

the Secretary of Homeland Security shall issue a report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on how best to defend turbo and jet passenger aircraft from Man-Portable Air Defense Systems (shoulder-fired missiles).

(b) ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED.—The report shall include an analysis of—

(1) actions taken to date, countermeasures, risk mitigation, and other activities;

(2) existing military countermeasure systems and how those systems might be adapted to commercial aircraft applications;

(3) means of reducing the costs of military countermeasure system by modifying them for use on commercial aircraft; and

(4) the extent of the threat and the need for countermeasures.

(c) REPORT FORMAT.—The report may be submitted in classified form.

SEC. 14. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act and sections 44901(f), 44922, and 44923 of title 49, United States Code, for fiscal years 2004 through 2008.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 9:45 a.m. in closed session to mark up the Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. on the nomination of Annette Sandburg to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in SR-253.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in open executive session during the session on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., to mark up a substitute for S. 2, the Jobs and Growth Tax Acts of 2003.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

I. Nominations: Carolyn B. Kuhl to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; John G. Roberts, Jr., to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; David G. Campbell to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona; S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana; William Emil Moschella to be Assistant Attorney

General, Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice; and David B. Rivkin to be Commissioner for the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COLEMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Department of Justice Nominations" on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 2 p.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 226.

Panel I: [Senators].

Panel II: Robert D. McCallum, to be Associate Attorney General, United States Department of Justice; Peter D. Keisler, to be Assistant General, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 2:05 p.m., in The President's Room, S 216, The Capitol.

I. Nominations: Carolyn B. Kuhl, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; John G. Roberts, Jr., to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit; Consuelo Maria Callahan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Michael Chertoff, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; David G. Campbell, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona; S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana; L. Stott Coogler, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama; William Emil Moschella, to be Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice; Leonardo M. Rapadas to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Guam.

II Bills: S. 878, a bill to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the District of Idaho.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Department of Justice Nominations" on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 3:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Panel I: The Honorable ZELL MILLER United States Senator [D-GA]; The Honorable SAXBY CHAMBLISS United States Senator [R-GA].

Panel II: Robert D. McCallum to be Associate Attorney General, United States Department of Justice; Peter D. Keisler to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, United States Department of Justice.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing regarding S. 485, the Clear Skies Act.

The meeting will be held in SD 406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Alex Busansky, a detailee with my office from the Department of Justice, be granted floor privileges for the duration of this Congress.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—RECONCILIATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to the Senate reconciliation bill; provided further that no more than 1 hour per side of the statutory time limit be consumed during Monday's session and that no amendments be in order during Monday's session; finally, that this order be vitiated if this bill is not available on Monday.

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

CONDEMNING THE PUNISHMENT OF EXECUTION BY STONING

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 78, S. Con. Res. 26.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 26) condemning the punishment of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and the preamble be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; and that any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 26) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 26

Whereas execution by stoning is an exceptionally cruel form of punishment that violates internationally accepted standards of human rights, including those set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment;

Whereas women around the world continue to be targeted disproportionately for cruel, discriminatory, and inhuman punishments by governments that refuse to protect equally the rights of all their citizens;

Whereas the brutal sentence of execution by stoning is pronounced in many countries on women who have been accused of adultery, a charge that is brought even against victims of coerced prostitution or rape;

Whereas in some places execution by stoning has been invoked as punishment for "blasphemy," thereby suppressing religious freedom and diversity and stifling political dissent;

Whereas, in July 2002, Amnesty International referred to execution by stoning as "a method specifically designed to increase the victim's suffering";

Whereas, in 2002, the European Union, the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the Government of Australia, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand, the President of Mexico, the Congress of Deputies of Spain, and other world leaders all condemned execution by stoning and called for clemency for individuals sentenced to stoning; and

Whereas, according to the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices of the Department of State, the sentence of execution by stoning continues to be imposed in several countries; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) condemns the practice of execution by stoning as a gross violation of human rights and appeals to the international community to end the practice;

(2) requests the President formally to communicate this resolution to governments that permit this cruel punishment and to urge the termination of execution by stoning; and

(3) requests the President to direct the Secretary of State to work with the international community to promote adherence to international standards of human rights and repeal laws that permit execution by stoning.

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 53 and H. Con. Res. 96, en bloc.

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

The clerk will report the concurrent resolutions by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 53) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 96) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolutions, en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the con-

current resolutions be agreed to, en bloc, and that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolutions (H. Con. Res. 53 and H. Con. Res. 96) were agreed to, en bloc.

AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 138, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 138) authorizing the printing of the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-2005.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 138) was agreed to.

REPRESENTATION BY SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 134, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 134) to authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in *Newdow v. Eagen, et al.*

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 134) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 134

Whereas, S. Res. 343, 107th Congress, authorizes the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Secretary of the Senate and the Senate Financial Clerk in the case of *Newdow v. Eagen, et al.*, Case No. 1:02CV01704, pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia;

Whereas, additional defendants have been named in that case; and

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent officers and employees of the Senate in civil actions with respect to their official responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent all Senate defendants in the case of *Newdow v. Eagen, et al.*

HONORING JAMES A. JOHNSON

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 137, submitted earlier today by Senators FRIST, DASCHLE, STEVENS, KENNEDY, and others.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 137) honoring James A. Johnson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues, Senators FRIST, DASCHLE, STEVENS, and KENNEDY, to cosponsor a resolution honoring a very distinguished American who I am proud to call my very dear friend—Mr. James Johnson.

Minnesota has produced some extraordinary political individuals—Harold Stassen, Hubert Humphrey, Eugene McCarthy and Walter Mondale, among others. But among those who have never sought public office, but are still devoted to public policy and the power of good government, Jim Johnson stands out.

Born in the small town of Benson, Jim Johnson was exposed at an early age to Minnesota politics, where his father, Alfred Ingvald, was a leading figure in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, serving for 2 years as speaker of the Minnesota House.

A natural politician, Jim was elected student body president at the University of Minnesota when only a sophomore, then went to Africa on a grant from the Ford Foundation, and earned a masters degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Government.

After serving on his Senate staff, Jim served as Executive Assistant to Vice President Walter Mondale and served as campaign director of the Vice President's 1984 bid for the White House.

In the private sector, Jim founded Public Strategies, with Richard Holbrooke, and later served as a managing director at Lehman Brothers.

Most notably, he also served as chairman and CEO of Fannie Mae, with the goal of allowing more Americans to fulfill their dreams of home ownership, and then as the chairman of the Kennedy Center.

For the last 7 years, Jim Johnson has done a remarkable job at the center.