

colitis patients and work to advance basic, genetic, and clinical research aimed at developing new treatments and a cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

COPD AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 322.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 322) designating November 2011 as "COPD Awareness Month."

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. 322) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 322

Whereas chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (referred to in this preamble as "COPD"), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the third leading cause of death in the United States and is the only 1 of the top 5 causes of death with a rising prevalence and death rate;

Whereas COPD is a chronic and progressive disease that affects over 24,000,000 people in the United States, ½ of whom have not been properly diagnosed;

Whereas COPD claims the lives of more than 120,000 people of the United States each year, with a person dying every 4 minutes from COPD;

Whereas COPD is considered to be the second leading cause of disability in the United States;

Whereas in 2011 COPD cost the United States approximately \$49,900,000,000 per year;

Whereas the major risk factor for COPD is smoking and other risk factors include exposure to air pollution, industrial irritants, and burned biomass fuels;

Whereas COPD can also result from genetic conditions, such as alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency;

Whereas many patients suffering with COPD are not diagnosed until they have reached an advanced stage of COPD;

Whereas a diagnostic test for COPD, known as spirometry, is available for office use, allowing early diagnosis of COPD;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of Veterans Affairs play a critical role in advancing the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and ultimately a cure for COPD;

Whereas primary care physicians are in a key position to provide optimal care to patients with COPD and need to be trained to diagnose and treat the disease;

Whereas individuals with COPD who are able to receive education from allied health professionals, such as respiratory therapists, have better health outcomes;

Whereas appropriately treating COPD with medication and health management can reduce hospital readmissions and costly exacerbations; and

Whereas increased public awareness, screening, early detection, and treatment of

COPD are crucial in the prevention or slowing the progression of lung disease and can lead to reduced costs and better quality of life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 2011 as "COPD Awareness Month";

(2) encourages all people of the United States to become more informed about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (referred to in this resolution as "COPD") and get screened if they are at risk; and

(3) encourages further partnership between the Federal government and private entities to enhance patient education about COPD.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 112-4

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on November 14, 2011, by the President of the United States: Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing, Treaty Document No. 112-4. I further ask consent that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing, done at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in Rome, Italy, on November 22, 2009 (the "Agreement"). I also transmit, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Agreement.

The Agreement established, for the first time at the global level, legally binding minimum standards for port states to control port access by foreign fishing vessels, as well as by foreign transport and supply ships that support fishing vessels. The Agreement also encourages Parties to apply similar measures to their own vessels. Involved Federal agencies and stakeholders strongly support the Agreement. The Agreement establishes practical provisions to prevent fish from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fisheries from entering the stream of commerce. If widely ratified and properly implemented, the Agreement will thereby serve as a valuable tool in combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing worldwide.

The legislation necessary to implement the Agreement will be submitted separately to the Congress. I recommend that the Senate give early and

favorable consideration to this Agreement and give its advice and consent to ratification.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 14, 2011.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, November 15, 2011; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings 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 a period of morning business until 11 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session, as provided for under the previous order; that following the votes in executive session, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; and at 2:15 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2354.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, Senators, then, should expect two rollcall votes at noon tomorrow. Those votes will be on the confirmation of Sharon Gleason to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Alaska and Yvonne Rogers to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Northern California.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:58 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Monday, November 14, 2011:

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF WALTER L. OUZTS, JR., TO BE LIEUTENANT.

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF KATHLEEN A. DUIGNAN, TO BE COMMANDER.

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF GREGORY L. PARSONS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL B. BEE AND ENDING WITH JAMES W. WHITLEY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 11, 2011.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PAUL ALBERTSON AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL L. WOOLARD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 11, 2011.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RICARDO M. ALONSO AND ENDING WITH TORRENCE B. WILSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 11, 2011.

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF KENNETH W. MEGAN, TO BE CAPTAIN.
COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF JENNIFER A. KETCHUM, TO BE COMMANDER.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALONZO D. ALDAY AND ENDING WITH PETER J. ZAUNER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON OCTOBER 31, 2011.