

privileges during consideration of the federal marriage amendment.

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

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Micah Harris be given floor privileges for the day.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the privilege of the floor be granted to Jack Herrmann, a science fellow in my office.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 1303

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate request the return from the House of Representatives the papers with respect to H.R. 1303, that the Senate action on that measure be vitiated, and that the bill be returned to the Committee on Governmental Affairs for appropriate action.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: Christine Todd Whitman, Kenneth Francis Hackett.

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

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

Christine Todd Whitman, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

CONFIRMATION OF KEN HACKETT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, several weeks ago the New York Times ran a story about what people all around the world do when they are starving. What they do, in effect, is to try to trick themselves into thinking that they do have food.

According to the World Food Program, there are no more mukhet bushes near the refugee camps in eastern Chad, where more than 200,000 Sudanese refugees have fled. Refugees have extracted what little nutritional value they can from those bushes by

eating the toxic berries that grow on them.

In Haitian slums, poor families eat dough made of butter, salt, water, and dirt.

In Malawi, roadside stands sell roasted mice, and in Mozambique the poor eat grasshoppers when they must, calling them "flying shrimp."

In Angola in the early 1990's, a man boiled leather from a family chair and served his family "lamb soup."

Women in Eritrea regularly strap flat stones to their stomachs to lessen hunger pangs, and, in a cruel turn of the fable of stone soup we all learned growing up, mothers in many countries boil water with stones, telling children the food is almost ready and hoping they will fall asleep waiting.

The New York Times goes on to argue—rightly—that the famines these people suffer through are not caused by a lack of food alone. They are caused by drought, government neglect, or war.

The opposite, of course, is also true. Governments that make good policy choices can ease suffering, even in the most brutal situations. That fact underscores the wisdom of the Millennium Challenge Account. The MCA, as it is commonly called, says clearly that governments who prove they are ready for reform and openness can count on the support of the people of the United States.

Today the Senate has confirmed the first two members of the board of directors who will oversee the MCA. We all know of Christie Todd Whitman and her experience. The other member whom we confirmed today is Ken Hackett, the president of Catholic Relief Services. I am proud to have nominated Ken for this important position.

Ken is uniquely qualified for this job for one reason. He has dedicated his life to fighting for the poorest of the poor—the families who, without Ken and Catholic Relief Services, would be forced to eat leather, poison berries, or dirt.

The Millennium Challenge Account is an innovative new tool in fostering global development and combating poverty. By demanding greater responsibility from recipient nations, we can foster reform and growth.

At the same time, however, the vast majority of the world's poor will remain prisoners to their governments' bad policies and corruption. We cannot redouble our efforts under the Millennium Challenge Account, only to forget those who remain most in need, those whose only solace is a stone tied to their stomach. The MCA will be one tool—an innovative, new tool—in our fight against poverty. But it is not the only tool.

That is why I nominated Ken Hackett for this important board. Ken Hackett will be a strong and clear voice for the poorest of the poor—a voice on this board and within the U.S. Government, much the way he has been at Catholic Relief Services for the last several decades.

I thank my colleagues in supporting Ken's nomination for this important board. Voting for him is a vote for hope for the world's poor. It is a vote of confidence for the remarkable work of Catholic Relief Services. And it is a vote for retaining America's leadership to end suffering.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2004

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 14. I further ask consent 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 then begin a period of morning business for up to 30 minutes, with the first 15 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the final 15 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 40, with the time until 11:30 a.m. equally divided between the chairman and ranking member or their designees; provided that at 11:30 a.m. the time until 12 noon be allocated in the following order: Senator LEAHY, 10 minutes; Senator HATCH, 10 minutes; the Democratic leader, 5 minutes; the majority leader for the final 5 minutes.

I further ask consent that at 12 noon the Senate proceed to the cloture vote as provided under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the motion to proceed to the marriage amendment. At 12 noon, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed, and that will be the first vote of the day.

In addition to the marriage amendment, there are other important issues that the Senate needs to address this week. The majority leader has announced his desire to turn to the Australia Free Trade Agreement this week. In addition, the Senate needs to appoint conferees on the FSC/ETI or JOBS legislation. Therefore, Senators should expect additional votes during tomorrow's session.