

Whereas Israel has made significant global contributions in the fields of science, medicine, and technology: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the independence of the State of Israel as a significant event in providing refuge and a national homeland for the Jewish people;

(2) strongly supports efforts to bring peace to the Middle East, including the disengagement plan of the Israeli government, the Roadmap, and the recent Quartet decision to appoint World Bank President James Wolfensohn as Coordinator for Gaza Disengagement;

(3) commends the bipartisan commitment of all United States administrations and United States Congresses since 1948 to stand by Israel and work for its security and well-being; and

(4) extends warm congratulations and best wishes to the people of Israel as they celebrate the 57th anniversary of Israel's independence.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1084 AND S. 1085

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk. I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will report the bills by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1084) to eliminate child poverty, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 1085) to provide for paid sick leave to ensure that Americans can address their own health needs and the health needs of their families.

Mr. ALLEN. I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will have their second reading on the next legislative day.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1061 AND S. 1062

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I understand there are two other bills at the

desk that are due for a second reading. I ask unanimous consent that they be read for a second time, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1061) to provide for secondary school reform and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 1062) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2005

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 20. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then return to executive session and resume consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Owen to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; provided further that the time from 9:40 a.m. to 10 a.m. be under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the time from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. be under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee, provided that at 10:30 a.m. the majority leader or his designee be recognized and floor time then rotate every 30 minutes between the two leaders or their designees until 1 p.m., at which time the Democratic leader or his designee be recognized until 1:45 p.m., to be followed by a Republican Senator until 2 p.m.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will resume the consideration of the nomination of Priscilla Owen to be a United States circuit court judge for the Fifth Circuit. We have had another day of substantive debate on the Owen nomination. As announced earlier today, there will be no rollcall votes tomorrow. We will have a busy day of debate, surely, and Senators are encouraged to come to the Senate during the session. As a reminder, the majority leader has announced we will have a vote next Monday at 5:30 p.m. That vote is likely to be a vote on a motion to instruct and to request Members' attendance. More will be said regarding Monday's schedule at the close of business tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. ALLEN. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:52 p.m., adjourned until Friday, May 20, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 19, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

EDMUND S. HAWLEY, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE DAVID M. STONE, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

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

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. TERRY L. GABRESKI, 0000