

**ENCOURAGING BANKS AND MORTGAGE SERVICERS TO WORK WITH FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CONTAMINATED DRYWALL**

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 352.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 352) encouraging banks and mortgage servicers to work with families affected by contaminated drywall to allow temporary forbearance without penalty on payments on their home mortgages.

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 related to the matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 352) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

**S. RES. 352**

Whereas since January 2009, over 1,300 cases of contaminated drywall have been reported in 26 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas many individuals living in homes with contaminated drywall have reported problems with their health, including bloody noses, rashes, sore throats, burning eyes, and upper respiratory tract conditions;

Whereas some homeowners living with contaminated drywall have reported corrosion of metals inside their homes, such as air conditioning coils and electrical wiring;

Whereas as a result of these problems, many families that have contaminated drywall in their homes have moved out of their residences and into temporary living situations, with few such families being able to afford an additional financial burden;

Whereas because of cases of contaminated drywall, some Americans who pay their mortgages on time are now suffering from financial problems at no fault of their own; and

Whereas banks and mortgage servicers can help families affected by contaminated drywall by providing temporary forbearance with respect to their mortgage payments to help such families afford the costs of an additional residence while they are removed from their primary homes: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate encourages banks and mortgage servicers to work with families affected by contaminated drywall to allow temporary forbearance without penalty on payments on their home mortgages.

**MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3962**

Mr. REID. It is my understanding that H.R. 3962 has been received from the House and is now at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3962) to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask for its second reading, but I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

**APPOINTMENTS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and upon the recommendation of the Republican leader, in consultation with the ranking members of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Patrick A. Mulloy of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011, and William A. Reinsch of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**NOMINATION DISCHARGED**

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged of Presidential Nomination 933, the nomination of Jeffrey Bleich to be Ambassador to Australia; that the Senate then proceed to the nomination; that the nomination be confirmed and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that no further motions be in order; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD, as if read; and that the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

Jeffrey L. Bleich, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Australia.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a financial disclosure report be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

**FEDERAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Nominee: Jeffrey L. Bleich.

Post: Australia.

Nominated: September 11, 2009.

The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.

Contributions, date, amount, and donee:

Self: 9/2/2005, \$400.00, Dianne Feinstein for Senate; 9/14/2005, \$500.00, Evan Bayh Committee; 11/29/2005, \$500.00, Midwest Values PAC; 12/20/2005, \$1,000.00, One America Committee; 12/29/2005, \$250.00, Barbara Lee for Congress; 3/31/2006, \$500.00, Schiff for Congress; 5/18/2006, \$500.00, Steve Filson for Congress; 5/19/2006, \$255.00, Midwest Values PAC; 6/30/2006, \$500.00, Jill Derby for Congress; 6/30/2006, \$250.00, John Cranley for Congress; 6/30/2006, \$250.00, Ellsworth for Congress Committee; 7/5/2006, \$1,000.00, Jerry McNerney for Congress; 8/17/2006, \$500.00, Midwest Values PAC; 8/28/2006, \$250.00, California Victory 2006; 9/12/2006, \$500.00, Sheldon Whitehouse for Senate; 9/28/2006, \$500.00, Friends of Sherrrod Brown; 9/29/2006, \$1,000.00, McCaskill for Missouri; 9/30/2006, \$250.00, Dianne Feinstein for Senate; 10/30/2006, \$1,320.00, One America Committee; 11/3/2006, \$500.00, Nebraskans for Kleeb; 1/2/2007, \$1,000.00, John Edwards for President; 1/16/2007, \$2,100.00, Obama for America; 3/18/2007, \$1,000.00, Al Franken for Senate; 3/31/2007, \$1,300.00, John Edwards for President; 5/15/2007, \$1,000.00, Schiff for Congress; 6/30/2007, \$1,300.00, Al Franken for Senate; 10/3/2007, \$2,000.00, Iowa Democratic Party; 10/29/2007, \$1,000.00, Jeff Merkley for Oregon; 11/5/2007, \$250.00, Friends of Barbara Boxer; 11/10/2007, \$500.00, Brown for Congress; 11/30/2007, \$5,000.00, Vote Hope; 12/5/2007, \$1,000.00, Paul Hodes for Congress; 1/25/2008, \$500.00, Mark Pryor for US Senate; 3/19/2008, \$400.00, Montana Democratic Party; 5/19/2008, \$250.00, Jeff Merkley for Oregon; 5/20/2008, \$1,500.00, Barbara Lee for Congress; 5/23/2008, \$250.00, Nebraskans for Kleeb; 6/22/2008, \$1,000.00, Perriello for Congress; 6/26/2008, \$500.00, Strengthen our Senate Majority; 6/26/2008, \$250.00, Udall for Us All; 6/26/2008, \$250.00, Tom Allen for Senate; 6/30/2008, \$250.00, Nebraskans for Kleeb; 7/25/2008, \$2,300.00, Hillary Clinton for President; 8/31/2008, \$14,250.00, Obama Victory Fund; 8/31/2008, \$2,300.00, Obama for America; 8/31/2008, \$11,950.00, DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee; 9/23/2008, \$500.00, Paul Hodes for Congress; 9/29/2008, \$250.00, Perriello for Congress; 10/12/2008, \$250.00, Obama Victory Fund; 10/12/2008, \$250.00 DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee; 10/15/2008, \$250.00, Brown for Congress; 10/28/2008, \$250.00, Alaskans for Begich; 10/30/2008, \$250.00, Musgrove for U.S. Senate; 10/31/2008, \$250.00, Alaskans for Begich; 1/18/2009, \$1,000.00, Al Franken for Senate; 2/18/2009, \$1,000.00, Leahy for US Senator Committee.

2. Spouse: Rebecca Bleich: 3/19/2007, \$2,300.00, Obama for America.

3. Father: Charles Bleich: 8/8/2007, \$250.00, Obama for America; 11/13/2007, \$200.00, Obama for America.

4. Mother: Linda Bleich: 8/8/2007, \$250.00, Obama for America.

5. Sister: Deborah Cogan: 7/10/2006, \$1,500.00, Evan Bayh Committee; 1/10/2008, \$2,300.00, Obama for America; 7/1/2008, \$1,000.00, Obama Victory Fund; 7/31/2008, \$1,000.00, Obama for America; 11/2/2008, \$1,000.00, Obama Victory Fund; 11/3/2008, \$1,000.00, Obama for America.

6. Brother-in-law: Michael Cogan: 3/21/2007, \$500.00, Friends of Dick Durbin Committee; 8/23/2007, \$500.00, Friends of Gordon Smith; 9/21/2007, \$500.00, DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee; 10/19/2007, \$500.00, Mike Pence Committee; 11/28/2007, \$1,500.00, Friends of Jay Rockefeller; 12/26/2007, \$500.00, Roskam for Congress Committee; 3/29/2008, \$750.00, Hoyer for Congress; 8/4/2008, \$1,000.00, Judy Biggert for Congress.