Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related to the concurrent resolution be printed in the Record.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 435) was agreed to.

THE ADOPTION OF BLUEFIN TUNA CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 709 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 709) expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should pursue the adoption of bluefin tuna conservation and management measures at the 16th Special Meeting of the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. 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 any statements related to the resolution be printed in the Record.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 709) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 435 received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 435) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall on December 2, 2008, for ceremonies and activities by and with the cooperation of the Capitol Visitor Center to the public.

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

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 435 received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 435) authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall on December 2, 2008, for ceremonies and activities by and with the cooperation of the Capitol Visitor Center to the public.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.
of 45 degrees west longitude, catches and catch rates remain very low;
Whereas many scientists believe that mixing occurs between the western Atlantic bluefin tuna stock and the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean stock, and as such, poor management and noncompliance with recommendations for one stock are likely to have an adverse effect on the other stock; and
Whereas additional research on stock mixing will improve the understanding of the relationship between the eastern and western Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna stocks and other fisheries, which will assist in the conservation, recovery, and management of the species throughout its range: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the United States delegation to the 16th Special Meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, should—
(1) pursue a meaningful assessment of Commission member compliance with the “Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Multi-Annual Recovery Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (Recommendation 06-49),” including seeking detailed explanations from Commission members who have failed to effectively implement the terms of the recommendation;
(2) pursue the adoption by the Commission of measures designed to eliminate non-compliance. Appropriate steps should be taken to link non-compliance with reductions in fishery or market access;
(3) seek a temporary suspension of the eastern Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery, including all trade, if significant progress toward establishing science-based management measures, improving monitoring and control measures, and addressing compliance issues is not made at the Commission this year;
(4) seek to strengthen the conservation and management of the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna stock and the extent to which the populations intermingle.

CONDEMNING STONING IN SOMALIA
Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 711, which was submitted earlier today.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 711) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 711

Whereas a child from Somalia, identified as Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow, was raped by 3 men, and when her family reported the rape to authorities of the al-Shabaab militia that control the city of Kismayu, she was accused of adultery and ordered to be stoned;
Whereas, in October 2008, Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow was stoned to death by 50 militant men before 1,000 witnesses in a public stadium;
Whereas al-Shabaab, some of whose members are affiliated with al Qaeda, is a violent and brutal extremist group that has used intimidation and committed human rights violations to undermine the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia and threaten activists in civil society working to bring about peace through political dialogue and reconciliation;
Whereas, on February 29, 2008, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice designated al-Shabaab as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189) and placed the organization on the list of specially designated global terrorists established under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and initiated under Executive Order 13224;
Whereas stoning is a grave and serious violation of human rights law, in which the victim is killed in an especially brutal way;
Whereas stoning is practiced particularly on girls and women accused of adultery;
Whereas the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom has condemned the death of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow and called on the United States Government to join other nations in denouncing and responding in a resolute manner to such grave abuse;
Whereas the United States Government continues to support the efforts of those working to transform the troubled region of Somalia through commitment to sound human rights practices, democratic and representative governance, economic recovery, and lasting peace and reconciliation: Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Senate—
(1) condemns the rape, senseless death by stoning of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow;
(2) urges the international community to join the Senate in speaking out against this brutal act; and
(3) urges the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia—
(A) to undertake robust efforts to protect women and girls from acts of institutionalized violence against women in Somalia;
(B) to work to strengthen the rule of law as part of the efforts by the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia to establish its authority;
(C) to promote equal and fair treatment of women; and
(D) to end the culture of impunity in Somalia.

CONGRATULATING THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES ON WINNING THE 2008 WORLD SERIES
Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 712, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk reads as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 712) congratulating the Philadelphia Phillies on winning the 2008 World Series.

The resolution reads as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 712) congratulating the Philadelphia Phillies on winning the 2008 World Series.

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

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition to submit a resolution congratulating the Philadelphia Phillies on winning the 2008 World Series. On October 29, 2008, the Phillies defeated the Tampa Bay Rays 4 to 3 in Game 5 to secure a World Series title for the first time since 1980 and second time in team history.

Now this historic victory was the culmination of a hard-fought 2008 regular season and an exhilarating postseason run for the Phillies. On September 27, the Phillies beat the Washington Nationals to clinch the National League East. During the 2008 season, the Phillies went 95-67 and posted the best record in the National League.

In the World Series, the Phillies faced a young and talented Tampa Bay Rays team, led by Manager, and Pennsylvanian native, Joe Maddon. With strong performances from their starting pitchers, an outstanding bullpen and well-timed hitting, the Phillies beat the Rays in five games to clinch the title.

On behalf of the Senate and as an ardent Phillies fan myself, I congratulate the Philadelphia Phillies on winning the 2008 World Series and bringing to my hometown of Philadelphia a major sports championship for the first time in 25 years. In particular, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to manager Charlie Manuel, who, since taking the helm as manager in 2005, has guided your young Phillies team to become the best in Major League Baseball. Further due special recognition is 24-year-old pitcher Cole Hamels, who was named the Most Valuable Player for both the National League Championship Series and World Series with a 4-0 record and 1.80 earned run average in the postseason.

Also deserving of much praise are the 2008 American League Championship Series. Though they had endured 18 consecutive losing seasons and the worst record in baseball last season, the Rays won their division and the 2008 American League Championship Series. The Rays have a bright future and I wish them continued success.

Finally, and perhaps more importantly, I congratulate all Phillies fans, who could finally enjoy that parade