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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2009.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2009, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled "NATO: A Strategic Concept for Transatlantic Security."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2009, at 3 p.m., to hold a members briefing entitled "Status Report on Iran."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Keeping America's Families Safe: Reforming the Food Safety System" on October 22, 2009. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2009, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Presidential

Advice and Senate Consent: The Past, Present, and Future of Policy Czars."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2009, at 2:15 p.m. in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 22, 2009, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 22, 2009, at 2:30 p.m.

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

MEDAL OF HONOR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT OF 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1209.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1209) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 1209) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

PROCLAIMING CASIMIR PULASKI TO BE AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES POSTHUMOUSLY

Mr. REID. I now ask we proceed to H.J. Res. 26, after the Judiciary Committee is so discharged.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 26) proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, October 11, 2009, marked the 230th anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, a man who made the ultimate sacrifice in pursuit of American independence.

In March, I introduced S.J. Res. 12 to grant honorary posthumous citizenship to General Pulaski. The Senate passed my resolution unanimously. Recently, the House of Representatives passed H.J. Res. 26, the House's version of this resolution, which was introduced by Representative DENNIS KUCINICH. Today, the Senate will consider H.J. Res. 26 and I urge my colleagues to support it.

I would like to thank Senator LISA MURKOWSKI, the lead Republican cosponsor of S.J. Res. 12, as well as the resolution's other cosponsors, Senators MIKULSKI, CARDIN, WHITEHOUSE, DODD, BROWN, BURRIS, and PRYOR. I would especially like to thank the Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A., for their longstanding and tireless support for this resolution.

This resolution is a long overdue tribute to a man who gave his life to the cause of American freedom, a man who is often referred to as the "Father of the American Cavalry."

General Pulaski was born in Warsaw, Poland, and became a Polish national hero for his struggles against Russian domination. His opposition to Russian influence and participation in an unsuccessful rebellion against Russia led to his exile from Poland.

Seeking refuge, Pulaski traveled to France, where he met Benjamin Franklin and was inspired to join the Continental Army in its fight for American independence. Franklin recommended Pulaski to General George Washington as "an officer renowned throughout Europe for the courage and bravery he displayed in defense of his country's freedom."

On September 11, 1777, Casimir Pulaski fought with distinction in the Battle of Brandywine, where his bravery and military skill helped to avert American defeat and save the life of George Washington. Upon Washington's recommendation, the Continental Congress promoted Pulaski to General and appointed him General of the Cavalry. That same year, Casimir Pulaski wrote to Washington, "I came here, where freedom is being defended, to serve it, and to live or die for it."

General Pulaski recruited, outfitted, and trained America's first true cavalry. Pulaski often even used his own personal finances to provide his troops with the finest equipment to ensure their safety in battle.

Two years after he joined the fight for American freedom, Pulaski was mortally wounded during a major offensive against British forces in Savannah, GA. He died at sea, aboard the USS *Wasp*, on October 11, 1779.

General Pulaski's valiant service and heroic death inspired his contemporaries and continue to inspire us today. Shortly after his death, the Continental Congress resolved to build a monument in his honor that proved to be the first of many. In 1825, General Lafayette, an honorary American citizen, laid the cornerstone for the Pulaski monument in Savannah, GA. In 1929, Congress resolved that October 11 of each year would be Pulaski Day in the United States, and several States have followed that example. There are countless schools, streets, towns, and memorials across this country that bear his name and honor his contributions to our Nation's birth.

In my home State of Illinois, we are privileged to have a large and vibrant Polish American community. Chicago is home to the Polish American Museum and the Polish American Congress, which includes three thousand Polish organizations from across the country. The Polish American community also has a large presence in the Illinois National Guard, which has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with the Polish Air Force.

Illinois honored General Pulaski in 1973 by designating the first Monday of every March Pulaski Commemorative Day. In 1986, that day was declared a State holiday.

Honorary citizenship is long overdue and a proper tribute to a man who gave his labor and life to the cause of American independence. I urge my colleagues to support H.J. Res. 26 to honor General Casimir Pulaski and his indelible contribution to our Nation's birth.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the joint resolution be read a third time and passed, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 26) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—S. 1858

Mr. REID. It is my understanding that S. 1858 is at the desk and due for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1858) to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask for a second reading but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER
26, 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 26; 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 proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. As previously announced, there will be no rollover votes during Monday's session of the Senate. The next vote will occur at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27. That vote will be on the motion to proceed to H.R. 3548, the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009.

Next week will be a busy week. We hope to complete action on the Unemployment Insurance Extension Act, Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations, and Military Construction Appropriations. We also need to pass a continuing resolution before the end of the week.

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. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREE-
MENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, October 27, following a period of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 470, the nomination of Irene Berger to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia; that debate be limited to 60 minutes equally divided and controlled between Senators LEAHY and SESSIONS or their designees; that at 2:15 p.m. the Senate proceed to vote on confirmation of the nomination, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, no further motions be in order, and the Senate then resume legislative session, and that upon resuming legislative session, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 3548.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
OCTOBER 26, 2009, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. REID. 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 7:07 p.m., adjourned until Monday, October 26, 2009, at 2 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BETTY E. KING, OF NEW YORK, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

LILLIAN A. SPARKS, OF MARYLAND, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE QUANAH CROSSLAND STAMPS, RESIGNED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

JAMES C. LEWIS

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be commander

TIMOTHY M. SHERRY

To be lieutenant commander

ROBERT N. MILLS