

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

The resolution (S. Res. 20) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 20

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the minority party's membership on the following standing committees for the 108th Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Agriculture Nutrition and Forestry: Mr. Harkin (Ranking Member), Mr. Leahy, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Baucus, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Miller, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, and Mr. Dayton.

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. Byrd (Ranking Member), Mr. Inouye, Mr. Hollings, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Reid, Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Dorgan, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Landrieu.

Committee on Armed Services: Mr. Levin (Ranking Member), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Lieberman, Mr. Reed, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Nelson of Nebraska, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Bayh, Mrs. Clinton, and Mr. Pryor.

Committee Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Mr. Sarbanes (Ranking Member), Mr. Dodd, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Reed, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Miller, Mr. Carper, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Corzine.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Mr. Hollings (Ranking Member), Mr. Inouye, Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Ms. Cantwell, and Mr. Lautenberg.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Mr. Bingaman (Ranking Member), Mr. Akaka, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Graham, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Bayh, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, and Ms. Cantwell.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. Jeffords (Ranking Member), Mr. Baucus, Mr. Reid, Mr. Graham, Mr. Lieberman, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Carper and Mrs. Clinton.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Baucus (Ranking Member), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Graham, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Bingaman, Mr. Kerry, and Mrs. Lincoln.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Biden (Ranking Member), Mr. Sarbanes, Mr. Dodd, Mr. Kerry, Mr. Feingold, Mrs. Boxer, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Mr. Rockefeller, and Mr. Corzine.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Mr. Lieberman (Ranking Member), Mr. Levin, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Carper, Mr. Dayton, Mr. Lautenberg, and Mr. Pryor.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Mr. Kennedy (Ranking Member), Mr. Dodd, Mr. Harkin, Ms. Mikulski, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Bingaman, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Reed, Mr. Edwards, and Mrs. Clinton.

Committee on the Judiciary: Mr. Leahy (Ranking Member), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Biden, Mr. Kohl, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Durbin, and Mr. Edwards.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Mr. Dodd (Ranking Member), Mr. Byrd, Mr. Inouye, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Schumer, Mr. Breaux, Mr. Daschle, Mr. Dayton, and Mr. Durbin.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Mr. Kerry (Ranking Member), Mr. Levin, Mr. Harkin, Mr. Lieberman, Ms. Landrieu, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Cantwell, Mr. Bayh, and Mr. Pryor.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. Graham (Ranking Member), Mr. Rockefeller, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Akaka, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Nelson of Nebraska.

Special Committee on Aging: Mr. Breaux (Ranking Member), Mr. Reid, Mr. Kohl, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Wyden, Mrs. Lincoln, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Carper, and Ms. Stabenow.

Committee on the Budget: Mr. Conrad (Ranking Member), Mr. Hollings, Mr. Sarbanes, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Feingold, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Nelson of Florida, Ms. Stabenow, and Mr. Corzine.

Select Committee on Ethics: Mr. Reid (Vice Chairman), Mr. Akaka, and Mrs. Lincoln.

Committee on Indian Affairs: Mr. Inouye (Vice Chairman), Mr. Conrad, Mr. Reid, Mr. Akaka, Mr. Dorgan, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Cantwell.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Mr. Rockefeller (Vice Chairman), Mr. Levin, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Bayh, Mr. Edwards and Ms Mikulski.

Joint Economic Committee: Mr. Reed (Vice Chairman), Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Sarbanes, and Mr. Bingaman.

SEC. _____. The salary allocation for each Senate committee and subgroup shall reflect the level set forth in the Senate Joint Leadership letter which shall be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD following the adoption of this resolution.

THANKS TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT C. BYRD AND HIS DESIGNATION AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE EMERITUS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 21 submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 21) expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Robert C. Byrd for his service as President pro tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator BYRD as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

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

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without any intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 21) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 21

Resolved, That the United States Senate expresses its deepest gratitude to Senator Robert C. Byrd for his dedication and commitment during his service to the Senate as the President Pro Tempore.

Further, as a token of appreciation of the Senate for his long and faithful service, Senator Robert C. Byrd is hereby designated President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2001

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. In the last Congress Senator KENNEDY and I introduced the Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society.

I would like to describe a terrible crime that occurred November 1, 2001 in Manassas, VA. Two men severely beat a Pakistani taxi driver. The attack took place after the two assailants, Stanley Elburn Smith III, 27, and James M. Terrell, 25, berated the victim because he looked to be of Middle-Eastern descent. The victim suffered a concussion and several other wounds during the attack.

I believe that government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR GEORGE RYAN'S CLEMENCY DECISION

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I rise today to give my perspective on the recent decision by Illinois Governor George Ryan to pardon four death row inmates and to commute the death sentences of 167 other death row inmates. His action effectively clears Illinois' death row, the eighth largest death row in the Nation. It is the broadest clemency of death row inmates ever granted by a Governor.

I understand that there are some, particularly, State prosecutors and victims' families, who are unhappy with Governor Ryan's decision. I understand that victims' families who support capital punishment have, justifiably, very strong feelings.

But these 167 inmates are not walking free. They won't be executed, but almost all of them will spend the rest of their lives behind bars without the possibility of parole. But it also means that if, in fact, it is shown in the near future they did not commit murder, they still have the chance to be set free.

Many murderers do not receive the death penalty, even in Illinois. Indeed, the Illinois Governor's Commission on Capital Punishment found that decisions to put these particular individuals on death row, while sparing others, were not made by a system that meets basic standards of fairness and justice.