

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—  
H.R. 7

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 7, the Charitable Choice bill.

Mr. REID. Objection.

Mr. McCONNELL. I know my friend from Nevada is going to object, but let me finish.

Mr. REID. I am sorry. I will let him finish.

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that all after the enacting clause be stricken; that the Snowe amendment and the Grassley-Baucus amendment which are at desk be agreed to en bloc; that the substitute amendment, which is the text of S. 476, the Senate-passed version of the Charitable Choice bill, as amended by the Snowe and Grassley-Baucus amendments, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; further, that the Senate insist on its amendments and request a conference with the House; and, lastly, that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees with a ratio of 3 to 2, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. On behalf of Senator HARKIN, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

COMMENDING THE INSPECTORS  
GENERAL

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 18 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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 (S.J. Res. 18) commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud and abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 18) was read the third time and passed.

The preamble was agreed to.

The joint resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S.J. RES. 18

Whereas the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) was signed into law on October 12, 1978, with overwhelming bipartisan support;

Whereas Inspectors General now exist in the 29 largest executive branch agencies and in 28 other designated Federal entities;

Whereas Inspectors General work to serve the American taxpayer by promoting economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity in the administration of the programs and operations of the Federal Government;

Whereas Inspectors General conduct audits and investigations to both prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in the programs and operations of the Federal Government;

Whereas Inspectors General make Congress and agency heads aware, through semiannual reports and other communications, of problems and deficiencies in the administration of programs and operations of the Federal Government;

Whereas Congress and agency heads utilize the recommendations of Inspectors General in the development and implementation of policies that promote economy and efficiency in the administration of, or prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in, the programs and operations of the Federal Government;

Whereas Federal employees and other dedicated citizens report information to Inspectors General regarding the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of law, rules, or regulations, or mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety;

Whereas Inspector General audits and investigations result in annual recommendations for more effective spending of billions of taxpayer dollars, thousands of successful criminal prosecutions, hundreds of millions of dollars returned to the United States Treasury through investigative recoveries, and the suspension and debarment of thousands of individuals or entities from doing business with the Government; and

Whereas for 25 years the Inspectors General have worked with Congress to facilitate effective oversight to improve the programs and operations of the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Congress—

(1) recognizes the many accomplishments of the Inspectors General in preventing and detecting waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in the Federal Government;

(2) commends the Inspectors General and their employees for the dedication and professionalism displayed in the performance of their duties; and

(3) reaffirms the role of Inspectors General in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of the programs and operations of the Federal Government.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 15, 2003

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 15. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be ap-

proved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes with the first 30 minutes under the control of the minority leader or his designee, and the second 30 minutes under the control of Senator HUTCHISON or her designee; provided that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of S. 1689, the Iraq-Afghanistan supplemental appropriations bill. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, on Wednesday, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Iraq-Afghanistan supplemental appropriations bill. Under a previous order, upon returning to the bill at approximately 10:40 a.m., the Senate will proceed to two back-to-back rollcalls. The first vote will be in relation to Corzine amendment No. 1811 relating to military retirement pay. That vote will be followed by a vote in relation to Reed amendment No. 1834 relating to end strength. The votes in relation to the Corzine and Reed amendments will be the first votes of the day.

As previously announced, the Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. Following the recess, the Senate will resume consideration of the Iraq-Afghanistan supplement appropriations bill. Amendments will be offered and debated throughout the day tomorrow.

Again, I encourage all Senators who have amendments to this vital measure to come over and visit with the managers and dispose of those amendments. Senators should expect rollcall votes throughout the day and into the evening tomorrow in relation to this bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:08 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 14, 2003:

## REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

ROBERT L. CRANDALL, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS, TERM EXPIRED.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MICHAEL D. GALLAGHER, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION, VICE NANCY VICTORY, RESIGNED.