

hand of fate. Yes, we can make a better life for ourselves and our children. Yes, we can overcome injustice, without resorting to violence.

His words and his work inspired not only the Latino farmworkers with whom he lived but all Americans.

This coming Saturday, March 31, would have been Cesar Chavez's 80th birthday. In California, where his birthday is a legal holiday, and in homes and communities throughout our Nation, Americans will pause over the next few days to remember and celebrate the life and legacy of this great man.

Cesar Chavez was the founder of the United Farm Workers Union, a labor and civil rights leader. He established the first collective bargaining agreement between farmworkers and growers in the United States. That agreement allowed farmworkers to negotiate for safer and better working conditions—for such simple, basic human needs such as the right to a drink of clean water after hours working in a hot field.

In 1993, at the age of 66, Cesar Chavez died—his great heart weakened by the many fasts he had conducted to call attention to the plight of farmworkers. But his legacy lives on.

In a time when our Nation is at war and the income and equality gaps are again widening in America, we would do well to remember the lessons of peace and social justice from the life of Cesar Chavez.

There is no better way to promote his legacy than to continue these teachings in our communities and especially among our young people.

In my State of Illinois, schools set aside 1 day in the month of March as "Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning." It is an idea that was introduced by our Lieutenant Governor, Pat Quinn, in 2004. Students in kindergarten through high school learn about Cesar Chavez's life and beliefs in the classroom, and they also learn about his ethic of service and social responsibility by participating in community service projects.

Here in Congress, as we debate the war, the Federal budget, and other matters that affect the lives of so many people so profoundly, perhaps we should have our own Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning.

We would do well to remember his challenge: "We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community . . . Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own."

Can we make America better, more just—a more perfect union? In the words of Cesar Chavez, "Yes, we can." It is not easy, but it can be done. And it is up to each of us to try.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF BRADLEY UDALL TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

NOMINATION OF ROGER ROMULUS MARTELLA, JR. TO BE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations reported out earlier today by the Environment and Public Works Committee: PN 110, Bradley Udall to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship Foundation; PN 53, Roger Romulus Martella, Jr. to be assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions 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:

MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL POLICY FOUNDATION

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, 2012.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 10; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date; the morning hour be deemed expired; and the time of the two leaders be reserved for use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to

speak for up to 10 minutes each; with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Republicans, and the final 30 minutes under the control of the majority; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to consider the two stem cell bills, as provided for under a previous order entered by the President earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. I would also say, Mr. President, that I have conferred with the Republican leader, and there is no reason that we will have any votes scheduled for Tuesday, the day we return. Monday is a legal holiday, and Tuesday we are going to start the stem cell debate. The debate on that will last for at least 2 days, so there is no reason we will need to come back for a vote on Tuesday. People will have plenty to do here, and the vote would just interrupt that.

I have told the Republican leader, and he acknowledges that is probably the right thing to do. So we will have no votes on Tuesday. The first vote will be sometime on Wednesday.

If there is no further business today, I would turn to the Republican leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I would just say to the majority leader that I agree there is no necessity to have a vote on Tuesday, the week after next, and I think we will proceed with the debate on the stem cell proposals and be ready to vote on Wednesday.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I failed to announce, but it was very important, those numbers that we read off were two very important ambassadorships: Ford M. Fraker, to be the Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Zalmay Khalilzad, who, of course, has served so well in Iraq and is now going to be the Ambassador to the United Nations. That is very important, and I am glad we did that.

One thing I did not mention is, for all Senators and staff, our Democratic caucus, which is normally held on Tuesday, we are going to have that on Wednesday. It is obvious now, with no votes on Tuesday, that is probably the right thing to do. So, for all Democrats, we will have our caucus on Wednesday.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, likewise on this side of the aisle, we will be having our policy luncheon, which normally happens on Tuesday, on Wednesday. We have already notified our members of that, but it bears repeating here today.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 103.