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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the immediate consideration of S. 3681 and passed, as follows:

A bill (S. 3681) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building".

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the "Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building".

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

The bill (S. 3681) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

A bill (S. 3681) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building" was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

JOSEPH A. RYAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 3681) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

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AUTHORIZING A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 3711, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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

The bill (S. 3711) was ordered to authorize a cost of living adjustment for the Federal judiciary.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to express support for a bill introduced by myself, the minority leader, and others to provide a cost-of-living salary adjustment to Federal judges.

The Framers knew that justice and the rule of law would only prevail if judges are free from executive and legislative interference. In order to preserve the autonomy of judges, the Framers established safeguards. One of these safeguards was the assurance that judicial pay could not be diminished during a judge’s service on the bench. This safeguard was important enough that it was included in the first section of article III of the Constitution.

Unfortunately, in terms of real dollars, we in Congress have allowed judicial pay to dwindle. Since 1969, the salaries of Federal judges have significantly declined when adjusted for inflation. The Office of the United States Courts estimates judicial pay has declined by 25 percent.

Preserving judicial integrity is a bipartisan goal. Earlier this Congress a

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Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consider the bill.

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

The bill (S. 3681) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

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