

children who have been victims of violence at the hands of family members, partners or someone else they know.

The Center will display a memorial exhibit, "An Empty Place at the Table," in the Rotunda of the Senate Russell Building on February 24 and 25 to ensure that the brutal deaths of women and children are not forgotten.

In the United States a woman is beaten by her partner or former partner every 12 seconds, and, according to the FBI, 26 percent of all female murder victims are killed by their husbands or boyfriends.

The Women's Resource Center, established in 1977, has demonstrated a commitment to their community by providing more than 18,000 hours of crisis services. These services include a 24 hour hotline, an emergency shelter, crisis counseling and advocacy to more than 2,000 adults and children each year, as well as numerous hours of educational programming with the legal system, schools, businesses, professionals and faith communities on the dynamics of abuse and assault. The Center provides their services under the strictest confidentiality and free of charge and discrimination.

Mr. President, the Center's memorial exhibit reveals how violence undeniably leaves an empty place at the table. I ask my colleagues to join with me in commending the Women's Resource Center for its leadership and commitment to restoring the fundamental right to live free from fear in our own homes. ●

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on rollcall votes No. 17 and No. 18, I am recorded as voting "not guilty." I ask that the RECORD reflect that, in fact, when the roll was called, I stood and voted, "not proven, therefore not guilty" on both votes. ●

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

##### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 6 and 7, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk and the Coast Guard. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations were agreed to.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

William Clyburn, Jr., of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2000.

Wayne O. Burkes, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2002.

#### IN THE COAST GUARD

Coast Guard nomination of George W. Molessa, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

Coast Guard nominations beginning James W. Kelly, and ending John J. Santucci, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

Coast Guard nominations beginning James E. Malene, and ending Steven M. Wischmann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 3, 1999.

#### NOMINATION OF WAYNE O. BURKES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, it is my great pleasure to see the Senate today approve the nomination of a fellow Mississippian, Wayne O. Burkes, to serve as a member of the Surface Transportation Board (STB). Wayne is qualified to serve because he brings a wealth of experience and a depth of character to the STB.

Wayne Burkes comes to this position after serving as the Transportation Commissioner for the Central District of Mississippi for the past ten years. In this capacity, he supervised all modes of transportation in the state involving aviation, highways, public transit, and rail safety. Prior to that, he served for 14 years in the Mississippi Legislature as both a Senator and a Representative on the Highways and Transportation Committees.

Mr. President, Wayne Burkes brings a real multimodal background to the STB. He is a thoughtful, introspective, humble, and mature public servant. Wayne knows who he is and this will help him be an effective STB Member. Significantly, his experience, education, and training extend beyond the world of transportation. He understands the economics of business from his experience as an insurance underwriter and serving on the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

Wayne Burkes answered our Nation's call to duty by serving in the Air Force and Mississippi's Air National Guard, including service in Vietnam. He rose to the rank of major general before retiring from the Air National Guard. His background includes over two decades as a pastor at his church, where he now serves as a deacon. He also volunteers his time and talents to assist the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. President, our Nation can count on Wayne Burkes to diligently and faithfully execute his duties as a member of the STB. He is the one of the most decent and honest men you could hope to find. We wish him well as he embarks on another public service mission.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1999

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23. I further ask that on Tuesday immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved. I ask unanimous consent that there then be a period of morning business until 11 a.m. with Senator SMITH of New Hampshire recognized for up to 20 minutes, and Senator DURBIN recognized for up to 10 minutes. I further ask consent that at 11 a.m. the Senate then resume consideration of S. 4, the Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's, and Marines' Bill of Rights Act of 1999.

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

Mr. ALLARD. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess on Tuesday from 12 noon until 2:15 p.m. to allow the weekly party caucuses to meet.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will reconvene tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. and begin a period of morning business until 11 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 4. It is expected that Senators will begin to offer amendments to S. 4 once the bill is reported, and, therefore, rollcall votes are possible prior to the policy luncheon recess at 12 noon.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:25 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 23, 1999, at 10:30 a.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate February 22, 1999:

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WILLIAM CLYBURN, JR., OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2000.

WAYNE O. BURKES, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2002.