

crimes against all Americans, including Sikh-Americans; and

(4) calls upon local and Federal law enforcement authorities to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law all those who commit crimes.

SA 1908. Mr. REID (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 74, condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh-Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001; as follows:

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

"Whereas all Americans are united in condemning, in the strongest possible terms, the terrorists who planned and carried out the attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and in pursuing all those responsible for those attacks and their sponsors until they are brought to justice;

"Whereas Sikh-Americans form a vibrant, peaceful, and law-abiding part of America's people;

"Whereas approximately 500,000 Sikhs reside in the United States and are a vital part of the Nation;

"Whereas Sikh-Americans stand resolutely in support of the commitment of our Government to bring the terrorists and those that harbor them to justice;

"Whereas the Sikh faith is a distinct religion with a distinct religious and ethnic identity that has its own places of worship and a distinct holy text and religious tenets;

"Whereas many Sikh-Americans, who are easily recognizable by their turbans and beards, which are required articles of their faith, have suffered both verbal and physical assaults as a result of misguided anger toward Arab-Americans and Muslim-Americans in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack;

"Whereas Sikh-Americans, as do all Americans, condemn acts of hate and prejudice against any American; and

"Whereas Congress is seriously concerned by the number of crimes against Sikh-Americans and other Americans all across the Nation that have been reported in the wake of the tragic events that unfolded on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it"

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to conduct a markup meeting beginning at 11:05 a.m., in the President's Room, S-216, the Capitol.

I. Unfinished Business

S. 1319/H.R. 2215, the Department of Justice fiscal year 2002 authorization bill [Leahy/Hatch]; S. 754, the Drug Competition Act of 2001 [Leahy / Kohl / Schumer / Durbin / Feingold / Cantwell]; and S. 1140, the Motor Vehicle Franchise Contract Arbitration Fairness Act of 2001 [Hatch/Feingold/Grassley/Leahy].

II. Nominations

Karen K. Caldwell to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Laurie Smith Camp to be United States District

Judge for the District of Nebraska; Claire V. Eagan to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; James H. Payne to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma; and Jay S. Bybee to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel.

To Be United States Attorney: Daniel G. Bogden for the District of Nevada; Margaret M. Chiara for the Western District of Michigan; Robert C. Conrad for the Western District of North Carolina; Thomas M. DiBiagio for the District of Maryland; Patrick J. Fitzgerald for the Northern District of Illinois; Thomas C. Gean for the Western District of Arkansas; James Ming Greenlee for the Northern District of Mississippi; Raymond W. Greunder for the Eastern District of Missouri; Thomas E. Johnston for the Northern District of West Virginia; John McKay for the Western District of Washington; Anna Mills S. Wagoner for the Middle District of North Carolina; Karl K. Warner, II for the Southern District of West Virginia; and Donald W. Washington for the Western District of Louisiana.

III. Resolutions

S.J. Res. 12, a joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding. [Smith/Leahy/Jeffords/Chafee/Lieberman/Gregg] and an unnumbered resolution by Senator SPECTER.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to conduct a nominations hearing beginning at 2 p.m., in S-128, the Capitol.

Nominees: Charles W. Pickering, Sr. to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; M. Christina Armijo to the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico; Karon O. Bowdre to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama; Stephen P. Friot to the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma; and Larry R. Hicks to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada is recognized.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow in my office, Peter Winokur, be entitled to privileges of the floor today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST IRANIAN-AMERICANS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 173, which is now at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 173) condemning violence and discrimination against Iranian-Americans in the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 173) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

CONDEMNING BIGOTRY AND VIOLENCE AGAINST SIKH-AMERICANS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 183, S. Con. Res. 74.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 74) condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh-Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, DC, on September 11, 2001.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment to the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendments (Nos. 1907 and 1908) were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1907

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That Congress—

(1) declares that, in the quest to identify, locate, and bring to justice the perpetrators and sponsors of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, the civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans,