

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE-
MENT—CONFERENCE REPORT TO
ACCOMPANY H.R. 2918

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, September 30, following a period of morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, the Legislative Branch appropriations; that all debate time until 4:30 be equally divided and controlled between Senators NELSON of Nebraska and Senator MURKOWSKI or their designees; that if points of order are raised, any vote on the motions to waive occur beginning at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow and that no amendments be in order to the motions; I further ask consent that following the disposition of points of order, and if the motions to waive are successful, the Senate then proceed to the adoption of the conference report immediately, with 2 minutes of debate, equally divided, prior to each vote.

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

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—
H.R. 2647

Mr. REID. Mr. President, with respect to the conferees on the Defense authorization measure, I ask unanimous consent that Senators KIRK and LEMIEUX be added to replace the late Senator Kennedy and recently retired Senator Martinez.

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

EXTENDING BY ONE YEAR THE
OPERATION OF RADIO FREE ASIA

REAUTHORIZING THE UNITED
STATES ADVISORY COMMISSION
ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3593 and H.R. 2131 en bloc, and the Senate proceed to their immediate consideration en bloc.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3593) to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend by one year the operation of Radio Free Asia, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 2131) to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bills be read a third time and passed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 3593) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

The bill (H.R. 2131) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS
MONTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committees be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 285, and that 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. 285) supporting the goals and ideals of national cybersecurity awareness month and raising and enhancing the state of cybersecurity in the United States.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 285) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 285

Whereas the use of the Internet in the United States, to communicate, conduct business, or generate commerce that benefits the overall United States economy, is ubiquitous;

Whereas many people use the Internet in the United States to communicate with family and friends, manage finances and pay bills, access educational opportunities, shop at home, participate in online entertainment and games, and stay informed of news and current events;

Whereas United States small businesses, which employ a significant fraction of the private workforce, increasingly rely on the Internet to manage their businesses, expand their customer reach, and enhance the management of their supply chain;

Whereas nearly all public schools in the United States have Internet access to enhance children's education, with a significant percentage of instructional rooms connected to the Internet to enhance children's education by providing access to educational online content and encouraging self-initiative to discover research resources;

Whereas the number of children who connect to the Internet continues to rise, and teaching children of all ages to become good cyber-citizens through safe, secure, and ethical online behaviors and practices is essential to protect their computer systems and potentially their physical safety;

Whereas the growth and popularity of social networking websites has attracted millions of teenagers, providing access to a range of valuable services, making it all the more important to teach young users how to avoid potential threats like cyber bullies, predators, and identity thieves they may come across while using such services;

Whereas cybersecurity is a critical part of the United States national security and economic security;

Whereas the United States critical infrastructures and economy rely on the secure and reliable operation of information networks to support the United States military, civilian government, energy, telecommunications, financial services, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems;

Whereas Internet users and information infrastructure owners and operators face an increasing threat of malicious crime and fraud attacks through viruses, worms, Trojans, and unwanted programs such as spyware, adware, hacking tools, and password stealers, that are frequent and fast in propagation, are costly to repair, and may disable entire systems;

Whereas millions of records containing personally identifiable information have been lost, stolen, or breached, threatening the security and financial well-being of United States citizens;

Whereas consumers face significant financial and personal privacy losses due to personally identifiable information being more exposed to theft and fraud than ever before;

Whereas national organizations, policy-makers, government agencies, private sector companies, nonprofit institutions, schools, academic organizations, consumers, and the media recognize the need to increase awareness of cybersecurity and the need for enhanced cybersecurity in the United States;

Whereas coordination between the numerous Federal agencies involved in cybersecurity efforts is essential to securing the cyber infrastructure of the United States;

Whereas the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, published in February 2003, recommends a comprehensive national awareness program to empower all people in the United States, including businesses, the general workforce, and the general population, to secure their own parts of cyberspace;

Whereas the White House's Cyberspace Policy Review, published in May 2009, recommends that the government initiate a national public awareness and education campaign to promote cybersecurity; and

Whereas the National Cyber Security Alliance, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the Department of Homeland Security, and other organizations working to improve cybersecurity in the United States have designated October 2009 as the sixth annual National Cybersecurity Awareness Month which serves to educate the people of the United States about the importance of cybersecurity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, as designated by the National Cyber Security Alliance, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the Department of Homeland Security, and other organizations working to improve cybersecurity in the United States;

(2) continues to work with Federal agencies, businesses, educational institutions, and other organizations to enhance the state of cybersecurity in the United States; and

(3) congratulates the National Cyber Security Alliance, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the Department of Homeland Security, and other organizations working to improve cybersecurity in the United States on the sixth anniversary of the National Cybersecurity Month during October 2009.