

through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme are not being imported from that country into the United States. The requirement to issue a semiannual report with respect to a country under this subsection shall remain in effect until such time as the country is controlling the importation and exportation of rough diamonds through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.

SEC. 13. GAO REPORT.

Not later than 24 months after the effective date of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall transmit a report to the Congress on the effectiveness of the provisions of this Act in preventing the importation or exportation of rough diamonds that is prohibited under section 4. The Comptroller General shall include in the report any recommendations on any modifications to this Act that may be necessary.

SEC. 14. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITIES.

The President may delegate the duties and authorities under this Act to such officers, officials, departments, or agencies of the United States Government as the President deems appropriate.

SEC. 15. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date on which the President certifies to the Congress that—

(1) an applicable waiver that has been granted by the World Trade Organization is in effect; or

(2) an applicable decision in a resolution adopted by the United Nations Security Council pursuant to Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations is in effect.

This Act shall thereafter remain in effect during those periods in which, as certified by the President to the Congress, an applicable waiver or decision referred to in paragraph (1) or (2) is in effect.

SA 530. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CHAMBLISS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 783, to expedite the granting of posthumous citizenship to members of the United States Armed Forces; as follows:

On page 2, strike lines 1 through 7, and insert the following:

“(c) REQUESTS FOR POSTHUMOUS CITIZENSHIP.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A request for the granting of posthumous citizenship to a person described in subsection (b) may be filed on behalf of that person—

“(A) upon locating the next-of-kin, and if so requested by the next-of-kin, by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary’s designee with the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security immediately upon the death of that person; or

“(B) by the next-of-kin.

“(2) APPROVAL.—The Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services shall approve a request for posthumous citizenship filed by the next-of-kin in accordance with paragraph (1)(B) if—

“(A) the request is filed not later than 2 years after—

“(i) the date of enactment of this section; or

“(ii) the date of the person’s death;

whichever date is later;

“(B) the request is accompanied by a duly authenticated certificate from the executive department under which the person served which states that the person satisfied the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b); and

“(C) the Director finds that the person satisfied the requirement of subsection (b)(3).”; and

On page 2, after line 22, insert the following:

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect as if enacted on September 11, 2001.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 10:15 a.m., in open and possibly closed session, to receive testimony on the military implications of NATO enlargement and on post-conflict Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. 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 April 10, 2003, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on “Recent Developments in Hedge Funds.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday April 10, 2003, at 10 a.m., on FAA Reauthorization.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on Thursday, April 10 at 10 a.m. to consider comprehensive energy legislation.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet on during the session of the Senate, on Thursday April 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a Business Meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 2003 to hold a Business Meeting (to pass out nominations) after the first rollcall vote.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 10,

2003 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the nomination of Peter Eide to be General Counsel for the Federal Labor Relations Authority.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 11 a.m. for a hearing entitled “Prosecuting Iraqi War Crimes: A Consideration of the Different Forum Options.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Putting the Teaching of American History and Civics Back in the Classroom during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 2003 at 9 a.m. in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to mark up pending committee legislation.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 10, 2003, for a markup on the nominations of Bruce E. Kasold to be Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and John W. Nicholson to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs. The meeting will take place in the Senate Reception Room in the Capitol after the first rollcall vote after noon on April 10, 2003.

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

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing in Room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Thursday, April 10, 2003, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thank you.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND WATER

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. to examine the designation of critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act.

The hearing will be conducted in SD 406.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space be authorized to meet on April 10, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. on brain mapping.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 116, 117, 118, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, and all the nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Argentina.

Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

Eric M. Javits, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

John W. Snow, of Virginia, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMISSION

Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission for a term of nine years.

Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prael, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, under the provisions of Section 2 of an Act of Congress, approved 28 June 1879 (21 Stat. 37) (22 USC 642).

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY FOUNDATION

Herbert Guenther, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term of two years.

Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2006.

Malcolm B. Bowekaty, of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2006.

Richard Narcia, of Arizona, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring August 25, 2006.

Robert Boldrey, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation for a term expiring May 26, 2007.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN355 Foreign Service nominations (187) beginning Louise Brandt Bigott, and ending Kathleen Hatch Allegrone, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of February 25, 2003.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. MCCONNELL. In executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: Delores Etter, Daniel Hastings, Jo Anne Vasquez, Barry Barish, Douglas Randall, Karen Johnson.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Karen Johnson be placed on the calendar. Further, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed immediately to the remaining nominations, the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table en bloc, further that the President then be notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Barry C. Barish, of California, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Delores N. Etter, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Daniel E. Hastings, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for term expiring May 10, 2008.

Douglas D. Randall, of Missouri, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

Jo Anne Vasquez, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, for a term expiring May 10, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 196

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the minority leader, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 60, S. 196, the digital technology bill; further that there be one hour of debate equally divided between Senator ALLEN and the ranking member or their designees; in addition, that of the time under the majority control, Senator MCCAIN be allotted 5 minutes; that the only amendments in order be the committee-reported amendments and one technical amendment offered by Senator ALLEN; that at the expiration or yielding back of time, the amendments be adopted, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill, without intervening action or debate.

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

LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE ACT OF 2003

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 69, S. 538.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 538) to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a program to assist family caregivers in accessing affordable and high-quality respite care, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The bill (S. 538) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 538

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE.

The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"TITLE XXIX—LIFESPAN RESPITE CARE

"SEC. 2901. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

"(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

"(1) an estimated 26,000,000 individuals in the United States care each year for 1 or more adult family members or friends who are chronically ill, disabled, or terminally ill;

"(2) an estimated 18,000,000 children in the United States have chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions that demand caregiver monitoring,