

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 236) permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to commemorate the unveiling of the statue of Sakakawea provided by the State of North Dakota for display in Statuary Hall.

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

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

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 236) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

JOINT MEETING OF THE TWO HOUSES—ADDRESS BY THE RIGHT HONORABLE TONY BLAIR

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Right Honorable Tony Blair, Member of Parliament, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, into the House Chamber for the joint meeting tomorrow.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2761, as amended, appoints the Honorable JUDD GREGG of New Hampshire and the Honorable JOHN CORNYN of Texas as delegates of the Senate Delegation to the British-American Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, and upon the recommendation of the Democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, appoints the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 108th Congress:

The Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID; The Senator from California, Mrs. BOXER.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 287, 288, 289, and 290. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

NOMINATIONS

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

John Richard Grimes, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2006.

Lisa Genevieve Nason, of Alaska, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

Georgianna E. Ignace, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring October 18, 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for a term of four years.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2003

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9 a.m., Thursday, July 17. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 2658, the Department of Defense appropriations bill, as provided in the previous order.

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. ALEXANDER. For the information of all Senators, the leader has asked me to say that tomorrow the

Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2658, the Department of Defense appropriations bill. Under the previous order, when the Senate resumes debate on the bill, Senator HARKIN will be recognized to speak for up to 25 minutes. Following Senator HARKIN's statement, the Senate will continue the amendment process. We have an order of Democratic amendments locked in, and it is the chairman's intention to begin working through those amendments tomorrow morning. Therefore, Senators should expect rollcall votes to begin in the morning and Senators will be notified when the first vote is scheduled.

It is the hope of the majority leader to complete action on the Department of Defense appropriations bill tomorrow. In order to complete work on this bill tomorrow, Senators should prepare for votes throughout the day and into the evening.

As a reminder, Prime Minister Tony Blair will give an address to both Houses of Congress at 4 p.m. tomorrow. Members should gather in the Senate Chamber in order to proceed to the Hall of the House of Representatives at 3:40 on Thursday afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:50 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 16, 2003:

INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT

JOHN RICHARD GRIMES, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 19, 2006.

LISA GENEVIEVE NASON, OF ALASKA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 18, 2004.

GEORGIANNA E. IGNACE, OF WISCONSIN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE AND ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 18, 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CHARLES W. GRIM, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

THE ABOVE NOMINATIONS WERE APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEES' COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.