

COMMENDING JOHN W. KLUGE

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 138 which was submitted earlier today by Senator STEVENS.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 138) commending John W. Kluge for his dedication and commitment to the United States on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object—and I will not object—I ask unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of the concurrent resolution.

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

Mr. REID. I served for some time as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Legislative branch. During those years, there was an effort made to cut funding for the Library of Congress. I became an expert on funding for the Library of Congress. We were able to overcome the objections of those who thought the Library of Congress should be made different than it now is. But during that period of time, I met John Kluge. John Kluge is a man who has made lots of money in the free enterprise system of our country. But he has dedicated large amounts of his fortune to the Library of Congress.

I am so glad Senator STEVENS submitted a resolution commemorating the birthday of this great American. Because of his being such a fine man and recognizing the importance of the Library of Congress, the greatest library in the history of the world, many people will benefit from his efforts.

I withdraw my reservation of objection.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, 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 concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 138) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

S. CON. RES. 138

Whereas John W. Kluge has combined a unique history of American entrepreneurship with pioneering contributions to philanthropy, electronic education, and television and radio broadcasting;

Whereas John W. Kluge is a dedicated patriot who served his country well as a Army intelligence officer during World War II;

Whereas John W. Kluge's commitment to public service has made him one of the most esteemed and generous benefactors of education, and has brought him the admiration and gratitude of the people of the United States;

Whereas John W. Kluge's deep belief in human potential and creativity has quietly helped extend educational opportunity through scholarships and other support of important civic causes;

Whereas John W. Kluge's wise counsel and leadership as the founding chairman of the Library of Congress's first private sector philanthropic organization, the James Madison Council, have inspired many others to join in support of the Library of Congress's programs and initiatives;

Whereas John W. Kluge has established an endowed program at the Library of Congress to bring leading senior scholars and junior fellows from around the world to the Library to use its great collections and to interact with the members and staff of Congress;

Whereas John W. Kluge has generously supported the first Nobel-level award for lifetime scholarly achievement in the study of the human sciences;

Whereas John W. Kluge has generously supported the creation of advanced training for library leaders of the 21st century through a Leadership Development Program at the Library of Congress; and

Whereas John W. Kluge has inspired the people of the United States by his example of support for programs that educate and equip individuals for responsible and productive citizenship: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) commends John W. Kluge for his dedication and commitment to the United States;

(2) expresses, on the occasion of John W. Kluge's 90th birthday, its sincere appreciation and admiration for his example of philanthropy and public service to the people of the United States; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to John W. Kluge.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108-132, Section 128, appoints the following individual to the Commission on Review of Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States: Admiral Anthony A. Less of Virginia.

The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, appoints the following individual, Andrew J. Imparato, of Maryland, to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Advisory Panel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: JOHN SUNUNU, PN 1951; PATRICK LEAHY, PN 1950; Stuart Holliday, PN 1131; and the foreign service nominations list, PN 1828, which is at the desk. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to their consideration, 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 resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I guard the nomination process as well as anybody. I have had difficulty with someone who we have tried to put on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a year and a half. I have recognized that by making sure that certain people the administration wants do not go through. But I have not held up what I think are nominations important to the national defense and welfare of our country, generally speaking.

We have a number of people, as indicated by the acting leader at this time, Senator MURKOWSKI, being discharged from the Foreign Relations Committee. There is one person, though, on the list by the name of James B. Cunningham, a career member of the senior foreign service, to be appointed to the Atomic Energy Agency with the rank of Ambassador. There is a hold on this. This man would represent the United States on this most important entity.

The news in the last months has been dealing with Iran and what they are doing and not doing with their nuclear program. We need this man on a daily basis doing what he needs to do to protect the interests of not only the United States but the world with this burgeoning problem we have with nuclear materials.

There is a hold by the majority on this nomination. I think it is wrong. I will not mention the name of the Senator who has a hold, but it should be taken off. It is not good for the country or for the world.

Having said that, I have no objection to the request of the Senator from Alaska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the request is agreed to.

The nominations, considered and confirmed, are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Patrick J. Leahy, of Vermont, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

John E. Sununu, New Hampshire, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-ninth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Jacqueline Bell, of Maryland

For appointment as Foreign Service Officers of Class Three, Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America:

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Zac T. Bao, of Florida

George H. Buzby, of Florida

Thomas L. McClanahan, of Colorado