

Whereas people all over the world have travelled or opened their homes as hosts in order to promote international understanding;

Whereas nonprofit organizations such as Friendship Force International, which was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1977, have helped to promote such international exchanges;

Whereas, today, there are more than 35,000 members of Friendship Force International in 40 States and 58 foreign countries who are building bridges across the cultural barriers that separate people; and

Whereas, in order to celebrate on an annual basis the cause of peace through international understanding, March 1, 2008 should be recognized as World Friendship Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) honors those who promote international understanding and good will in the world; and

(2) designates March 1, 2008 as “World Friendship Day”, and asks people everywhere to mark and celebrate the day appropriately.

DESIGNATING MARCH 3, 2008, AS
“READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY”

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 465.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 465) designating March 3, 2008, as “Read Across America Day.”

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 465) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 465

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and is a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas the people of the United States must be able to read if the United States is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) and the Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and providing additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 50 national organizations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to use March 3 to celebrate reading and the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 3, 2008, as “Read Across America Day”;

(2) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to discover the joy of reading;

(3) honors the 11th anniversary of Read Across America Day;

(4) encourages parents to read with their children for at least 30 minutes on Read Across America Day in honor of the commitment of the Senate to building a Nation of readers; and

(5) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—S. 12

Mr. REID. Madam President, there is a bill at the desk due for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 12) to promote home ownership, manufacturing, and economic growth.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the Calendar under rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 3,
2008

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m., Monday, March 3; that following the prayer and

the pledge, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 3:30, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, and the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; further, I ask that at 3:30 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2663, a bill to reform the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that we divide that time from 3:30 to 5:30 equally between the two leaders or their designees.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. On Monday, following morning business, the Senate will resume the motion to proceed to the Consumer Product Safety legislation. Today, I filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed. By consent, the cloture vote will occur at approximately 5:30 p.m. on Monday. This is a bipartisan bill. I hope we are able to proceed to it and that we don't have to go through another 30 hours of wasting our time. It is a bipartisan bill. Senators PRYOR and STEVENS have worked on it for months. We should have done it before Christmas. That is when we were trying to keep kids from sucking on toys from China with lead on them and other such things. Hopefully, we don't have to move through this process again.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M.,
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:18 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 3, 2008, at 2 p.m.