

Mr. President, Walter has dedicated his life to his family and his community. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending the Senate's best wishes for continued success to Mr. Hauk and his family. •

DONOR AWARENESS WEEK, APRIL 19-25

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to proclaim this week, April 19-25, 1998 as "Donor Awareness Week." Organ and tissue donation is a very important issue. There is a critical need to bring this issue to the forefront. Nationally, nine out of ten individuals die while waiting for a lifesaving transplant. Awareness should be promoted at national and local levels.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize some individuals who work very hard to raise organ and transplant awareness. The volunteers at the Lakeshore Transplant Support Group in Muskegon, Michigan work on a daily basis to do so. I commend their dedication on behalf of this issue. Hopefully, more people will follow in their example and work to raise awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation. •

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—S. 1981

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1981, which was introduced earlier today by Senator HUTCHINSON, is at the desk. I now ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1981) to preserve the balance of rights between employers, employees, and labor organizations, which is fundamental to our system of collective bargaining while preserving the rights of workers to organize, or otherwise engage in concerted activities protected under the National Labor Relations Act.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading, and I object to my own request on behalf of Members on the other side of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO S. RES. 414

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 215, submitted earlier today by Senator HUTCHISON.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 215) directing the Secretary of the Senate to request the House of Representatives to return the official papers on S. 414, and to make a technical correction in the Act as passed by the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 215) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 215

*Resolved.* That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the official papers on S. 414, entitled "An Act to amend the Shipping Act of 1984 to encourage competition in international shipping and growth of United States exports, and for other purposes".

SEC. 2. Upon the return of the official papers from the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate is directed to make the following change in the text of the bill, viz:

In the amendment of section 8(f) of the Shipping Act of 1984 by section 106(e) of the bill, insert a comma and "including limitations of liability for cargo loss or damage," after "practices".

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 208 of the 105th Congress, appoints the following Senators to the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD), Vice Chairman, The Senator from New York (Mr. MOYNIHAN), and The Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN).

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1998

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. on Friday, April 24. I further ask that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and the Senate then begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 1757, the State Department reorganization bill, under the consent agreement of March 31, 1998.

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1757

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will begin debate tomorrow on the State Department reorganization conference report under a 6-hour time agreement.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote on the adoption of the conference report now occur at 2:25 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, with the previously ordered 10 minutes to commence at 2:15 Tuesday.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, as previously ordered, the vote on the conference report will now occur on Tuesday at 2:25 p.m. I announce to the membership that the vote scheduled for Monday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. now be postponed until 6 p.m. on Monday, and will be on an executive matter to be determined on Friday, April 24, by the majority leader after consultation with the Democratic leader. Also, under the previous order, when the Senate reconvenes on Monday and following morning business, the Senate will proceed to executive session to consider the NATO treaty. It is hoped that there will be good debate on the treaty and that Members who wish to offer amendments will come to the floor to do so. Therefore, there will be no rollcall votes during Friday's session, and the next rollcall vote will occur on Monday, April 27, at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:27 p.m., adjourned until Friday, April 24, 1998, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 23, 1998:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NIKKI RUSH TINSLEY, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, VICE JOHN C. MARTIN, RESIGNED.

THE JUDICIARY

ROBERT A. FREEDBERG, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA VICE THOMAS N. O'NEILL, JR., RETIRED.

DAVID R. HERNDON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS VICE WILLIAM L. BEATTY, RETIRED.