

agreement to this resolution, but the number of children who “age out” of the foster care system without placement with a permanent family has increased substantially, rising from 20,000 children in 2002 to 29,000 children in 2008;

Whereas children who “age out” of the foster care system lack the security or support of a biological or adoptive family and frequently struggle to secure affordable housing, obtain health insurance, pursue higher education, and acquire adequate employment;

Whereas, of the children who have “aged out” of the foster care system—

(1) 25 percent have been homeless;

(2) 51 percent have been unemployed for significant stretch of time, and

(3) only 2 percent have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher;

Whereas, by age 19, approximately 50 percent of young women who have been in the foster care system have been pregnant, compared to only 20 percent of young women who have been not in the foster care system;

Whereas research reveals that children born to teen parents are exposed to serious and high risks;

Whereas National Foster Care Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the special needs of children in the foster care system and to recognize the important role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States;

Whereas the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-351; 122 Stat. 3949) provides for new investments and services to improve the outcomes of children and families in the foster care system; and

Whereas much remains to be done to ensure that all children have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family, regardless of age or special needs: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about

the challenges of children in the foster care system;

(2) encourages Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system;

(3) supports the designation of a “National Foster Care Month”;

(4) acknowledges the needs of the children in the foster care system;

(5) honors the commitment and dedication of those individuals who work tirelessly to provide assistance and services to children in the foster care system; and

(6) recognizes the need to continue working to improve the outcomes of all children in the foster care system through title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and other programs designed to help children in the foster care system—

(A) reunite with their biological parents; or

(B) if the children cannot be reunited with their biological parents, find permanent, safe, and loving homes.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18; that following the prayer and the 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 a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans con-

trolling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 3217, Wall Street reform, as provided under the previous order; that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly caucus luncheons; that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments be 12 noon tomorrow. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorums under rule XXII be waived.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, under the previous order, there will be at least one rollcall vote at approximately 11:45 a.m. That will be in relation to the Gregg amendment No. 4051.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:55 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

##### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

JOHN S. PISTOLE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE EDMUND S. HAWLEY, RESIGNED.