

protection of, units or factions of the army, police, and state-armed militias. According to human rights monitors, no one has been arrested by Algerian authorities in connection with a series of bloody attacks that occurred in August and September leaving hundreds of civilians dead. Algerian authorities have made no effort to explain why army and police garrisons located nearby failed to intervene. Since then, the frequency and brutality of the attacks have only increased—over 1,000 Algerian civilians have reportedly been killed in the last month alone.

Little progress was made during a January 20, 1998 diplomatic mission led by British Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Derek Fatchett. Algerian President Liamine Zeroual has reportedly denounced international expressions of concern about possible official complicity in the killings. In addition, the ability of human rights organizations and the media to look into allegations of abuses has been increasingly limited by the Algerian Government and details about armed attacks are often censored.

We believe it is essential that the administration take an active and visible role in ensuring that an international investigation occurs in an expedient and effective manner with the necessary political and logistical support. We urge the administration to sponsor a resolution calling for such an inquiry to ascertain the facts and make recommendations at the March 1998 meeting of the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva. We further urge that the administration send a clear message of support for this initiative in public as well as in diplomatic contacts with Algeria and other governments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Leahy, Senator; Sam Brownback, Senator; Paul D. Wellstone, Senator; Nancy Pelosi, Representative; Robert Torricelli, Senator; Edward Kennedy, Senator; Frank R. Lautenberg, Senator; Tom Lantos, Representative; Chris Smith, Representative; Robert Wexler, Representative; James M. Jeffords, Senator; Dianne Feinstein, Senator; Dick Durbin, Senator; Russell Feingold, Senator; Tom Harkin, Senator.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CLAYTON MOORE

● Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my favorite heroes, Clayton Moore, better known to most as the Lone Ranger. Clayton Moore, the world's most popular masked man, has inspired and entertained millions of Americans during the span of his career.

Before assuming the role of the Lone Ranger, Clayton began his performing career as a trapeze artist. Unsatisfied with this career choice he moved to Los Angeles to fulfill his dream of becoming a cowboy actor. This year marks the 65th anniversary of the first time the Lone Ranger rode into our homes over our airwaves. "The Lone Ranger" was created for radio in 1933, and in 1949 Clayton was chosen to be the first Lone Ranger for the new television series which began airing that year. He continued to be the man behind the mask through 1952 and then again in 1954, until the series ended in 1957. Over the years, Clayton has appeared in over 45 films and 10 major se-

rials. He also starred in two feature films, "The Lone Ranger" and "The Lone Ranger and the Lost City of Gold," and is the author of "I Was That Masked Man," his autobiography which was published in 1996.

The 169 television episodes showed faithful fans that characters and plots in the world of the Lone Ranger were simple—good guys vs. bad guys. We all eagerly watched as he exclaimed the four simple words of "Hi Yo Silver, Away," and role off into the sunset with Tonto, his faithful Indian companion. In every thought, word and deed, the Lone Ranger provided a practical guide to living in a difficult and challenging world. He embodied a code that has served as a standard of moral development—combining honesty, fairness, caring, respect, loyalty, tolerance, duty, and moral courage.

Born on September 14, 1914, in Chicago, IL, Clayton has lived a fine and exciting life, filled with adventure, glamour, danger and hard work. He was an athlete, a trapeze artist with the Flying Behrs Trapeze Act at the 1934 Chicago Worlds Fair, a model while living in Chicago and New York, and a soldier in the Air Force during World War II.

In whatever venture he has pursued, Clayton has served as a wonderful and positive example to us all. He has entertained us throughout his acting career, has exemplified courage and patriotism as he fought for this Nation during World War II, and has been a wonderful husband to his wife, Clarita, and father to his daughter, Dawn. It is with great admiration and respect that I congratulate and applaud this fellow veteran, Clayton Moore, on an outstanding career and prosperous life. I thank Clayton for teaching us that the good guys do win.●

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST— S. 1575

Mr. COVERDELL. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 301, S. 1575, the Ronald Reagan Airport legislation.

Mr. FORD. On behalf of several Senators on my side, I must object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. FORD. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call.

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

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

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, we have decided not to proceed with the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the bill in anticipation of the two leaders meeting in the morning to discuss its disposition. From our point, hopefully, given the timeframe

of the 87th birthday, there will be some attempt to resolve this tomorrow.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1998

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3rd; that immediately following the prayer the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate then proceed to 2 hours of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 11:30 a.m. with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each with the following exceptions: Senator DORGAN, or his designee, to control the first hour, and Senator COVERDELL, or his designee, to control the second hour.

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

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, as in executive session I ask unanimous consent that at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 3rd, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 487, Carlos Moreno, and No. 489, Christine Miller. I further ask unanimous consent that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided between the chairman and the ranking member of the committee. I ask unanimous consent that following the debate the Senate proceed to an immediate vote on the confirmation of Calendar No. 487 to be followed by a vote on the confirmation of Calendar No. 489. I finally ask unanimous consent that following those votes the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, at 11:30 a.m. under previous consent the Senate will proceed to executive session for 30 minutes to consider two judicial nominations, those being Carlos Moreno to be a district judge, and Christine Miller to be a judge at the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Two back-to-back votes will occur on the confirmation of the two judges at approximately 12 noon on Tuesday, February 3rd. Therefore, the first votes tomorrow will occur at 12 noon.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess immediately following those two votes until 2:15 on Tuesday in order for the weekly party conferences to meet.

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

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, all Senators can now expect two consecutive rollcall votes beginning at approximately noon on Tuesday.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.

Mr. FORD addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

RENAMING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT THE "RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT"

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I understand the statement of my colleague from Georgia as it relates to the pending legislation regarding the renaming of Washington National Airport. I expect our two leaders then to discuss that in the morning and, I suspect, as it would be in the case of the Senator from Georgia, that it would be after the policy committee meetings tomorrow and our discussions there before any final resolution from either side could be made.

So under those circumstances, we will have the votes at noon tomorrow, and the recess until 2:15. At about that time we will kind of know where we are going.

I thank the Chair, and yield the floor.

Mr. COVERDELL addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. COVERDELL. I thank the Senator from Kentucky and concur with his remarks.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:54 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 3, 1998 at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate February 2, 1998:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GUS A. OWEN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2002. (REAPPOINTMENT)

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASSES INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

DOLORES F. HARROD, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE FOR PROMOTION INTO THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, AS INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF COUNSELOR:

RICHARD LENAHAN, OF OREGON

ERIC K. SLETTEN, OF TEXAS

STEPHAN WASYLKO, OF NEW YORK

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR PROMOTION IN THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE CLASS INDICATED:

CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR:

LYLE J. SEBRANEK, OF VIRGINIA