

dreams will be respected because adults in the United States take time to listen;

Whereas many children of the United States face crises of grave proportions, especially as they enter adolescent years;

Whereas it is important for parents to spend time listening to their children on a daily basis;

Whereas modern societal and economic demands often pull the family apart;

Whereas, whenever practicable, it is important for both parents to be involved in their child's life;

Whereas encouragement should be given to families to set aside a special time for all family members to engage together in family activities;

Whereas adults in the United States should have an opportunity to reminisce on their youth to recapture some of the fresh insight, innocence, and dreams that they may have lost through the years;

Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children of the United States will provide an opportunity to emphasize to children the importance of developing an ability to make the choices necessary to distance themselves from impropriety and to contribute to their communities;

Whereas the people of the United States should emphasize to children the importance of family life, education, and spiritual qualities;

Whereas because children are the responsibility of all people of the United States, everyone should celebrate children, whose questions, laughter, and dreams are important to the existence of the United States; and

Whereas the designation of a day to commemorate the children will emphasize to the people of the United States the importance of the role of the child within the family and society: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates [the first Sunday in June of each year] June 4, 2000, as "National Child's Day"; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Amend the title to read as follows: "Designating June 4, 2000, as 'National Child's Day'".

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the title amendment be agreed to, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 296), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The title was amended so as to read: "Designating June 4, 2000, as 'National Child's Day.'"

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 24. I further ask that on Wednesday, 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 for their use later in the day. I further ask consent that the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators speaking therein for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN, or his designee, from 10 to 10:30 a.m.; Senator THOMAS, or his designee, from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

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

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 2603

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate begin consideration of S. 2603, the legislative branch appropriations bill, at 11 a.m.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin debate on the legislative branch appropriations bill. It is hoped that an agreement can be made regarding debate time and amendments so that a vote can occur during tomorrow's session of the Senate. There are approximately 40 minutes of debate remaining on executive nominations, with up to six votes to occur tomorrow afternoon. To accom-

modate the party dinners Wednesday night, votes will occur prior to 6 p.m.

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

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:01 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 24, 2000, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 23, 2000:

##### FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

DON HARRELL, of New York, to be a member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2002, vice Jerome A. Stricker, term expired.

##### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

MILDRED SPIEWAK DRESSSELHAUS, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy. (New position)

##### INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE CULTURE & ARTS DEVELOPMENT

JAYNE G. FAWCETT, of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development for a term expiring May 19, 2006, vice Alfred H. Qoyawayma, term expired.

##### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### To Be Admiral

VICE ADM. ROBERT J. NATTER, 0000

#### WITHDRAWALS

Executive messages transmitted by the President to the Senate on May 23, 2000, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Nicholas P. Godici, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, vice Philip G. Hampton, II, which was sent to the Senate on January 31, 2000.

##### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Mildred Spiewak Dresselhaus, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Energy Research, vice Martha Anne Krebs, which was sent to the Senate on April 13, 2000.