

meaning of fairness, determination, and team play;

Whereas parents feel that sports are equally important for boys and girls and that sports and fitness activities provide important benefits to girls who participate;

Whereas early motor-skill training and enjoyable experiences of physical activity strongly influence life-long habits of physical fitness;

Whereas the performances of female athletes in the Olympic Games are a source of inspiration and pride to the people of the United States;

Whereas the athletic opportunities for male students at the collegiate and high school levels remain significantly greater than those for female students; and

Whereas the number of funded research projects focusing on the specific needs of women athletes is limited and the information provided by these projects is imperative to the health and performance of future women athletes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates February 3, 2010, as “National Women and Girls in Sports Day”; and

(2) encourages State and local jurisdictions, appropriate Federal agencies, and the people of the United States to observe “National Women and Girls in Sports Day” with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise to submit the National Women and Girls in Sports Day resolution. As we celebrate the 24th anniversary of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, I am pleased to be joined by colleagues, Senator MURRAY, Senator MIKULSKI, and Senator BINGAMAN.

The celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day began in remembrance of Olympic volleyball player Flo Hyman for her athletic achievements and her commitment to ensuring equality for women’s sports. Tragically, Hyman died of Marfan’s Syndrome in 1986 while competing in a volleyball tournament. In that same year, I introduced a joint resolution commemorating the first National Women in Sports Day in 1987. With today marking the 24th anniversary of this celebration, we continue to honor all girls and women, recognizing past and current achievements in athletics, as well as the positive influence of sports participation and the continuing struggle for equality and access for women in sports.

We undoubtedly have a plethora of women athletes who deserve our admiration and appreciation with the upcoming 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Just a few weeks ago, the most decorated female skier in U.S. history Lindsey Vonn was named the 2009 Sports Woman of the Year by the United States Olympic Committee. That remarkable achievement occurred on the heels of earning the distinction of Female Athlete of the Decade by NBC’s Universal Sports. While her athletic talent alone make both these awards certainly well-deserved, Ms. Vonn is also widely respected for her indomitable tenacity and resilience: In the 2006 Olympic Winter Games she continued her race despite a horrific crash and earned the Olympic Spirit Award. No doubt she will carry her

“Olympic Spirit” in this year’s competition as well.

It is clear that while we celebrate the tremendous progress women’s sports have made since the commencement of National Girls and Women in Sports Day, we cannot sit on the sidelines. As reflected in this year’s theme, “Stay Strong, Play On”, we must continue to build on the outstanding successes in sports participation by girls and women over the past several decades. Again, I applaud the girls and women across the state of Maine and our country for their participation and leadership in athletics as we celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day—today and every day.

SENATE RESOLUTION 409—CALLING ON MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT IN UGANDA TO REJECT THE PROPOSED “ANTI-HOMOSEXUALITY BILL”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARDIN, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 409

Whereas a bill introduced on October 14, 2009, by a member of Parliament in Uganda would expand penalties for homosexuality to include the death penalty and requires citizens to report information about homosexuality to the police or face imprisonment;

Whereas many countries criminalize homosexuality, and in some countries, such as Iran, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Sudan, the penalty for homosexuality includes the death penalty;

Whereas the United States, in seeking to promote the core American principles of equality and “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness,” has long championed the universality of human rights;

Whereas religious leaders in the United States, along with representatives from the Vatican and the Anglican Church, have stated that laws criminalizing homosexuality are unjust; and

Whereas the people and Government of the United States recognize that such laws undermine our commitment to combating HIV/AIDS globally through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) by stigmatizing and criminalizing vulnerable communities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) calls on members of the Parliament in Uganda to reject the “Anti-Homosexuality Bill” recently proposed in that country;

(2) urges the governments of all countries to reject and repeal similar criminalization laws; and

(3) encourages the Secretary of State to closely monitor human rights abuses that occur because of sexual orientation and to encourage the repeal or reform of laws such as the proposed “Anti-Homosexuality Bill” in Uganda that permit such abuses.

SENATE RESOLUTION 410—SUPPORTING AND RECOGNIZING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF “RV CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MONTH” TO COMMEMORATE 100 YEARS OF ENJOYMENT OF RECREATION VEHICLES IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 410

Whereas 1910 marks the first year of mass-produced, manufactured, motorized campers and camping trailers;

Whereas 1 in 12 households in the United States own a recreation vehicle (referred to in this preamble as an “RV”), and over 30,000,000 RV enthusiasts take part in this affordable and environmentally friendly form of vacationing;

Whereas RV vacations allow families in the United States to build stronger relationships, explore the great outdoors, and take part in healthy activities;

Whereas this homegrown industry, including RV manufacturers, suppliers, dealers, and campgrounds, employs hundreds of thousands of people in good-paying jobs across all 50 states;

Whereas traveling in an RV offers the freedom, comfort, and flexibility to see all parts of the United States, from historic landmarks and National Parks to local campgrounds and sporting events; and

Whereas the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the RV into the marketplace in the United States will be celebrated June 7, 2010, at the RVMH Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports and recognizes the goals and ideals of “RV Centennial Celebration Month” to commemorate 100 years of enjoyment of recreation vehicles in the United States; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to celebrate this anniversary by taking part in recreation vehicle vacations.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

The hearing will be held on Monday, February 15, 2010 at 2:30 p.m., at the Corbett Center (Ballroom-Eastside) on the campus of New Mexico State University, in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1689, the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks Wilderness Act.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact David Brooks at (202) 224-9863 or Allison Seyferth at (202) 224-4905.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Prohibiting Certain High-Risk Investment Activities by Banks and Bank Holding Companies."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010 in room S-216 of the Capitol.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Keeping Foreign Corruption Out of the United States: Four Case Histories."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select

Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Comcast/NBC Universal Merger: What Does the Future Hold for Competition and Consumers?"

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND, TOXICS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, and Environmental Health be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2010, at 3 p.m., to hold an International Development and Foreign Assistance Subcommittee hearing entitled "Haiti Reconstruction: Smart Planning Moving Forward."

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF CRAIG BECKER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order to move to executive session to consider Calendar No. 688, the nomination of Craig Becker.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination. The legislative clerk read the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I have a cloture motion at the desk, and I ask that it be reported.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Craig Becker, of Illinois, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

Harry Reid, Tom Harkin, Benjamin L. Cardin, Debbie Stabenow, Bill Nelson, Al Franken, Barbara Boxer, Amy Klobuchar, Mark Begich, Byron L. Dorgan, Dianne Feinstein, John D. Rockefeller IV, Edward E. Kaufman, Roland W. Burris, Daniel K. Akaka, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 2 p.m., Monday, February 8, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar Nos. 468 and 688, with the time until 5 p.m. equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; and that the debate time run concurrently with respect to Calendar No. 468 and the cloture motion with respect to Calendar No. 688; that at 5 p.m., the Senate proceed to vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joseph Greenaway; that upon confirmation, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that upon disposition of the Greenaway nomination, the Senate then proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Becker nomination.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now resume legislative session.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will resume legislative session.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m., Monday, February 8; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to executive session, as provided for under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on Monday, the Senate will debate, concurrently, the nominations of Joseph Greenaway to be U.S. circuit judge for the Third Circuit and Craig Becker to be a member of the National Labor Relations