

SEC. 1 _____. (a) This section may be cited as the "Axe the Stimulus Plaques Act".

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) may be used for physical signage to indicate that a project is being funded by that Act.

NATIONAL ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 262. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 262) designating the month of September 2009 as "National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month" and encouraging efforts to educate the public about atrial fibrillation.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 262) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 262

Whereas atrial fibrillation is a cardiac condition in which electrical pulses disrupt the regular beating of the atria in the heart, hampering the ability of the atria to fill the ventricles with blood, and subsequently causing blood to pool in the atria and form clots;

Whereas atrial fibrillation is the most common cardiac malfunction and affects at

least 2,200,000 people in the United States, with increased prevalence anticipated as the population of the United States ages;

Whereas atrial fibrillation is associated with an increased long-term risk of stroke, heart failure, and mortality from all causes, especially among women;

Whereas, according to the Journal of the American College of Cardiology, atrial fibrillation accounts for approximately 1/3 of hospitalizations for cardiac rhythm disturbances;

Whereas, according to the American Heart Association, 3 to 5 percent of people in the United States who are 65 years of age and older are estimated to have atrial fibrillation;

Whereas, according to a study in the American Heart Association journal "Circulation", atrial fibrillation is recognized as a major contributor to strokes, with an estimated 15 to 20 percent of strokes occurring in people with atrial fibrillation;

Whereas the Journal of the American College of Cardiology estimates that the treatment of atrial fibrillation costs approximately \$3,600 per patient annually, for a total cost burden in the United States of approximately \$15,700,000,000;

Whereas obesity is a significant risk factor for atrial fibrillation;

Whereas better education for patients and health care providers is needed in order to ensure timely recognition of atrial fibrillation symptoms; and

Whereas more research into effective treatments for atrial fibrillation is needed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of September 2009 as "National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month";

(2) supports efforts to educate people about atrial fibrillation;

(3) recognizes the need for additional research into treatment for atrial fibrillation; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States and interested groups to observe and support National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month through appropriate programs and activities that promote public awareness

of atrial fibrillation and potential treatments for atrial fibrillation.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until Monday at 2 p.m., September 14; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 3:00 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 153, H.R. 3288, the Transportation and related agencies appropriations bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, rollcall votes are possible after 5:30 p.m. Monday. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes after 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:42 p.m., adjourned until Monday, September 14, 2009, at 2 p.m.