

Therefore, it is premature to even consider easing the current conservation measures. Mr. President, the right policy is to protect whales across the globe, to oppose the resumption of commercial whaling, and to halt the unscientific practice of scientific whaling.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and any statements with regard to the resolution appear in the RECORD at this point.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 226) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 226

Whereas whales have very low reproductive rates, making whale populations extremely vulnerable to pressure from commercial whaling;

Whereas whales migrate throughout the world's oceans and international cooperation is required to successfully conserve and protect whale stocks;

Whereas in 1946 the nations of the world adopted the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, which established the International Whaling Commission to provide for the proper conservation of the whale stocks;

Whereas the Commission adopted a moratorium on commercial whaling in 1982 in order to conserve and promote the recovery of the whale stocks;

Whereas the Commission has designated the Indian Ocean and the ocean waters around Antarctica as whale sanctuaries to further enhance the recovery of whale stocks;

Whereas many nations of the world have designated waters under their jurisdiction as whale sanctuaries where commercial whaling is prohibited, and additional regional whale sanctuaries have been proposed by nations that are members of the Commission;

Whereas 2 member nations of the Commission have taken reservations to the Commission moratorium on commercial whaling and 1 has recently resumed commercial whaling operations in spite of the moratorium and the protests of other nations;

Whereas another member nation of the Commission has taken a reservation to the Commission's Southern Ocean Sanctuary and continues to conduct lethal scientific whaling in the waters of that sanctuary;

Whereas the Commission's Scientific Committee has repeatedly expressed serious concerns about the scientific need for such lethal whaling;

Whereas the lethal take of whales under reservations to the Commission's policies have been increasing annually;

Whereas there continue to be indications that whale meat is being traded on the international market despite a ban on such trade under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), and that meat may be originating in one of the member nations of the Commission;

Whereas 1998 is the International Year of the Ocean and the Commission plays a leading role in global efforts to improve the state of the world's oceans: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) at the 50th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Oman the United States should—

(A) remain firmly opposed to commercial whaling;

(B) initiate and support efforts to ensure that all activities conducted under reservations to the Commission's moratorium or sanctuaries are ceased;

(C) oppose the lethal taking of whales for scientific purposes unless such lethal taking is specifically authorized by the Scientific Committee of the Commission;

(D) seek the Commission's support for specific efforts by member nations to end illegal trade in whale meat; and

(E) support the permanent protection of whale populations through the establishment of whale sanctuaries in which commercial whaling is prohibited; and

(2) make full use of all appropriate diplomatic mechanisms, relevant international laws and agreements, and other appropriate mechanisms to implement the goals set forth in paragraph (1).

UNANIMOUS CONSENT  
AGREEMENT—S. 1046

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, may proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 310, S. 1046, the National Science Foundation reauthorization bill. I further ask unanimous consent there be a total of 10 minutes of debate equally divided on the bill and that no amendments be in order other than a substitute amendment offered by Senator MCCAIN. I further ask unanimous consent that following disposition of the amendment, S. 1046 be read for a third time and the Labor Committee then be discharged from further consideration of the House companion bill, H.R. 1273. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate then proceed to its consideration, all after the enacting clause be stricken, and the text of S. 1046, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof.

I further ask unanimous consent the bill then be read for the third time and the Senate proceed to a vote on the passage of H.R. 1273, as amended. And I finally ask unanimous consent that S. 1046 then be placed back on the calendar.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT  
AGREEMENT—S. 1244

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, may proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 314, S. 1244. I further ask unanimous consent there be 10 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form, and following that debate, the committee substitute be agreed to, the bill be read for a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill with no intervening action or debate.

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

AUTHORIZING USE OF THE  
CAPITOL GROUNDS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 265 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 265) authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 265) was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 11,  
1998

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, on behalf of leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Monday, May 11.

I further ask unanimous consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted and that there then be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 2:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exception: Senator BENNETT be allowed to speak for up to 15 minutes.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, on Monday, the Senate will proceed to morning business until 2:30 p.m. and then attempt to consider several high-tech bills on short time agreements. Also, at approximately 3 p.m., the Senate will consider the agriculture research conference report, and at approximately 4 p.m., the Senate will begin consideration of the missile defense bill. However, no votes will occur during Monday's session of the Senate. Any votes ordered on Monday will be postponed to occur on Tuesday at approximately 12 noon. The Senate could also consider other legislative and executive items cleared for action, including the charitable contributions bill on Tuesday of next week.