000 members in the United States and internationally, in-

cluding scientists, practicing professionals, and students;

Whereas soil is a dynamic system that performs many functions and services vital to human activities and ecosystems;

Whereas soil, plant, animal, and human health are intricately linked, and the sustainable use of soil affects climate, water, and air quality, human health, biodiversity, food safety and security, and bioenergy;

Whereas soil faces increasing human-linked threats from contamination, unplanned urban development, desertification, salinization, mismanagement, and erosion;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America provides the knowledge and tools to ensure sustainable use of soils in support of societal needs, including food and energy security and ecosystem services;

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America promotes the awareness and education of soils to elementary and secondary students, undergraduate and graduate students, practicing professionals, and the public; and

Whereas the Soil Science Society of America promotes effective research, disseminating scientific information, facilitating technology transfer, fostering high standards of education, maintaining high standards of ethics, promoting advancements in the soils profession, and cooperating with other organizations with similar objectives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Soil Science Society of America on its 75th anniversary;

(2) commends the Soil Science Society of America for its dedicated service to advance the science and management of soil; and

(3) supports the promise of the Soil Science Society of America to continue to enrich the lives of all people of the United States by improving stewardship of the environment, combating world hunger, and enhancing the quality of life for the future.

SENATE RESOLUTION 225—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BASEBALL TEAM FOR ITS GRITTY AND RECORD-BREAKING PURSUIT OF BACK-TO-BACK NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. DEMINT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 225

Whereas, on June 28, 2011, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks won the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association College World Series with a 5-2 victory over the University of Florida Gators at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska;

Whereas the University of South Carolina baseball team has secured the University's second national championship in men's athletics since the founding of the University in 1801;

Whereas the University of South Carolina baseball team became just the sixth team in college baseball history to win back-to-back national championships;

Whereas the University of South Carolina baseball team won a record 11 consecutive games at the College World Series;

Whereas the University of South Carolina baseball team won a record 16 consecutive games at the National Collegiate Athletic Association baseball tournament;

Whereas the University of South Carolina baseball team, in its 10th appearance at the

College World Series, became the first team to go 10-0 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament;

Whereas head coach Ray Tanner won his second national title as Head Coach in his 15th season at the University of South Carolina;

Whereas second baseman Scott Wingo was named Most Outstanding Player of the 2011 College World Series;

Whereas first baseman Christian Walker, catcher Robert Berry, second baseman Scott Wingo, shortstop Peter Mooney, pitchers Michael Roth and Matt Price, and designated hitter Brady Thomas were named to the 2011 College World Series All-Tournament Team;

Whereas the State of South Carolina was proud to send the University of South Carolina baseball team to the College World Series for the second consecutive season; and

Whereas the University of South Carolina baseball team is the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Baseball Champion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of South Carolina Gamecocks for winning the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association College World Series;

(2) recognizes the achievement and dedication of all players, coaches, and support staff who battled and made winning 2 consecutive national championships possible;

(3) congratulates the people of South Carolina, the University of South Carolina, and Carolina Gamecocks fans everywhere; and

(4) requests that the Secretary of the Senate submit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Dr. Harris Pastides, President of the University of South Carolina;

(B) Eric Hyman, Director of Athletics at the University of South Carolina; and

(C) Ray Tanner, Head Coach of the University of South Carolina baseball team.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1160, the Department of Energy Administrative Improvement Act of 2011; S. 1108, the 10 Million Solar Roofs Act of 2011; and S. 1142, the Geothermal Exploration and Technology Act of 2011.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to AbigailCampbell@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Jonathan Epstein or Abby Campbell.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee

on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, July 14, 2011, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing entitled “Native Women: Protecting, Shielding, and Safeguarding Our Sisters, Mothers, and Daughters.”

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. 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 30, 2011, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “FDIC: Deposit Insurance, Consumer Protection, and Financial Stability.”

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2011, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1262, the Native Culture, Language, and Access for Success in Schools Act—Native CLASS.

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

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the senate on June 30, 2011, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, “Afghanistan Reconstruction Contracts: Lessons Learned and Ongoing Problems.”

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Court, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 30, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 406 to conduct a hearing entitled, “Oversight: Review of EPA Regulations Replacing the Clean Air Interstate rule (CAIR) and the Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR).”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2011, at 10 a.m. to conduct hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives on Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE PEACE CORPS, AND GLOBAL NARCOTICS AFFAIRS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2011, at 10 a.m., to hold a Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Global Narcotics Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, “The State of Democracy in the Americas.”

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be extended to Britta Lakting and Lucy Kissel.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and consider the following nominations: 102, 120, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 195, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 227, 228, 229, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, and nominations placed on the Secretary’s desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of

the nominations, any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Jenni Rane LeCompte, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes.

Timothy G. Massad, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Subject to qualifications provided by law, the following named officer for temporary appointment to the grade indicated in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Michael S. Devany

IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 271:

To be rear admiral upper half

Rear Adm. (lh) Vincent B. Atkins

Rear Adm. (lh) Robert E. Day, Jr.

Rear Adm. (lh) John H. Korn

Rear Adm. (lh) William D. Lee

Rear Adm. (lh) Stephen E. Mehling

Rear Adm. (lh) Charles D. Michel

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael N. Parks

Rear Adm. (lh) Sandra E. Stosz

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Felicia C. Adams, of Mississippi, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years.

Ronald W. Sharpe, of the Virgin Islands, to be United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands for the term of four years.

George Lamar Beck, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama for the term of four years.

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Richard C. Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2015.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2016.

Wilma Antoinette Lewis, of the District of Columbia, to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands for a term of ten years.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Thomas Gray Walker, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

Charles F. Salina, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

Robert William Mathieson, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Juan Mattos Jr., of New Jersey, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Jersey for the term of four years.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Major General Marilyn A. Quagliotti, USAF (Ret.), of Virginia, to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.