

(D) law enforcement personnel to remind drivers and passengers to drive safely, particularly on the Sunday after Thanksgiving; and

(E) all people of the United States to use the Sunday after Thanksgiving as an opportunity to educate themselves about highway safety; and

(2) designates November 29, 2009, as "Drive Safer Sunday".

#### NATIONAL READING EDUCATION ASSISTANCE DOGS DAY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 338.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 338) designating November 14, 2009, as "National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day."

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, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 338) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 338

Whereas reading provides children with an essential foundation for all future learning;

Whereas the Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program was founded in November of 1999 to improve the literacy skills of children through the mentoring assistance of trained, registered, and insured pet partner reading volunteer teams;

Whereas children who participate in the R.E.A.D. program make significant improvements in fluency, comprehension, confidence, and many additional academic and social dimensions;

Whereas the R.E.A.D. program now has an active presence in 49 States, 3 provinces in Canada, Europe, Asia, and beyond with more than 2,400 trained and registered volunteer teams participating and influencing thousands of children in classrooms and libraries across the Nation;

Whereas the program has received awards and recognition from distinguished entities including the International Reading Association, the Delta Society, the Latham Foundation, the American Library Association, and PBS Television; and

Whereas the program has garnered enthusiastic coverage from national media, including major television networks NBC, CBS, and ABC, as well as international television and print coverage: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the R.E.A.D. program, designates November 14, 2009, as "National Reading Education Assistance Dogs Day".

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—APPOINTMENTS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the appoint-

ments with respect to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission made on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, be vitiated.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the appointments at the desk with respect to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission be considered to have been made on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, and that they appear separately in the RECORD as if made by the Chair.

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

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, in accordance with the qualifications specified under section 1238(b)(3)(E) of Public Law 106-398, and public the recommendation of the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individuals to the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011, and William A. Reinsch, of Maryland, for a term beginning January 1, 2010 and expiring December 31, 2011.

#### MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010—Continued

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now resume consideration of H.R. 3082, the Military Construction-VA appropriations bill.

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

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

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

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

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for the following amendments to be considered en bloc: 2759, 2760, 2741, 2752, 2738, 2746, 2773, 2740, 2749, 2751, 2743, 2771, 2737, 2747, 2745, 2734, 2753.

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

AMENDMENTS NOS. 2741; 2759; 2760; 2740; 2752; 2746; 2737, AS MODIFIED; 2745, AS MODIFIED; 2747, AS MODIFIED, AND 2771, AS MODIFIED

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that amendments Nos. 2741, 2759, 2760, 2740, 2752, and 2746, which are pending, be considered and agreed to en bloc and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that amendments Nos. 2737, 2745, 2747, and 2771 be modified with the changes at the desk, and that, as modi-

fied, the amendments be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The amendments (Nos. 2741, 2759, 2760, 2740, 2752, and 2746) were agreed to.

The amendments (Nos. 2737, as modified; 2745, as modified; 2747, as modified, and 2771, as modified) were agreed to, as follows:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2737, AS MODIFIED

On page 52, after line 21, add the following: SEC. 229. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "MEDICAL SERVICES", \$150,000,000 may be available for the grant program under section 2011 of title 38, United States Code, and per diem payments under section 2012 of such title.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2745, AS MODIFIED

On page 52, after line 21, add the following: SEC. 229. Of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for the Department of Veterans Affairs, up to \$5,000,000 may be available for the study required by section 1077 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2747, AS MODIFIED

On page 52, after line 21, add the following: SEC. 229. (a) CAMPUS OUTREACH AND SERVICES FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS.—Of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this title, \$5,000,000 may be available to conduct outreach to and provide services at institutions of higher education to ensure that veterans enrolled in programs of education at such institutions have information on and access to care and services for neurological and psychological issues.

(b) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—The amount described in subsection (a) for the purposes described in such subsection is in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated or made available for readjustment counseling and related mental health services.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2771, AS MODIFIED

At the end of title II, add the following: SEC. 229. In administering section 51.210(d) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may permit a State home to provide services to, in addition to non-veterans described in such section, a non-veteran any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces, as long as such services are not denied to a qualified veteran seeking such services.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 2734, 2738, 2773, 2753, 2749, 2751, 2743

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, on behalf of various Senators I now call up en bloc amendments Nos. 2734, 2738, 2773, 2753, 2749, 2751, 2743. I ask unanimous consent that the amendments be considered and agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc.

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

The amendments were considered and agreed to, as follows:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2734

(Purpose: To require a report on bid savings realized from cost and scope variations for military construction projects)

On page 27, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

SEC. 128. Not later than each of April 15, 2010, July 15, 2010, and October 15, 2010, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a consolidated report from each of the military departments and Defense agencies identifying,