

A resolution (S. Res. 164) designating the week beginning April 22, 2007, as "Week of the Young Child."

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

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 164) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 164

Whereas there are 20,000,000 children under the age of 5 in the United States;

Whereas numerous studies, including the Abecedarian Study, the Study of the Chicago Child-Parent Center, and the High/Scope Perry Preschool Study, indicate that low income children who have enrolled in quality, comprehensive early childhood education programs—

- (1) improve their cognitive, language, physical, social, and emotional development; and
- (2) are less likely to—
 - (A) be placed in special education;
 - (B) drop out of school; or
 - (C) engage in juvenile delinquency;

Whereas the enrollment rates of children under the age of 5 in early childhood education programs have steadily increased since 1965 with—

- (1) the creation of the Head Start program carried out under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.);
- (2) the establishment of the Early Head Start program carried out under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.); and
- (3) the enactment of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.);

Whereas many children eligible for, and in need of, quality early childhood education services are not served;

Whereas only about one-half of all preschoolers who are eligible to participate in Head Start programs have the opportunity to do so;

Whereas less than 5 percent of all eligible babies and toddlers in the United States re-

ceive the opportunity to participate in Early Head Start;

Whereas only about 1 out of every 7 eligible children receives assistance under section 658C of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858a) to—

- (1) enable the parents of the child to continue working; and
 - (2) provide the child with safe and nurturing early childhood care and education;
- Whereas, although State and local governments have responded to the numerous benefits of early childhood education by making significant investments in programs and classrooms, there remains—
- (1) a large unmet need for those services; and
 - (2) a need to improve the quality of those programs;

Whereas, according to numerous studies on the impact of investments in high-quality early childhood education, the programs reduce—

- (1) the occurrence of students failing to complete secondary school; and
- (2) future costs relating to special education and juvenile crime; and

Whereas economist and Nobel Laureate, James Heckman, and Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Ben S. Bernanke, have stated that investment in childhood education is of critical importance to the future of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- Resolved*, That the Senate—
- (1) designate the week beginning April 22, 2007, as "Week of the Young Child";
 - (2) encourages the citizens of the United States to celebrate—
 - (A) young children; and
 - (B) the citizens who provide care and early childhood education to the young children of the United States; and
 - (3) urges the citizens of the United States to recognize the importance of—
 - (A) quality, comprehensive early childhood education programs; and
 - (B) the value of those services for preparing children to—
 - (i) appreciate future educational experiences; and
 - (ii) enjoy lifelong success.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m.,

Monday, April 23; that on Monday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business until 2:45 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the second half controlled by the Republicans; that at 2:45 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of S. 761, the America COMPETES Act.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, if there is no further business, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:45 p.m., adjourned until Monday, April 23, 2007, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Friday, April 20, 2007:

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH SUNEE R. DANIELSON AND ENDING WITH MARY E. EVANS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON MARCH 22, 2007.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ARTURO H. CASTRO AND ENDING WITH DAVID J. LUSCHE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 11, 2007.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVID G. ADDISS AND ENDING WITH ALLYSON M. ALVARADO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 11, 2007.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANIEL S. MILLER AND ENDING WITH DARIN S. WIEGERS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON APRIL 11, 2007.