

**SEC. 9. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

Not later than March 31, 2010, the President, acting through the Council, shall transmit to Congress a report on the programs established under sections 4 and 5. The report shall include a description of activities carried out under the programs, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the programs, and recommendations concerning reauthorization of the programs and funding levels for the programs in succeeding fiscal years.

**SA 1103.** Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. INOUE)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 361, to develop and maintain an integrated system of ocean and coastal observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans and Great Lakes, improve warnings of tsunamis and other natural hazards, enhance homeland security, support maritime operations, and for other purposes; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read "A bill to develop and maintain an integrated system of ocean and coastal observations for the Nation's coasts, oceans and Great Lakes, improve warnings of tsunamis and other natural hazards, and for other purposes."

**SA 1104.** Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 69, line 12, after "presence:", insert the following: "Provided further, That of the amount made available under this heading, an amount shall be available for the Transportation Security Administration to develop a plan to research, test, and implement multi compartment bins to screen passenger belongings at security checkpoints:"

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS****COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 12 at 10 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of: Jill L. Sigal, of Wyoming, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, David R. Hill, of Missouri, to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy, and James A. Rispoli, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management.

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, July 14 at 10 a.m. in room 366 of

the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of: R. Thomas Weimer, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Mark A. Limbaugh, of Idaho to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

**MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 748**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 748) to amend Title 18, United States Code, to prevent the transportation of minors in circumvention of certain laws relating to abortion, and for other purposes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will proceed to a second reading on the next legislative day.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2360**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, July 11, the Senate proceed to the consideration of calendar No. 129, H.R. 2360, the Homeland Security Appropriations bill. I further ask that the committee-reported amendment be agreed to and considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment, and that all first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 4 p.m. on Monday, July 11, with the exception of amendments to be proposed by the leaders. I further ask that first-degree amendments be subject to relevant second degrees and no points of order be waived by this agreement.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****EXECUTIVE CALENDAR**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session; provided further, that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nomination: Richard Raymond; provided further that the Senate proceed to its consideration and the following nominations on the calendar en bloc: 192 and 193. I further ask that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President being immediately notified of the Senate's action, a colloquy be printed in the RECORD, and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

James B. Letten, of Louisiana, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Rod J. Rosenstein, of Maryland, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

**LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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

**APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—H.R. 6**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to H.R. 6, the Energy bill, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate with an 8-to-6 ratio.

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

The Chair appointed from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. ALEXANDER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BURR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. JOHNSON; and from the Committee on Finance, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. BAUCUS conferees on the part of the Senate.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. RES. 186, S. RES. 187, S. RES. 188, S. RES. 189, AND S. RES. 190**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed en bloc to the consideration of the following resolutions: S. Res. 186, S. Res. 187, S. Res. 188, S. Res. 189, and S. Res. 190.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed en bloc.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

**AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF A NATIONAL WEEKEND OF PRAYER**

The resolution (S. Res. 186) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

**S. RES. 186**

Affirming the importance of a national weekend of prayer for the victims of genocide and crimes against humanity in Darfur,