

international commitment to preventing and eradicating MRSA, a disease that has reached pandemic levels and is spreading at an alarming rate;

Whereas patient and consumer advocacy organizations are calling upon health care officials and government leaders to step up and take a more comprehensive approach to stopping MRSA through implementation of a broad and proactive prevention program;

Whereas the MRSA Survivors Network, the first consumer organization in the United States to raise awareness concerning the MRSA epidemic and other such multi-drug resistant health care-acquired infections, has announced that October 2, 2009, has been designated as "World MRSA Day", which shall be commemorated annually on such date; and

Whereas the MRSA Survivors Network has also designated the month of October as "World MRSA Awareness Month" in order to call attention to this worldwide epidemic: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates October 2, 2009, as "World MRSA Day".

CELEBRATE SAFE COMMUNITIES WEEK AND CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 302, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 302) raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country and expressing support for designation of October 1, 2009 through October 7, 2009 as "Celebrate Safe Communities Week" and October as "Crime Prevention Month."

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

Mr. DURBIN. 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, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 302) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 302

Whereas communities across the country face localized increases in violence and other crime;

Whereas local law enforcement-community partnerships are an effective tool for prevention crime and addressing the fear of crime;

Whereas the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) are leading national resources providing community safety and crime prevention tools tested and valued by local law enforcement agencies and communities nationwide;

Whereas the NSA and the NCPC have joined together to create the "Celebrate Safe Communities" (CSC) initiative in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice;

Whereas in its premiere year, 153 communities in over 32 States and the District of Columbia participated in "Celebrate Safe Communities";

Whereas "Celebrate Safe Communities" will take place the first week of October 2009 to help kickoff recognition of October as "Crime Prevention Month";

Whereas "Crime Prevention Month" was established 25 years ago to encourage public education on being alert to criminal activity within their communities;

Whereas "Celebrate Safe Communities" is designated to help local communities highlight the importance of law enforcement-community partnerships to keep communities safe places to live, learn, work, and play;

Whereas "Celebrate Safe Communities" will enhance the public awareness of vital crime prevention and safety messages and motivate Americans of all ages to learn what they can do to stay safe from crime;

Whereas "Celebrate Safe Communities" will help promote year-round support for locally based and law enforcement-led community safety initiatives that help keep families, neighborhoods, schools, and businesses from crime;

Whereas the week of October 1, 2009, through October 7, 2009, would be an appropriate week to designate as "Celebrate Safe Communities" Week; and

Whereas the month of October is designated "Crime Prevention Month": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate

(1) supports the designation of October 1 through October 7, 2009 as "Celebrate Safe Communities Week";

(2) supports the designation of October 2009 as "Crime Prevention Month";

(3) commends the efforts of the thousands of local law enforcement agencies and their countless community partners educating and engaging residents of all ages in the fight against crime;

(4) asks communities across the country to consider how "Celebrate Safe Communities" can help them highlight local successes in the fight against crime;

(5) encourages the National Sheriffs' Association and the National Crime Prevention Council to continue to promote through "Celebrate Safe Communities" and year-round, individual and collective action, in collaboration with law enforcement and other supporting local agencies, to reduce crime and build safer communities throughout the United States; and

(6) encourages government agencies, civic groups, schools, businesses, and youth organizations to educate the public, showcase their accomplishments, and explore new partnerships during "Crime Prevention Month".

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1751

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I understand that 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.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1751) to prohibit the Federal Government from awarding contracts, grants, or other agreements to, providing any other Federal funds to, or engaging in activities that promote the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now or any other entity which has been indicted for or convicted of violations of laws governing election administration or campaign financing.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading and, in order

to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it is my understanding the bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 6; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Thomas Perez, to be Assistant Attorney General, as provided for under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, Senators should expect the first vote of the day to begin at approximately 12:15 p.m. tomorrow. That vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the Perez nomination.

Following the cloture vote, the Senate will recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons. Then, after the recess, there will be a period of morning business until 3:15 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Defense appropriations bill. Under a previous order, Senators should expect up to 14 rollcall votes in relation to the Defense appropriations bill to begin at approximately 3:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:21 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

CHARLES COLLYNS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE CLAY LOWERY RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

RICHARD SORIAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE CHRISTINA H. PEARSON, RESIGNED.