CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — SENATE
May 1, 2007

NOTICE: PUBLIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS

The filing date for 2006 Public Financial Disclosure reports is Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Senators, political fund designees and staff members whose salaries exceed 120% of the GS-15 pay scale must file reports.


The Public Records office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office at (202) 224–0322.

APPOINTMENTS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended and extended, reappoints and appoints the following Members to the President’s Export Council: Reappointment: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN); Appointment: the Senator from Ohio (Mr. Brown) and the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STabenow).

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—H. R. 1332

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 1332 is at the desk and due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is correct.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1332) to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON EFFORTS TO CONTROL GUN VIOLENCE IN GUATEMALA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from consideration of S. Res. 155 and that the Senate proceed to its consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 155) expressing the sense of the Senate on efforts to control violence and strengthen the rule of law in Guatemala.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD as if read.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 155) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 155

Whereas warring parties in Guatemala ended a 36-year internal armed conflict with a peace agreement in 1996, but the country has since faced alarming levels of violence, organized crime, and kidnappings;

Whereas the alleged involvement of senior officials of the National Civilian Police in the murder of three Salvadoran parliamentarians and their driver, and the subsequent killing of four of the police officers while in custody underscored the need to purge and strengthen law enforcement and judicial institutions in Guatemala;

Whereas high-level officials of the Government of Guatemala have acknowledged the infiltration of organized criminal networks into the state apparatus and the difficulty of combating these networks when they are deeply entrenched in public institutions;

Whereas, in its 2006 Country Report on Human Rights Practices in Guatemala, the Department of State noted that police corruption was a serious problem in Guatemala and that there were credible allegations of involvement by individual police officers in criminal activity, including rapes, killings, and kidnappings;

Whereas, in its most recent report on Guatemala, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights notes that impunity continues to undermine the credibility of the justice system in Guatemala and that the justice system is still too weak to confront organized crime and its powerful structures; and

Whereas, the Government of Guatemala and the United Nations signed an agreement on December 12, 2006, to establish the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (Comisión Internacional Contra la Impunidad en Guatemala—CIDIC) to assist local authorities in investigating and dismantling the illegal security groups and clandestine organizations that continue to operate in Guatemala; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) it is the sense of the Senate that the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala is an innovative mechanism to support local efforts to confront the entrenched and dangerous problem posed by illegal armed groups and clandestine organizations in Guatemala and that the justice system is still too weak to confront organized crime and its powerful structures;

The legislative clerk read as follows:

(2) the Senate commends the Government of Guatemala, local civil society organizations, and the United Nations for such a creative effort;

(3) the Senate encourages the Guatemalan Congress to continue necessary legislation required to implement the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala and other pending legislation needed to fulfill the 1996 peace accords;

(4) the Senate calls on the Government of Guatemala and all sectors of society in Guatemala to unrestrainedly support the investigation and prosecution of illegal armed groups and clandestine security organizations; and

(5) the Senate reiterates its commitment to supporting the Government of Guatemala in its efforts to strengthen the rule of law in that country, including the dismantling of the clandestine groups, the purging of the police and judicial institutions, and the implementation of key justice and police reforms.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 181.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 181) reads as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 181) honoring and recognizing the achievements of the United States Air Force Academy football program over the last 27 years.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 181) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 181

Whereas, Fisher DeBerry, originally of Cheraw, South Carolina, coached football at the United States Air Force Academy for 27 years, 23 of which as head coach;

Whereas, Fisher DeBerry is the winningest head coach of any United States service academy with a record of 169-169-1;

Whereas, Fisher DeBerry has amassed a 35-11 record against the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy, and led the U.S. Air Force Academy to 14 of its 16 Commander-in-Chief Trophy titles;

Whereas, Fisher DeBerry led his Air Force teams to 3 conference championships and 12 bowl games;

Whereas, Fisher DeBerry has been recognized numerous times for his coaching success, including selection as National Coach of the Year for 1985; selection 3 times as Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year; induction into the South Carolina Sports Hall of Fame; induction into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame; induction into the Independence Bowl Hall of Fame; the 2001 State Farm Coach of Distinction honor; an honorary doctorate of humanities from Wofford College; service as president of the American Football Coaches Association; and recognition from the AFCA ethics committee;

Whereas, Fisher DeBerry has acted as a pillar of the Colorado Springs, Colorado, community during the past 27 years through his active involvement and volunteerism with local church, charity, and community organizations;

Whereas, in 2004 Fisher DeBerry founded the Fisher DeBerry Foundation, which is dedicated to the support and education of single mothers and their children, as well as other charitable causes;

Whereas, Fisher DeBerry has served as a positive influence and role model to numerous future Air Force officers, including 3,375 players; and

WHEREAS, Fisher DeBerry has served as a positive influence and role model to numerous future Air Force officers, including 3,375 players; and producing 19 All-American players,

A resolution (S. Res. 181) recognizing the achievements of the United States Air Force Academy football program over the last 27 years.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 181. The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

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