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To help address the glaring murder problem in our country, I introduced the National Murder Awareness Day resolution with my colleague Senator Sessions. This resolution will raise awareness of the devastating impact murder has on our country. In addition, it recognizes the important role local communities can play in combating the thousands of senseless murders that occur each year.

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Mr. President, the murder problem in America is complex and will require concerted efforts by people and communities throughout our great country. The National Murder Awareness Day resolution reflects the importance of these efforts. I am pleased my colleagues joined me in passing this important resolution.

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements be printed in the Record.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–310, announces the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Commission on Indian and Native Alaskan Health Care: Sara DeCoteau, of South Dakota and Carole Heart, of South Dakota.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–333, announces the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Arts Education Awards Board: The Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKI) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON).

NATIONAL MURDER AWARENESS DAY

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of Senate Resolution 41, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A Resolution (S. Res. 41) designating April 4, 2001 as “National Murder Awareness Day.”

RECOMMENDED BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

There being no objection, the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

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Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the Record.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 41) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 41

Whereas murder needlessly claims the lives of thousands of Americans each year; Whereas murder has a devastating effect on the families of victims throughout the United States; and

Whereas local community awareness and involvement can help eliminate the incidences of murder:

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 4, 2001 as “National Murder Awareness Day”; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation urging local communities throughout the United States to remember the victims of murder and carry out programs and activities to help eliminate the incidences of murder.

NATIONAL SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from consideration of S. Res. 55, and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 55) designating the third week in April as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week” for the year 2001 and all future years.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 177

Mr. DOMENICI. Senator WELLSSTONE has an amendment at the desk. I ask for its consideration and that the amendment be agreed to.

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

The amendment (No. 177) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 4, line 4 strike “and all future years” and insert “as follows:”

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent the resolution, as amended, and the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the amendment to the title which is at the desk be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, all without intervening action.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 55), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

[The resolution was not available for printing. It will appear in a future edition of the RECORD.]

The amendment (No. 178) was agreed to, as follows:

Amend the title as to read: Designating the third week of April as “National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week” for the Year 2001.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2001

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9 a.m. on Wednesday, April 4. I further ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, immediately following the prayer, 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 at a later time in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of H. Con. Res. 83, the budget resolution.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DOMENICI. For the information of all Senators, I say on behalf of the leader, the Senate will resume consideration of the Grassley amendment No.