

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 28) providing for the reappointment of Wesley S. Williams, Jr. as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 28) was considered read the third time and passed.

#### ORDER FOR STAR PRINT

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the report to accompany S. 92 be star printed with the changes that are at the desk.

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

#### EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE SENATE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO ARE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution submitted earlier today by Senator LOTT regarding support of troops engaged in military operations in Yugoslavia be considered agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that all Senators be added as cosponsors of the resolution.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 74) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

Whereas the President has authorized United States participation in NATO military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;

Whereas up to 22,000 members of the Armed Forces are presently involved in operations in and around the Balkans region with the active participation of NATO and other coalition forces; and

Whereas the Senate and the American people have the greatest pride in the members of the Armed Forces and strongly support them: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate supports the members of the United States Armed Forces who are engaged in military operations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and recognizes their professionalism, dedication, patriotism, and courage.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: Nos. 17, 19, 20, and 22.

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

Mr. CRAPO. I further ask unanimous consent the nominations be confirmed, the motions to consider be laid upon the table, 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 considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

William Lacy Swing, of North Carolina, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Robert A. Seiple, of Washington, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.

The following-named Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, for the personal rank of Career Ambassador in recognition of especially distinguished service over a sustained period:

Mary A. Ryan, of Texas

#### FOREIGN SERVICE

The following-named Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture for promotion in the Senior Foreign Service to the classes indicated: Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Career Minister:

Warren J. Child

Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Minister-Counselor:

Mary E. Revelt

John H. Wyss

The following-named Career Members of the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service to the class indicated: Career Members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Counselor:

Weyland M. Beeghly

Larry M. Senger

Randolph H. Zeitner

The following-named Career Member of the Foreign Service for promotion into the Senior Foreign Service, and for appointment as Consular Officer and Secretary in the Diplomatic Service, as indicated: Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, Class of Counselor:

Danny J. Sheesley

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 25. I further ask that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the

morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 20, the concurrent budget resolution.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. CRAPO. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will reconvene on Thursday at 9 a.m. and immediately resume consideration of the budget resolution, with 10 hours remaining for consideration. Members should once again expect a busy day of debate and votes on remaining amendments to the budget bill, with a possibility of completing action on this legislation by late Thursday night. The cooperation of all Members will again be necessary in order to ensure a smooth and orderly process during the budget debate. The leader would also like to announce that if the Senate completes action on the budget resolution Thursday night, there would be no rollcall votes on Friday.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of the budget resolution to allow the consideration of two amendments to be offered by Senator GRAHAM, and following his remarks, the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

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

#### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

The Senate continued with the consideration of the bill.

Mr. GRAHAM addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida is recognized.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I have two amendments that I will submit. First is in the form of a sense-of-the-Senate amendment.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 164

(Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate that funds recovered from any Federal tobacco-related litigation should be set-aside for the purpose of first strengthening the Medicare trust fund and second to fund a Medicare prescription drug benefit)

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Florida [Mr. GRAHAM] proposes an amendment numbered 164.

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.