

to create stability in the global community: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate urgently requests—

(1) the people of the United States to observe Global Family Day and One Day of Peace and Sharing on January 1, 2010, with appropriate activities stressing the need—

(A) to eradicate violence, hunger, poverty, and suffering; and

(B) to establish greater trust and fellowship among peace-loving countries and families everywhere; and

(2) American businesses, labor organizations, and faith and civic leaders to join in promoting appropriate activities for Americans and in extending appropriate greetings from the families of the United States to families in the rest of the world.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3298. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3590, entitled *The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 3298.** Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3590, entitled *The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*, as follows:

Amend the title so as to read “An act entitled *The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*”.

#### ORDER FOR NOMINATIONS RECEIVED

Mr. CARDIN. As in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that all the nominations received by the Senate during the 111th Congress, first session, remain in status quo, notwithstanding the December 24, 2009, adjournment of the Senate, and that the provisions of rule XXXI, paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with the following exceptions: PN1119, COL David Teeples; Calendar No. 32, Dawn Johnsen; Calendar No. 205, Mary Smith; Calendar No. 312, Christopher Schroeder; Calendar No. 488, Edward Chen; Nos. 491 and 492, Craig Becker, and Calendar No. 579, Louis Butler.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. PRYOR). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider en bloc Executive Calendar Nos. 264, 280, 303, 315, 429, 478, 489, 490, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 611, 612, 613, 621, 624, 626, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639 and all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and NOAA; the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order; that any statements relating to the nomina-

tions be printed in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KIRK). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Paul T. Anastas, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Miriam E. Sapiro, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Thomas Alfred Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Andorra.

#### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

John R. Norris, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2012, vice Joseph Timothy Kelliher.

#### THE JUDICIARY

Dolly M. Gee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Richard Seeborg, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Sharon Jeanette Lubinski, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years.

Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Sanford C. Coats, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Stephen James Smith, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce.

Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

#### UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Serbia.

James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the

United States of America to the Republic of Bulgaria.

Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Hungary.

Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique.

Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Seychelles.

Anne Slaughter Andrew, of Indiana, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Costa Rica.

David Daniel Nelson, of Minnesota, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Richard G. Callahan, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years.

John Gibbons, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

John Leroy Kammerzell, of Colorado, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado for the term of four years.

#### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Adele Logan Alexander, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2014.

#### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Lynnae M. Rutledge, of Washington, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Grayling Grant Williams of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counterterrorism Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

#### FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2011.

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

#### IN THE COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

*To be rear admiral*

Rear Adm. (1h) Steven E. Day

#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mark Anthony Martinez, of Nebraska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

Michael W. Cotter, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana for the term of four years.

Barbara L. McQuade, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

James L. Santelle, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Christopher A. Crofts, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

PN1186 COAST GUARD nomination of Andrew G. Liske, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

PN1263 COAST GUARD nomination of Robert A. Moomaw, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 9, 2009.

##### FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1009-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (152) beginning Christopher William Dell, and ending Mark J. Steakley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 24, 2009.

PN1017-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (27) beginning Carleene H. Dei, and ending Robert E. Wuertz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 25, 2009.

PN1157 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (277) beginning Jeffrey D. Adler, and ending Conrad William Turner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 9, 2009.

#### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN1262 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (16) beginning KEITH E. TUCKER, and ending JASON P.R. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 9, 2009.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3298—H.R. 3590

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the title amendment No. 3298, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3298) was agreed to, as follows:

Amend the title so as to read "An act entitled The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act".

#### ORDER FOR PRINTING—H.R. 3590

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 3590, as amended, be printed.

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

#### ORDER FOR APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees,

boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the Senate.

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

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3961 and H.R. 4154

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk report the bills by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3961) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians and to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration.

A bill (H.R. 4154) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal, to retain the estate tax with a \$3,500,000 exemption, to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration, and for other purposes.

Mr. CARDIN. I now ask for a second reading en bloc, and I object to my own request en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will have their second reading on the next legislative day.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH CONGRESS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 223, the adjournment resolution, received from the House and at the desk.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 223) providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

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

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 223) was agreed to, as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 223

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House ad-*

journs on any legislative day from Wednesday, December 16, 2009, through Saturday, January 2, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution; and that when the Senate adjourns on any day from Friday, December 18, 2009, through Saturday, January 2, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. When the House adjourns on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress from Tuesday, January 5, 2010, through Saturday, January 9, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress from Tuesday, January 5, 2010, through Saturday, January 9, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, or until such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 3. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

#### ORDERS THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2010

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn sine die until noon on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted, and under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 223; that following the pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2010, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted; further that the Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2010; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Beverly Baldwin Martin of Georgia to be a U.S. circuit judge for the Eleventh Circuit,