

the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that there be no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 162) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 162

Whereas the Langston Golf Course was designated for construction by the Department of the Interior in the 1930s as a safe and expanded recreational facility for the local and national African-American communities;

Whereas Langston Golf Course was named for John Mercer Langston, the first African-American Representative elected to Congress from the Commonwealth of Virginia, and who also was a founder of the Howard University School of Law;

Whereas the Langston Golf Course is believed to be the first regulation course in the United States to be built almost entirely on a refuse landfill;

Whereas Langston Golf Course has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the Capital City Open golf tournament has made Langston Golf Course its home for the past 40 years;

Whereas the first American-born golf professional of African-American ancestry was John Shippen, who was born circa 1878 in the Anacostia area of Washington, DC, placed fifth in the second United States Open golf tournament in 1896 when he was 16 years old, and helped found the Capitol City Golf Club in 1925;

Whereas the Capitol City Golf Club, eventually renamed the Royal Golf Club and Wake Robin Women's Club, historically has promoted a safe golf facility for African Americans in Washington, DC, especially during an era when few facilities were available, and these 2 clubs remain the oldest African-American golf clubs in the United States;

Whereas the Langston facility continues to provide important recreational outlets, instructional forums, and a "safe haven center" for the enhancement of the lives of Washington, DC's inner-city youth;

Whereas the Langston Golf Course and related recreational facilities provide a home for the Nation's important minority youth "First Tee" golf instruction and recreational program in Washington, DC;

Whereas Langston Golf Course's operations and its related facilities seek to increase course-based educational opportunities under the auspices of the National Park Service for persons under 18 years of age, particularly those from populations of the inner-city and historically underrepresented among visitors to units of the National Park System;

Whereas the preservation and ecologically-balanced enhancements via future public and private funding for the lands making up the 212 acres of the Langston Golf Course will benefit the National Park System's Environmental Leadership projects program, the Anacostia River Watershed, the city of Washington, and the entire Washington, DC metropolitan area;

Whereas Federal funds for enhancements to the Langston Golf Course have perennially been promised but rarely provided, even after the designation of Langston Golf Course as a "Legacy Project for the 21st Century", and after significant private funding and contributions were committed and provided; and

Whereas the Langston Golf Course and related recreational facilities traditionally have provided additional quality of life value to all residents of Washington, DC, and will do more so once upgraded to meet its obvious athletic and historical promise: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Langston Golf Course, its general management, and the Royal Golf and Wake Robin Golf Clubs are to be commended for their historical and ongoing contributions to the local Washington, DC community and the Nation;

(2) the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior should give appropriate consideration to the future budget needs of this important park in the National Park System that is a historical site, recreational facility, and educational center; and

(3) the Secretary of the Senate should transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the general manager of the Langston Golf Course.

DESIGNATING "NATIONAL CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY"

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 163.

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

The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 163) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and designating an appropriate date as "National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day."

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

Mr. REID. 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; that there be no intervening action or debate; that any statements related to this resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 163) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 163

Whereas a stroke, also known as a cerebrovascular accident, is an acute neurologic injury that occurs when the blood supply to a part of the brain is interrupted by a clot in the artery or a burst of the artery;

Whereas a stroke is a medical emergency that can cause permanent neurologic damage or even death if not promptly diagnosed and treated;

Whereas 26 out of every 100,000 newborns and almost 3 out of every 100,000 children have a stroke each year;

Whereas an individual can have a stroke before birth;

Whereas stroke is among the top 10 causes of death for children in the United States;

Whereas 9 percent of all children who experience a stroke die as a result;

Whereas stroke recurs in 20 percent of children who have experienced a stroke;

Whereas the death rate for children who experience a stroke before the age of 1 year is the highest out of all age groups;

Whereas the average time from onset of symptoms to diagnosis of stroke is 24 hours, putting many affected children outside the window of 3 hours for the most successful treatment;

Whereas many children who experience a stroke will suffer serious, long-term neurological disabilities, including—

(1) hemiplegia, which is paralysis of 1 side of the body;

(2) seizures;

(3) speech and vision problems; and

(4) learning difficulties;

Whereas such disabilities may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries;

Whereas the permanent health concerns and treatments resulting from strokes that occur during childhood and young adulthood have a considerable impact on children, families, and society;

Whereas very little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of childhood stroke;

Whereas medical research is the only means by which the citizens of the United States can identify and develop effective treatment and prevention strategies for childhood stroke;

Whereas early diagnosis and treatment of childhood stroke greatly improves the chances that the affected child will recover and not experience a recurrence; and

Whereas The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia should be commended for its initiative in creating the Nation's first program dedicated to pediatric stroke patients: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of an appropriate date as "National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day"; and

(2) urges the people of the United States to support the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy of organizations that work to enhance public awareness of childhood stroke.

PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A CONDITIONAL RECESS OR ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 133.

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

The clerk will state the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 133) providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 133) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 133

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Thursday, May 21, 2009, through Sunday, May 24, 2009, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his

designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Thursday, May 21, 2009, through Sunday, May 24, 2009, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, June 1, 2009, or such other time on that day as may be specified in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

AUTHORITY TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President of the Senate pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

AUTHORITY TO REPORT LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE MATTERS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the Senate's recess, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Friday, May 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

AUTHORITY TO SIGN DULY AUTHORIZED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment of the Senate, Mr. REED of Rhode Island be authorized to sign duly authorized bills or joint resolutions.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

FAREWELL TO JOE LAPIA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, while we are waiting tonight for the staff to get the necessary closing papers ready so we can go out for the recess, I wish to say a couple of things about someone I have gotten to know over the past decade—Joe Lapia. I am going to miss tremendously, when we come back next work period, Joe not being in the cloakroom. He has been there for 10 years. He is a fixture in the cloakroom.

He is someone who is dependable, a great sport, and he is somebody who is so much fun to deal with. I love to talk sports with him. He is from Pittsburgh. I had to tell him—and I spread it on the record here—that the Pittsburgh teams have never been one of my favorites, but they are his. He went to Penn State. They have also not been one of my favorite teams, but they are his. And the records of the Steelers and Penn State speak for themselves—the great Joe Paterno and the wonderful records the Steelers have made. And Joe went to the White House today to see the world champion Super Bowl winners—the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Another thing I am going to miss is every time he went home—which was quite often, frankly—his mom would cook stuff. And maybe she thinks he ate it all, but he didn't. He brought stuff back, and we shared treats Mrs. Lapia fixed. Brownies were my favorite, but there were other things she cooked.

I think I can speak for the entire Senate family, the people who are here who make this place work, when I say we will all miss Joe. He is going to go off into the private sector now, which disappoints me because it is always hard getting used to new things. No matter who replaces Joe, there is only one Joe Lapia. He is someone I will always remember and I will always consider my friend.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RAILROAD ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2009—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 33, S. 146, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close de-

bate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 33, S. 146, the Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009.

Harry Reid, Tom Harkin, Edward E. Kaufman, Mark Begich, Bernard Sanders, Carl Levin, Jack Reed, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher J. Dodd, Robert Menendez, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Charles E. Schumer, Kay R. Hagan, Max Baucus, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Richard Durbin.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion to proceed is withdrawn.

FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 47, H.R. 1256, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 47, H.R. 1256, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

Harry Reid, Tom Harkin, Edward E. Kaufman, Mark Begich, Bernard Sanders, Michael F. Bennet, Mark Udall, Patty Murray, Claire McCaskill, Carl Levin, Jack Reed, Sheldon Whitehouse, Christopher J. Dodd, Jeff Merkley, Robert Menendez, Charles E. Schumer, Max Baucus.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the motion to proceed is withdrawn.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now, as in executive session, ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, June 2, after a period of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 63, the nomination of Regina McCarthy to be an Assistant Administrator of EPA; that immediately after the nomination is reported the Senate proceed to vote on the confirmation of the nomination; upon confirmation, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and no further motions be in order and any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the Senate then resume legislative session; that upon resuming legislative session, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 146.

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