

the private workforce, increasingly rely on the Internet to manage their businesses, expand their customer reach, and enhance the management of their supply chain;

Whereas many schools in the United States have Internet access to enhance the education of children by providing access to educational online content and encouraging self-initiative to discover research resources;

Whereas cybersecurity is a critical part of the United States national and economic security;

Whereas the United States critical infrastructure and economy rely on the secure and reliable operation of information networks to support the United States military, civilian government, energy, telecommunications, financial services, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems;

Whereas Internet users and information infrastructure owners and operators face an increasing threat of cybercrime and fraud through viruses, worms, Trojans, and malicious programs, such as spyware, adware, hacking tools, and password stealers, that are frequent and fast in propagation, are costly to repair, and may disable entire systems;

Whereas the intellectual property, including proprietary information, copyrights, patents, trademarks, and related information, of businesses, academic institutions, government, and individuals are vital to the economic security of the United States;

Whereas millions of records containing personally identifiable information have been lost, stolen, or breached, threatening the security and financial well-being of the people of the United States;

Whereas consumers face significant financial and personal privacy losses due to personally identifiable information being more exposed to theft and fraud than ever before;

Whereas national organizations, policy-makers, governmental agencies, private-sector companies, nonprofit institutions, schools, academic organizations, consumers, and the media recognize the need to increase awareness of cybersecurity and the need for enhanced cybersecurity in the United States;

Whereas coordination between the numerous Federal agencies involved in cybersecurity efforts is essential to securing the cyber infrastructure of the United States;

Whereas in February 2003 the White House issued National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, which recommends a comprehensive national awareness program to empower all people in the United States, including businesses, the general workforce, and the general population, to secure their own portions of cyberspace;

Whereas in May 2009 the White House issued Cyberspace Policy Review, which recommends that the Federal Government initiate a national public awareness and education campaign to promote cybersecurity;

Whereas "STOP. THINK. CONNECT." is the national cybersecurity awareness campaign founded and led by the National Cyber Security Alliance, the Anti-Phishing Working Group as a public-private partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, and a coalition of private companies, nonprofits, and governmental organizations to help all digital people of the United States stay safer and more secure online;

Whereas the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education, led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, is the coordinating body for the Federal Government to establish a sustainable, operational, and continually improving cybersecurity education program to enhance the United States cybersecurity and support the development of a professional cybersecurity workforce and cyber-capable people;

Whereas according to U.S. Cyber Challenge, the initiative is working to identify "10,000 of America's best and brightest to fill the ranks of cybersecurity professionals where their skills can be of the greatest value to the nation";

Whereas the Cyber Innovation Center has established cyber camps and other educational programs to bolster knowledge of science, technology, math, and engineering to build a sustainable knowledge-based workforce capable of addressing cyber threats and the future needs of government, industry, and academia; and

Whereas the National Cyber Security Alliance, the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center, the Department of Homeland Security, and other organizations working to improve cybersecurity in the United States have designated October 2011 as the eighth annual National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, which serves to educate the people of the United States about the importance of cybersecurity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month;

(2) continues to work with Federal agencies, businesses, educational institutions, and other organizations to enhance the state of cybersecurity in the United States;

(3) commends the work of National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education and all the Federal agencies, nonprofits, educational institutions, businesses, and other organizations that support this effort;

(4) recognizes "STOP. THINK. CONNECT." as the national cybersecurity awareness campaign to educate the people of the United States and help all people of the United States stay safer and more secure online; and

(5) congratulates the National Cyber Security Alliance, the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center, the Department of Homeland Security, and other organizations working to improve cybersecurity in the United States on the eighth anniversary of National Cyber Security Awareness Month during October 2011.

S. RES. 307

(Honoring the men and women of the John C. Stennis Space Center on reaching the historic milestone of 50 years of rocket engine testing)

Whereas, 50 years ago this month, on October 25, 1961, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (referred to in this preamble as "NASA") publicly announced plans to establish a testing facility in Hancock County, Mississippi, for the purpose of flight-certifying all first and second stages of the Saturn V rocket for the Apollo lunar landing program that would take humans to the Moon;

Whereas the testing facility was renamed the John C. Stennis Space Center (referred to in this preamble as the "Stennis Space Center") in 1988 in honor of United States Senator John C. Stennis of Mississippi;

Whereas the Stennis Space Center conducted 45 engine tests for the Apollo program;

Whereas the Stennis Space Center is now home to the largest rocket engine test complex in the United States and serves as the premier rocket-propulsion testing facility in the United States, providing propulsion test services for NASA, the Department of Defense, and commercial providers;

Whereas NASA has celebrated the end of a successful Space Shuttle program, having conducted more than 2,000 total space shuttle main engine tests and certified 54 flight engines at the Stennis Space Center;

Whereas, as NASA enters a new era in space exploration, the Stennis Space Center will continue to play a vital role in the United States space program and commercial space efforts;

Whereas the Stennis Space Center has grown into a unique Federal city that includes more than 30 Federal, State, academic, and private organizations, and numerous technology-based companies;

Whereas the companies and agencies at the Stennis Space Center share the cost of operating and maintaining the facility, making the accomplishment of missions by each entity more cost-effective;

Whereas the Stennis Space Center is home to—

(1) the United States Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, which includes the largest concentration of oceanographers in the world;

(2) the most powerful supercomputer of the United States Navy; and

(3) the National Center for Critical Information Processing and Storage, which is facilitating the data center consolidation efforts by the Department of Homeland Security;

Whereas the Stennis Space Center played a critical role during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill by providing unique resources and expertise on the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem to predict the spread and impact of the spill;

Whereas the Stennis Space Center is an economic engine for Mississippi and Louisiana, generating—

(1) approximately 5,400 jobs;

(2) a direct global economic impact of \$875,000,000; and

(3) a direct economic impact of \$616,000,000 within a 50-mile radius; and

Whereas the Stennis Space Center is committed to continuing in the role of inspiring the next generation of United States scientists, engineers, and professionals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on reaching the historic milestone of the 50th anniversary of the John C. Stennis Space Center; and

(2) honors the men and women who worked tirelessly to design, build, and test the rocket engines used in the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs in order to promote science, engineering, innovation, and exploration to the benefit of the United States and all humankind.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—NOMINATION OF STEPHEN A. HIGGINSON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, October 31, 2011, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 249; that there be 1 hour of debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on Calendar No. 249; the motion to

reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; and that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 129, 130, 248, 289, 341, 342, 367, 417, 418, 419, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 442, 443, 444, and all nominations at the Secretary's desk in the Foreign Service, and NOAA; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions 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; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

James A. Torrey, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2013.

Matthew Maxwell Taylor Kennedy, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2012.

Roberto R. Herencia, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2012.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring June 19, 2016.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Luis A. Aguilar, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2015.

Daniel M. Gallagher, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador.

Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

UNITED STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Anne Terman Wedner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 2013.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Katherine M. Gehl, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2013.

Terry Lewis, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2011.

Terry Lewis, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2014.

UNITED NATIONS

Russ Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Steven R. Frank, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

Martin J. Pane, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

David Blake Webb, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for the term of four years.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN922 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (2) beginning Nicholas E. Gutierrez, and ending John L. Shaw, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2011.

PN923 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (102) beginning Erik M. Anderson, and ending Larry G. Padget, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 8, 2011.

PN970 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (6) beginning Robert Donovan, Jr., and ending Brenda Vanhorn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 15, 2011.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN744 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (28) beginning Richard R. Wingrove, and ending Linh K. Nguyen, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 30, 2011.

Mr. REID. Madam President, we rushed through these as if they didn't mean anything, but for each one of these people, it means a new life for them. These are very accomplished people, and I am only going to talk about one tonight—Mark P. Wetjen to be Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

This young man came to me working for a major law firm—the largest law firm in Nevada. I got a call from my son, who said: This person I work with wants to come to work in Washington, so he came and worked in Washington. He has been an invaluable employee of mine and the State of Nevada and the Senate. He is a person the entire Senate looks to for advice and counseling on banking, housing issues, and other matters.

He has been a wonderful employee. I really hate to lose him, but his talent is one people recognize, both Democrats and Republicans, and I am very proud of him. Even though I will miss him, I know he will be very good as Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission—one of the most important commissions in the entire world. So I wish him the very best.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate resumes legislative session.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011, THROUGH MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2011

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 3:45 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted; and that following the pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until 11 a.m., on Thursday, October 27, 2011, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted; and that following the pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until 3 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2011; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in morning business until 4:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak up to 10 minutes each; and that, at 4:30 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session, under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. The next rollcall vote will be at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, October 31, 2011, on the nomination of Stephen Higginson to be U.S. District Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011, at 3:45 P.M.

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:26 a.m., adjourned until Monday, October 24, 2011, at 3:45 p.m.