

Whereas the cowboy continues to play a significant role in the culture and economy of the United States;

Whereas approximately 800,000 ranchers are conducting business in all 50 States and are contributing to the economic well being of nearly every county in the Nation;

Whereas rodeo is the sixth most-watched sport in the United States;

Whereas membership in rodeo and other organizations encompassing the livelihood of a cowboy transcends race and sex and spans every generation;

Whereas the cowboy is an American icon; Whereas to recognize the American cowboy is to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of the United States to an esteemed and enduring code of conduct; and

Whereas the ongoing contributions made by cowboys to their communities should be recognized and encouraged: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 22, 2006, as “National Day of the American Cowboy”; and

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

APPOINTMENT OF PHILLIP FROST AS A CITIZEN REGENT

REAPPOINTMENT OF ALAN G. SPOON AS A CITIZEN REGENT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate en bloc consideration of H.J. Res. 81 and H.J. Res. 82, which were received from the House.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 81) providing for the appoint of Phillip Frost as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 82) providing for the reappointment of Alan G. Spoon as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolutions.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolutions be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolutions be printed in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolutions (H.J. Res. 81 and H.J. Res. 82) were read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 6. I further ask unanimous consent 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 resume consideration of S. 2454, the border security bill, with the time from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. equally divided between the managers or their designees, and the Senate then proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture, as under the previous order; further, I ask that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived and that second-degree amendments be filed at the desk no later than 10:30 a.m., pursuant to rule XXII.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, just a few minutes ago I filed two cloture motions on the border security bill and four cloture motions on Executive Calendar nominations. Under the provisions of rule XXII, we will have several votes on Friday unless an agreement can be reached which we will consider tomorrow. Tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. we will have a cloture vote on the Specter substitute amendment, which was filed by the minority leader, with the other cloture vote on nominations. We still have a lot of work to be done before we leave at the end of the week.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. 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 9:40 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 6, 2006, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 5, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ERIC M. BOST, OF TEXAS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

LISA BOBBIE SCHREIBER HUGHES, OF PENNSYLVANIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME.

DAVID M. ROBINSON, OF CONNECTICUT, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA.

EARL ANTHONY WAYNE, OF MARYLAND, 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 ARGENTINA.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be colonel

THOMAS E. BALDWIN, 0000
LEE C. BAUER, 0000
JAMES A. CAPPS, JR., 0000
PAUL B. CHRISTIANSON, 0000
PAUL D. GOVEN, 0000
STEVEN A. HOCKING, 0000

VINCENT T. JONES, 0000
HALIFAX C. KING, 0000
RAYMOND M. KLEIN, 0000
LISA A. KUHAR, 0000
JOHN F. KURZAK, 0000
STEVEN T. LAMB, 0000
FREDRIC A. MARKS, 0000
WILLIAM A. POLLAN, 0000
RONALD D. POOLE, 0000
CAROL S. RAMSEY, 0000
ANTHONY M. RIZZO, 0000
DIANA J. SCHULZ, 0000
GERALD R. SCHWARTZ, 0000
STEPHEN J. SHARP, 0000
JOHN C. STONER, 0000
FRANCIS A. STRATFORD, JR., 0000
MARIA M. TIAMSONBEATO, 0000
RICHARD A. WILLIAMS, 0000

To be lieutenant colonel

FEDERICO AGUILAR, 0000
KIRK W. ALVORD, 0000
FRANK J. ARCHBALD, 0000
MICHAEL A. ARNOLD, 0000
MATTHEW E. BANNON, 0000
JIMMY L. BARROW, 0000
DANIEL P. BATES, 0000
ROBERT V. BECK, 0000
LAURA K. BELKNAP, 0000
STEPHEN F. BELL, 0000
FREDERICK L. BELLAMY, 0000
THOMAS C. BERRY, 0000
DEBORAH C. BERTRAND, 0000
CHRISTOPHER D. BINGHAM, 0000
DANIEL C. BLANK, 0000
JEFFREY D. BODIN, 0000
HUBERT C. BOWDITCH, 0000
RAY BOWEN, 0000
DAVID J. BOWERS, 0000
DAVID N. BRAWLEY, 0000
DONALD S. BROCKE, 0000
LORIE C. BROSCH, 0000
JAMES W. BROWN, 0000
JERRY D. BROWN, 0000
ROY C. BROWN, 0000
DOUGLAS J. BURGOYNE, 0000
ALLAN C. BUSHNELL, 0000
JOYCE CADY, 0000
WILLIAM F. CAPPIELLO, 0000
JAMES D. CARLIN, 0000
LINDA M. CHRISTIANSEN, 0000
ALAN C. CHUBB, 0000
JOSE M. CINTRON, 0000
JOSEPH G. CLEMONS, 0000
STEPHEN D. CLUTTER, 0000
JAMES W. COCKERILL, 0000
CHRISTOPHER J. COHOES, 0000
JOSEPH G. CONIGLIO, JR., 0000
FRANK W. CORLEY III, 0000
JESUS CORTESMORALES, 0000
BRIAN D. COX, 0000
RONALD O. CRANDALL, 0000
ROBERT J. CRAVEN, 0000
JOHN M. CURRY, 0000
ROMAN B. CYBAK, 0000
JEANINE M. CZECH, 0000
CARMELLA L. DADDEZIO, 0000
HECTOR F. DAVILA, 0000
RENE P. DECHAMNE, 0000
KENNETH J. DENMAN, JR., 0000
ROLLIN S. DIXON, 0000
MARK G. DRINKARD, 0000
JOSEPH A. DUFF, 0000
AARON J. DYESS III, 0000
TEDDY J. ELLIS, 0000
ALFRED C. EMMEL, 0000
DANIEL J. EPRIGHT, 0000
CHRISTOPHER C. ERICKSON, 0000
RICHARD B. EVANS, 0000
HAROLD H. FAIN, JR., 0000
EDWARD E. FIRNBERG, 0000
ROBERT J. FISCHER, 0000
CARLOS L. FLEMING, 0000
JOHN F. FORBES, 0000
KENNETH M. FRANCIS, 0000
JAMES W. FRESSE, 0000
DAVID W. GAPP, 0000
MARCO GARCIAGALVEZ, 0000
JAMES R. GEAR, 0000
DAVID J. GERRARD, 0000
ROGER I. GERRARD, 0000
ANTHONY T. GHIM, 0000
JOHN A. GIBBONS, JR., 0000
WILLIAM C. GIBBONS, 0000
WILLIAM A. GIBSON, 0000
JAMES L. GIEM, 0000
ATUL K. GOEL, 0000
DANIEL V. GOERES, 0000
ANTHONY J. GORITSKI, JR., 0000
ROBERT J. GRANT, 0000
DEWEY M. GRAY, 0000
JAMES S. GREEN, 0000
STEVEN A. GREENE, 0000
RANDALL G. GRIFFIN, 0000
CHARLES A. GRIMES, 0000
ARNE F. GRUSPE, 0000
PAUL W. HAAG, 0000
NABIL M. HAIB, 0000
PHILLIP W. HALCUM, 0000
ZOE M. HALE, 0000
DIAN M. HALL, 0000
JOHN F. HAMILTON, JR., 0000
AMY E. HAMPTON, 0000
TIMOTHY S. HANNUS, 0000
TIMOTHY W. HARRIS, 0000
JAMES L. HAWKINS, 0000