

near the epicenter of the earthquake, was one of the worst-affected cities, suffering tens of thousands of deaths and widespread destruction throughout the city;

Whereas millions of people throughout the region have been left homeless as a result of this earthquake;

Whereas the earthquake damaged and destroyed sanitation systems and hospitals and left thousands of people more vulnerable to deadly diseases such as measles and cholera;

Whereas the Senate and the people of the United States acknowledge with deep sadness that this severe tragedy occurred during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, a time when Muslims across the world observe a fast during the daylight hours and focus on worship, contemplation, and strengthening family and community ties;

Whereas the United States immediately deployed material and technical assistance to the region, including plastic sheeting, blankets, water containers, food, and a United States Agency for International Development Disaster Assistance Response Team to assess humanitarian needs, coordinate assistance from the United States, and provide technical assistance as required;

Whereas the Department of Defense immediately dispatched 8 military helicopters and is providing additional helicopter support to assist in relief and rescue operations in remote areas that are largely inaccessible by road;

Whereas the United States made an initial pledge of \$50,000,000 in humanitarian assistance to help Pakistan cope with its massive relief and recovery needs;

Whereas Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, during her October 12, 2005, visit to Pakistan, said that the United States would support Pakistan over the long-term in the Pakistani Government's efforts to provide assistance to the victims of the earthquake and rebuild parts of the country devastated by the earthquake;

Whereas the United Nations launched a \$272,000,000 international flash appeal to support recovery efforts;

Whereas the United Nations estimates that as many as 2,500,000 people are homeless and 1,000,000 are in need of immediate assistance;

Whereas Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has appealed for international assistance and called for more medicine, tents, and cargo helicopters;

Whereas Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh declared the earthquake a "national calamity" and pledged to rebuild the lives of thousands of people in Indian-administered Kashmir affected by the earthquake;

Whereas during humanitarian crises, such as the earthquake that struck South Asia, women and children often become more vulnerable to exploitation and abuse and have difficulty accessing humanitarian relief;

Whereas India has begun sending a consignment of 25 tons of emergency relief supplies, including medicines, blankets, tents, and food items, to Islamabad, the first time India has provided assistance to Pakistan in over 30 years; and

Whereas the recovery and reconstruction of the devastated areas will require the concerted leadership of the United States working with the governments of the affected countries and with the international community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its sympathy and support for the people of South Asia following the devastating earthquake that struck Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan on October 8, 2005, during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan;

(2) conveys its most sincere condolences to the families, communities, and governments of the more than 39,000 people that lost their lives in this terrible natural disaster;

(3) expresses its admiration and full support for the courageous rescue and relief workers, including personnel of the United States Agency for International Development and the United States military, who are saving lives and providing relief and assistance to those affected by the earthquake;

(4) supports the initial pledge by President George W. Bush of \$50,000,000 in humanitarian assistance, the deployment of United States military assets to the region to assist in relief and recovery efforts, and provision of additional United States assistance necessary to save lives and help the region recover from this monumental disaster;

(5) commends the ongoing international relief effort that includes the work of individual countries, numerous international organizations, and various relief and non-governmental entities;

(6) commends the Governments of Pakistan and India for their cooperation in the common cause of saving lives and providing humanitarian relief to people on both sides of the Line of Control; and

(7) encourages further cooperation between India and Pakistan on relief operations and efforts to fortify and expand peace and stability in the region as they cope with the impact of the earthquake over the next several months and seek to rehabilitate the lives of those affected.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the resolution we passed does express support for those victims of the South Asia earthquake. I encourage our colleagues to make statements for the RECORD. A number of people have called me over the last several days. This is a resolution that has been put forth by Senator REID and myself, the Republican leader and the Democratic leader. With that, we express our heartfelt support for the hundreds of thousands of families who have been affected by that earthquake.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18; 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, and there then be a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the final 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 3058, the Transportation-Treasury appropriations bill. I further ask consent that following debate on the Brownback-Landrieu amendment, the time until 12:10 be equally divided between the majority leader or his designee and the Democratic leader or his designee; provided further that upon disposition of amendment No. 2062, the Senate stand in recess until 2:15 to accommodate the weekly policy luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today the Senate began consideration of the Transportation-Treasury appropriations bill. I do urge my colleagues to come to the floor if they wish to offer amendments as soon as possible. The bill managers are here throughout the day for that purpose. We are working to get an amendment filing deadline and complete action on this bill this week. Let me repeat, we are going to complete action on this bill this week. That means we cannot have everybody rushing over Thursday afternoon or Thursday night to have their amendment considered.

Tomorrow, the first vote will occur at 12:10 and that vote will be on the Kyl amendment relating to a cost-of-living freeze for Members' pay. We will continue with amendments throughout the afternoon. I expect multiple votes tomorrow as we continue with the consideration of the Transportation-Treasury bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. 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 7:10 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive Nominations Received by the Senate October 17, 2005:

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MARK MCKINNON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 13, 2006, VICE FAYZA VERONIQUE BOULAD RODMAN.

MARK MCKINNON, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 13, 2009. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RONALD L. SCHLICHER, OF TENNESSEE, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.

UNITED NATIONS

ALEJANDRO DANIEL WOLFF, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE THE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, AND THE DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

ALEJANDRO DANIEL WOLFF, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

JEAN B. ELSHTAIN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2010, VICE THOMAS MALLON, RESIGNED.

ALLEN C. GUELZO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2006, VICE NAOMI SHIHAB NYFA.

ALLEN C. GUELZO, OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2012. (REAPPOINTMENT)