

Act, an act we passed just a couple of days ago that addresses opening up an area to deep sea exploration that will have more than a billion barrels of oil and more than 5.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas—a huge amount of natural gas to increase our supply, enough to supply 6 million homes for 15 years.

In securing America's prosperity, just a few moments ago we passed the pensions bill which will affect millions of Americans. In America, we have a rich history of working hard, of setting ambitious goals, setting that ambitious vision, and doggedly pursuing that vision, pursuing that goal. That tradition of hard work has brought us the prosperity we know today.

In the Senate, we have the responsibility to protect that prosperity. We have the responsibility to ensure that hard work is rewarded just as richly tomorrow as it was yesterday or is rewarded today. Securing America's prosperity is a noble goal toward which we made considerable progress this month.

To enjoy that prosperity, we also have to secure America's health. Again, as we look over the last 4 weeks, just this month we engaged in a thorough debate, a thoughtful debate on the future of stem cell research, a tough issue for many. We have adult stem cells, we have embryonic stem cells; we had to examine and struggle with that nexus of advancing science and ethics and morality—a topic that is comfortable to many, but it is an issue all of us need to be very comfortable with because we will see that topic and topics like that which involve ethics, medicine, and advances in science increasingly over the years ahead.

At the end of that debate, we passed the Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act which supports the alternative ways of developing these powerful so-called pluripotential stem cells that give us so much hope for the future. That is progress. On that particular piece of legislation, the House has not yet acted, but I have high hope they will do so in the near future. That bill is broadly supported in the Senate, as well as by the American people.

Finally, this month we also worked hard to secure America's values by passing the Fetus Farming Prohibition Act, by passing a tremendously exciting bill, the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, which was billed by the Walsh Family as being probably the most significant piece of child safety and child protection legislation in the last 20 years. In securing America's values, we passed the Child Custody Protection Act, although I have to say I am disappointed that the Democrats have stopped us from going to conference. The House of Representatives has passed it, and it is time for the Senate to go to conference and time to end that obstruction.

This month, we authorized the historic Voting Rights Act, and we confirmed five nominees to Federal judge-

ships. Yes, we have been tremendously productive this month, but we will have a lot more to do. We will have a recess that will give us the time to go back to our States and talk to our constituents, to interact, to be with our families, but we have a lot to do when we return in September.

As I look ahead, we will continue to secure America's homeland. The most pressing issues we should address as we look into September include port security, the Homeland Security conference report, complete Defense appropriations, confirm John Bolton, the authorization of military commissions for terrorist combatants, consistent with the Supreme Court's Hamdan decision.

In September, we will work to secure America's prosperity by bringing budget process reform to the Senate—specifically, the line-item rescission veto—and by finalizing a very exciting bipartisan competitiveness agenda package.

We will also work to continue securing America's health by focusing on a bill that has already passed this Senate and has passed the House and is now in conference on health information technology, the health information technology that we know will establish interoperability platforms and the ability to communicate in a seamless way to improve that quality of care for patients and reduce the cost, to eliminate the unnecessary health expenditures, and to eliminate the waste, fraud, and abuse.

I also would like to come back to something we were blocked, once again, by the other side, the small business health plans, the association health plans. Chairman ENZI has done a tremendous job in leading us forward, but we were unsuccessful in the past because we were obstructed. I hope to have the opportunity to bring those back.

Finally, as I look into September, we must continue securing America's values by promoting sound government. That begins with fulfilling our constitutional duty of advice and consent, by bringing more judicial nominations to the Senate for confirmation.

We have a lot on our plate for September. I realize we are not going to be able to get all of that done over those 4 weeks, but we will try. We will move in that direction. I am confident we will use the limited time remaining after the August recess productively and efficiently, and with continued hard work and determination we will keep that ball moving forward.

I thank all of my colleagues for their tremendous efforts to make this past month productive. I am confident that when we do return from our recess we will continue to secure a freer, safer, and healthier future for generations of Americans to come.

Indeed, finally, I extend to our colleagues the wish for a happy, restful, productive, and wonderful August recess.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEMINT). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### URGING ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO HOSTILITIES BETWEEN HEZBOLLAH AND ISRAEL

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 548 submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 548) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the United States and the international community to take certain actions with respect to hostilities between Hezbollah and Israel.

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

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 548) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 548

Whereas, on June 12, 2000, the Government of Lebanon advised the United Nations that it would consider deploying its armed forces throughout southern Lebanon following confirmation by the United Nations Secretary-General that the Government of Israel had fully withdrawn its armed forces from that country in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 425 (1978);

Whereas, on June 16, 2000, the United Nations Security Council endorsed the Secretary-General's conclusion that Israel had withdrawn all of its forces from Lebanon in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 425;

Whereas, notwithstanding the reservations of both Israel and Lebanon regarding the final line determining what constitutes an Israeli withdrawal in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 425, the governments of both countries confirmed that establishing the identifying line was the sole responsibility of the United Nations, and that they would respect the line that the United Nations identified;

Whereas Hezbollah remains an armed terrorist presence in Lebanon and continues to receive material and political support from the Governments of Syria and Iran;

Whereas, as affirmed in Public Law 108-175, the Governments of Syria and Iran have significant influence over Hezbollah;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559 (2004) calls for the withdrawal of all foreign forces and the dismantlement of all independent militias in Lebanon;

Whereas the international community has provided insufficient encouragement and resources to the Government of Lebanon to enable the Government to comply with the relevant provisions of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559;

Whereas Hezbollah launched an unprovoked attack against Israel on July 12, 2006, killing 7 Israeli soldiers and taking 2 soldiers hostage, its fifth provocative act against Israel since the summer of 2005;

Whereas the Government of Israel, as reaffirmed in S. Res. 534, has the right to defend itself and to take appropriate action to deter aggression by terrorist groups and their state sponsors;

Whereas fighting between Israel and Hezbollah to date has caused significant damage to Lebanon's and Israel's infrastructures that will necessitate the expenditure of significant sums to rebuild;

Whereas more than 400 citizens of Israel and Lebanon have already lost their lives in the ongoing conflict;

Whereas over 14,000 United States citizens have been evacuated from Lebanon at a cost of over \$60,000,000;

Whereas more than 1,000,000 Israelis living in northern Israel are under threat of Hezbollah rockets;

Whereas more than 700,000 Lebanese civilians have been displaced by the fighting, and the United Nations Emergency Relief Coordinator is seeking more than \$170,000,000 in donations from international donors to pay for food, medicine, water, and sanitation services over the next 3 months;

Whereas the United States Government has pledged \$30,000,000 in short-term humanitarian assistance to address the humanitarian crisis in Lebanon;

Whereas the fragile democracy of Lebanon is in jeopardy of collapsing without significant international support to address the humanitarian crisis in the country and to strengthen the capacity of the army and security forces of the Government of Lebanon to gain effective control of all territory in Lebanon; and

Whereas continued fighting between Hezbollah and Israel is a threat to the peace and security of the peoples of Israel and Lebanon;

Now, therefore, be it  
Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the Governments of Syria and Iran should—

(A) end all material and logistical support for Hezbollah, including attempts to replenish Hezbollah's supply of weapons; and

(B) use their significant influence over Hezbollah to disarm the group and release all kidnapped prisoners;

(2) the United States Government and the international community must work urgently with the Governments of Israel and Lebanon—

(A) to attain a cessation in the hostilities between Hezbollah and Israel based on—

(i) effectuating the safe return of Israeli soldiers held in Lebanon;

(ii) the disarmament of Hezbollah, the removal of all Hezbollah forces from southern Lebanon, and the replacement of those forces with army and security forces of the Government of Lebanon; and

(iii) reaching an agreement to fully implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559 and to create and deploy an international stabilization force with a clear mandate to enforce a permanent ceasefire;

(B) to organize an international donors conference to solicit and ensure the provision of international resources for the reconstruction of roads, bridges, hospitals, electrical and communications systems, and other civilian infrastructure damaged or destroyed in Lebanon during the hostilities;

(C) to remain engaged to promote sustainable peace and security for Israel and Lebanon and the greater Middle East; and

(D) to assist the Government of Lebanon on its path to democracy by promoting necessary internal political reforms; and

(3) the territorial integrity, sovereignty, unity, and political independence of Lebanon should be strongly supported.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE-  
MENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR  
NO. 819

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, the Senate proceed to executive session and proceed to the immediate consideration of Executive Calendar No. 819, Kimberly Ann Moore, to be U.S. circuit judge, with 1 hour of debate equally divided, to be followed by a vote on confirmation at 5:30 p.m., with no intervening action or debate. Finally, I ask unanimous consent that following that vote the President be immediately notified of the Senate's previous action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

YOUTHBUILD TRANSFER ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 472, S. 3534.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3534) to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for a YouthBuild program.

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

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the passage of the YouthBuild Transfer Act, S. 3534, as amended. I am pleased at the widespread support that this bill has received and want to especially thank Senator KENNEDY, the ranking member of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and Senators DEWINE, KERRY and MURRAY.

This bill transfers the Youth Build program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Department of Labor, as an amendment to the Workforce Investment Act, WIA. YouthBuild was enacted in 1992. It provides programs for young adults aged 16 to 24 to build or rehabilitate housing for homeless or low-income individuals in their communities while they study to earn their high school diploma or GED. These youth gain occupational and technical skills while building their knowledge to help them become and remain productive participants in the workplace.

By transferring YouthBuild to DOL, the program will be more closely aligned with and benefit from collaboration with the larger workforce system at the State and local levels. It will continue to serve those young adults most in need of these services, and enable them to serve their commu-

nities by building affordable housing, and assist them in transforming their own lives and roles in society.

YouthBuild assists young adults not currently enrolled in school gain needed education, skills and knowledge. The skill and literacy requirements of today's and tomorrow's workplace cannot be met if we do not provide everyone access to lifelong education, training and retraining.

I am hopeful that this bill will be signed into law quickly so that the YouthBuild program can continue to successfully help young adults across the country acquire the knowledge and skills they need in the 21st century global economy.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Enzi amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4879) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (S. 3534), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY  
VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT  
AMENDMENTS OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 436, S. 1899.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1899) to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Amendments of 2006".*

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

*Section 402 of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act (25 U.S.C. 3201) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) in paragraph (1)—*

*(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively; and*

*(ii) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:*