

(4) individuals otherwise eligible for access to the United States refugee admissions program seeking admission to the United States as refugees are not excluded from being interviewed because of such individual's country of nationality, country of habitual residence, or first country of asylum; and

(5) expanded access is provided to broader categories of refugees seeking admission to the United States, thus reducing instances of relationship-based misrepresentation by persons who art bona fide refugees but who resort to such misrepresentation merely as a way to be interviewed for refugee status.

(h) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to Congress that includes information concerning the following:

(1) Efforts of the Refugee Security Coordinator in assuming the responsibilities set forth in subsection (d) that includes—

(A) a description of the process involved in conducting security reviews for refugee applicants;

(B) a listing of the various agencies of the Federal Government that are involved in conducting security reviews for refugee applicants;

(C) a listing for each agency described in accordance with subparagraph (B) of the number of personnel involved in conducting security reviews for refugee applicants;

(D) a listing for each agency described in accordance with subparagraph (B) of the amount of funding in the previous fiscal year for conducting security reviews for refugee applicants;

(E) the average amount of time that it takes to conduct security reviews for refugee applicants; and

(F) a plan on how the Refugee Security Coordinator will fulfill the responsibilities set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (d).

(2) Efforts of the Secretary to utilize private voluntary organizations in refugee identification, utilize private voluntary agencies in processing refugees, and an explanation of the rationale for not using such organizations and agencies in situations where the Secretary of State has made such a determination.

(3) Efforts of the Secretary of State implementing performance standards and measures are described in subsection (f) and the success of private voluntary organizations in meeting such standards.

(4) Efforts of the Secretary of State to expand consideration of various groups for refugee processing as described in subsection (g).

(5) Efforts to ensure that there is planning across fiscal years so as to fulfill the refugee admissions goals set forth by the President in the President's annual presidential determinations on refugee admissions, including efforts to reach at least 70,000 admissions in fiscal year 2003, 90,000 in fiscal year 2004, and 100,000 in fiscal year 2005 as recommended by Congress.

**SA 1148.** Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 925, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place insert the following:

**SEC. . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OIL RESERVE FUND FOR IRAQ.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Coalition forces have liberated the Iraqi people from the tyranny of Saddam Hussein and his regime.

(2) The vast mineral resources, including oil, of Iraq could enrich the present and future generations of Iraqis.

(3) Iraq has one of the largest known petroleum reserves in the world, and those reserves could be used to foster economic development and democratization in Iraq.

(4) Very little of the potential of the oil sector in Iraq has actually been harnessed.

(5) Under Saddam Hussein's regime, the proceeds from those resources were used to build palaces, enrich the members of the Republican Guard, oppress the Iraqi people, and stifle their desires for a democratic government.

(6) As many of the nations of the Persian Gulf demonstrate, possession of large petroleum reserves alone does not ensure economic development or democratization.

(7) The development of a vibrant democracy requires a strong middle class, a free press, and free and fair elections.

(8) The future Government of Iraq will face a variety of reconstruction challenges ranging from restoring infrastructure to providing basic human services like education and healthcare.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Secretary of Energy should develop a proposal for the establishment of an oil reserve fund for Iraq and submit the proposal to appropriate representatives of the Iraqi people, the Director of the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, and the President's Envoy to Iraq;

(2) the proposal should take proper account of the need of Iraq for funding of reconstruction, meeting its international financial obligations, and providing essential human services such as education and health care;

(3) the fund should be called the Iraqi Freedom Fund and should be based on models such as the Alaska Permanent Fund, as well as other appropriate models;

(4) the fund should be managed on a for-profit basis to produce additional revenues;

(5) a portion of the annual earnings of the fund should be distributed to the Iraqi people as direct payments, or through programs designed to promote the establishment of a permanent middle class, with the remainder of the fund to be capitalized to allow the fund to grow for future generations; and

(6) the goal of the fund should be to encourage maximum participation by the people of Iraq in the operation of their government, to promote the proper use of the natural resources of Iraq, and to ensure that the Iraqi people benefit from the development of the natural resources of Iraq.

**SA 1149.** Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 925, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 90, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 815. EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TRADE TREATMENT TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO.**

Notwithstanding Public Law 102-420 (19 U.S.C. 2434 note), the President may pro-

claim the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Serbia and Montenegro (formerly the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia).

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., in open/closed session to receive testimony on "Lessons Learned" during operation enduring freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to receive testimony on ongoing operations in the United States Central Command Region.

The Presiding Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at 10 a.m., in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial and Executive Nominations" on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at 3 p.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Panel I: [Senators]

Panel II: James O. Browning to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico; Kathleen Cardone to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas; James I. Cohn to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; Frank Montalvo to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas; Xavier Rodriguez to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas

Panel III: Rene Alexander Acosta to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

The Presiding Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on Senate Resolution 173, proposing changes in Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate as they relate to unauthorized appropriations.

The Presiding Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint

Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Wednesday, July 9, 2003, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LUGAR. I ask unanimous consent the following persons and fellows detailed to the Foreign Relations Committee be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of S. 925: Paul Foldi, Michael Mattler, Jason Hamm, and Peter Gadzinski.

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

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nicolaas Corneliss, a fellow on my staff, be granted privileges of the floor for the duration of the Congress.

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

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Perry Cammack, a Javits fellow working on the staff of the Foreign Relations Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of S. 925.

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

Mrs. LINCOLN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Matt

Linstroth and Jason Wolf during consideration of the Child Tax Credit legislation.

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

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2003

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 10. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 925, the State Department authorization bill.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will resume debate on S. 925, the State Department authorization bill. During today's session, we were able to dispose of a number of amendments to that measure. We will continue working through amendments tomorrow. I encourage any Member who has an amendment to the bill to

contact us so we can organize an orderly schedule for the consideration of amendments.

Rollcall votes will occur throughout the day tomorrow, and Senators will be notified when the first vote is scheduled. As announced by the majority leader, it is our hope to finish action on this bill during Thursday's session.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:56 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 9, 2003:

##### THE JUDICIARY

MARY ELLEN COSTER WILLIAMS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

VICTOR J. WOLSKI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

SUSAN G. BRADEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.

CHARLES F. LETTOW, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS.