

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 384, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 384) designating March 2, 2006, as "Read Across America Day."

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

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 384) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 384

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and is a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas the people of the United States must be able to read if the United States is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) and the Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and providing additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 40 national associations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to use March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2, 2006, as "Read Across America Day";

(2) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to discover the joy of reading;

(3) encourages parents to read with their children for at least 30 minutes on Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss and in celebration of reading; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1. I further ask that following the prayer and the 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 resume consideration of S. 2271, the PATRIOT Act amendments bill, and that the time be equally divided until the 10 a.m. vote on passage. I further ask that following the vote, the Senate stand in recess until 12 noon for a joint meeting of Congress.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, today the Senate voted for cloture on the PATRIOT Act amendments bill. Tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., there will be a vote on passage of the bill. Following the vote, Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber at 10:30 and proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives for a joint meeting of Congress with Italian Prime Minister Berlusconi. Members should plan their schedules accordingly. Following that joint meeting, we will proceed to the PATRIOT Act conference report. It may be necessary to have a couple of procedural votes prior to the vote on invoking cloture on the PATRIOT Act conference report. I would expect those votes to begin sometime shortly after noon when the Senate reconvenes following the joint meeting.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:19 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.