

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, as amended; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

So the bill (H.R. 1240), as amended, was deemed read the third time and passed.

#### COMMENDING THE HUSKIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 107, a resolution commending the University of Connecticut women's basketball team for capping a perfect season by winning the 1995 NCAA women's basketball championship, submitted earlier today by Senators DODD and LIEBERMAN; that the resolution and preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements appear in the RECORD as if read.

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

So the resolution (S. Res. 107) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

Whereas the UConn women's team won the school's first-ever national basketball championship by defeating the University of Tennessee by the score of 70-64;

Whereas the UConn Huskies became only the second women's basketball team in NCAA history to finish the season undefeated, and the first basketball team of any kind in NCAA history to finish 35-0;

Whereas UConn Head Coach Geno Auriemma was the recipient of the Naismith National Coach of the Year Award, as well as the Associated Press Coach of the Year and the United States Basketball Writers Association Coach of the Year awards;

Whereas UConn forward and co-captain Rebecca Lobo was the consensus choice of those same organizations as the National Player of the Year, and was named the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Women's Final Four;

Whereas Rebecca Lobo was also named the GTE Women's Basketball National Academic All-American of the Year for her outstanding achievement in the classroom;

Whereas the UConn Women Huskies enthralled the entire state of Connecticut, providing it with one of its finest moments;

Whereas the UConn Women Huskies elevated the sport of women's basketball to new heights, and inspired a generation of young girls in Connecticut to aspire toward their own "hoop dreams": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate commends the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for capping a perfect season by winning the 1995 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

#### NATIONAL ATOMIC VETERANS DAY

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed

to the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 108, a resolution submitted by Senator WELLSTONE and others earlier today designating July 16, 1995 as "National Atomic Veterans Day"; that the resolution and preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements on this measure appear in the RECORD at the appropriate place.

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

So the resolution (S. Res. 108) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

Whereas July 16, 1995, is the 50th anniversary of the first detonation of an atomic bomb at Alamogordo, New Mexico;

Whereas the members of the Armed Forces who have been exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of the detonation of a nuclear weapon or device are considered to be America's "atomic veterans";

Whereas atomic veterans are in many ways one of the most neglected groups of United States veterans;

Whereas atomic veterans served their country patriotically and proudly, believing fully that the United States Government would protect them from any serious hazards to their health;

Whereas atomic veterans were not told of the hazards they faced from exposure to ionizing radiation, often were provided with little protection from such exposure even when deployed at or near ground zero immediately after test detonations of nuclear weapons, on occasion were not provided film badges to measure their exposure to radiation during such detonations, and were provided with no follow-up medical care or other monitoring to determine the health consequences of such exposure;

Whereas for 40 years after World War II Federal law contained no provisions specifically providing veterans compensation or health care for atomic veterans for service-connected radiogenic diseases; and

Whereas many of the 250,000 members of the Armed Forces who participated in post-World War II atmospheric nuclear testing were forbidden from publicly revealing such participation for reasons of national security and received no recognition for their important contributions to the United States and the Armed Forces: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That—

(1) July 16, 1995, is designated as "National Atomic Veterans Day"; and

(2) the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the departments and agencies of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Mr. WELLSTONE. I was pleased to submit today, along with my colleagues, Senators SIMON, JEFFORDS, DASCHLE, PRYOR, ROCKEFELLER, AKAKA, REID, and LEAHY, a Senate resolution to designate July 16, 1995, the 50th anniversary of the first detonation of an atomic bomb at Alamogordo, NM, as "National Atomic Veterans Day."

Atomic veterans, members of the armed forces who were exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of the detonation of a nuclear weapon or device, for 50 years have been one of the most neglected groups of veterans. While

they served their country patriotically, unquestioningly, and proudly, they were not informed of the dangers they faced from exposure to ionizing radiation, often were provided with little or no protection from such exposure, and for many years were provided with no follow-up medical monitoring or care to determine the health effects of their exposure. In fact, for 40 years after World War II, there were no provisions in Federal law specifically providing veterans compensation or health care for atomic veterans for service-connected radiogenic diseases.

Many atomic veterans who participated in atmospheric nuclear testing were forbidden from publicly revealing their participation for reasons of national security. Despite their valuable contributions to the United States and the Armed Forces, they have not received the recognition that is due them.

The National Association of Atomic Veterans, AMVETS, and the Vietnam Veterans of America have expressed their strong and unequivocal support for this resolution.

I urge my colleagues to show their support by cosponsoring National Atomic Veterans Day.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following nominations on the Executive Calendar, en bloc: Calendar Nos. 49, 51, 63, 67 through 100, 102, 103, and 104.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Jacquelyn L. Williams-Bridgers to be Inspector General, Department of State; that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; further, that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

So the nominations were considered and confirmed, en bloc, as follows:

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Robert Pitofsky, of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 1994.

#### CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Thomas Hill Moore, of Florida, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Products Safety Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 26, 1996.

#### NAVY

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of Admiral while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, United States Code, Sections 601 and 5035: