

will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 40) permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without any intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 40) was agreed to.

COMMENDING JERI THOMSON

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 93 submitted earlier today by Senators DASCHLE and FRIST.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 93) commending Jeri Thomson for her service to the U.S. Senate.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 93) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 93

Whereas Jeri Thomson was elected the thirtieth Secretary of the Senate on July 12, 2001;

Whereas Jeri Thomson served the Senate during a truly historic time and ensured that the Senate continued its work for the country despite experiencing the longest dislocation in the history of the Senate due to the largest bioterrorism attack in our Nation's history;

Whereas Jeri Thomson's dedicated service enabled the Senate to break ground for a new Capitol Visitor Center, ensuring future generations will continue to have safe access to "The People's House"; and

Whereas, as an elected officer, Jeri Thomson has continuously upheld the highest standards of professionalism and, in the tradition of the Senate, has extended her exemplary service to all Members of the Senate and their families: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends Jeri Thomson for her extraordinary contributions to the Senate and her country; and

(2) expresses its deep appreciation for her continuing service.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Jeri Thomson.

COMMENDING ALFONSO C. LENHARDT

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 94, submitted earlier today by Senators DASCHLE and FRIST.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 94) commending Alfonso C. Lenhardt for his service to the United States Senate.

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and the preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD as if read, without intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 94) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 94

Whereas Alfonso C. Lenhardt ("Al") was elected the thirty-sixth Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper for the United States Senate and began his service on September 4, 2001;

Whereas Al served in the Senate during exceptional circumstances, keeping the Senate community safe during the most devastating terrorist attack on American soil and during the largest bioterrorism attack in our Nation's history, and enabling the business of democracy to continue;

Whereas Al demonstrably improved the Senate's security and ensured that the Senate will continue its operations in the event of an emergency; and

Whereas the Senate has been privileged to have the benefit of Al's 32 years of service to the United States Army and his quiet, steady professionalism during the historic 18 months he has served this institution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the extraordinary contributions of Alfonso C. Lenhardt to the Senate and to his country;

(2) expresses to him its deep appreciation for his faithful and outstanding service; and

(3) extends its very best wishes for his future endeavors.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Alfonso C. Lenhardt.

STAR PRINT—S. 596

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 596 be star printed with the changes that are at the desk.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: Michael Toner and Ellen Weintraub.

I further ask consent that the Senate proceed to their consideration, the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed en bloc, as follows:

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Michael E. Toner, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007.

Ellen L. Weintraub, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2007.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

APPOINTMENT

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h-276k, as amended, appoints the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the Mexico-U.S. Interparliamentary Group conference during the 108th Congress.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2003

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 19. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 23, the concurrent budget resolution; provided further, that there be 30 hours remaining for debate on the resolution, with 15 hours remaining under the control of the chairman of the Budget Committee and 15 hours remaining under the control of the ranking member.

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

PROGRAM

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume consideration of the Boxer amendment No. 272