

BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4008 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4016

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4016 proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4018

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4018 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4036

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4036 intended to be proposed to S. 3217, an original bill to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end "too big to fail", to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 3381. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to modify certain definitions of the term "renewable biomass", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce legislation with my colleagues Senator CRAPO and Senator TESTER that will establish a single definition of renewable biomass for the purposes of the Renewable Fuel Standard, RFS, a future Renewable Electricity Standard, RES, and climate change legislation.

When I travel back to my hometown of Helena, MT, trees that line the roads

there are turning red. Mountain pine beetles are killing Montana's trees at a terrible rate. Our legendary harsh winters once were enough to keep the beetles at bay, but no longer. Global warming has literally hit home for me. These thousands of acres of red, dead trees are virtually worthless under current law, serving as little more than kindling for wildfires.

This bill can help add value to this biomass while also creating a source of renewable domestic energy. It will establish a simple, broad, single definition for renewable biomass that is consistent with current law—the 2008 Farm Bill.

Some say this definition is too broad and fails to protect ecologically sensitive areas. In fact, there are many laws that dictate Federal forest management, and my amendment does nothing to change these laws. All projects that would create biomass due to my amendment would have to comply with the National Forest Management Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and others.

All projects on federal forests must go through NEPA where the land management agency must study potential environmental impacts and mitigate those impacts. The public has many opportunities to comment and shape these projects and nothing in my amendment changes these safeguards. Further, my amendment would do nothing to change designated Wilderness areas or Wilderness Study Areas or otherwise weaken the Wilderness Act.

Right now our national forests are growing 20 billion board feet per year. Eight billion board feet die every year and only two million board feet are removed. This has resulted in overstocked, unhealthy forests. We can either restore forest health, produce renewable energy and local high-wage jobs, or we can allow nature to impose its own will through wildfire and infestation.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I look forward to working with them to enact this bill this year.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 532—RECOGNIZING EXPO 2010 SHANGHAI CHINA AND THE USA PAVILION AT THE EXPO

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 532

Whereas Expo 2010 Shanghai China (Expo 2010) will take place May 1 through October 31, 2010 with the theme "Better City, Better Life";

Whereas Expo 2010 will be the largest such event in 150 years of Expo history with an es-

timated 70,000,000 visitors expected to attend, many of them from within China;

Whereas approximately 192 countries and 52 international organizations will be represented at Expo 2010;

Whereas Expo 2010 is the first world exposition hosted by China, representing an opportunity for the world to celebrate China's progress over the past 30 years and recognize the aspirations of the people of China to continue the process of "reform and opening up" launched by Chinese Premier Deng Xiao-ping in 1979;

Whereas Shanghai, the host city of Expo 2010, is the dynamic commercial and financial capital of China, noted in China as a cradle of innovation and openness;

Whereas Expo 2010 represents an unprecedented opportunity for the United States to promote understanding of American society, culture, ideas, and values with millions of Chinese citizens visiting the USA Pavilion;

Whereas United States participation in Expo 2010 demonstrates the United States commitment to a forward-looking, positive relationship with China;

Whereas the USA Pavilion theme "Rising to the Challenge" will entertain and educate audiences on the American spirit of innovation and community-building and celebrate the American ideals of collaboration, freedom, diversity, openness, optimism, achievement, and opportunity;

Whereas Expo 2010 will emphasize sound environmental conservation practices, including a solar energy system that will produce 5 megawatts of power and large rooftop canopies to collect rainwater to be purified for drinking;

Whereas support for the USA Pavilion's construction, staffing, operation, and thematic presentations was provided completely by private-sector and other partners consistent with United States law; and

Whereas many of the USA Pavilion's sponsoring partners are also playing an active role in the beneficial development of China's economy and society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate congratulates the people of China for hosting Expo 2010 and wishes them every success with this endeavor;

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that Expo 2010 constitutes an important step along the over 30-year path of reform and opening up in China, and serves as a significant reminder of what can be accomplished if China continues along this path;

(3) the Senate calls on the sponsors and operators of the USA Pavilion to make maximum use of this unique opportunity to showcase the very best attributes that the United States has to offer and to strengthen the cultural, scientific, educational, people-to-people, trade, and investment links between the people of the United States and the people of China; and

(4) the Senate acknowledges the more than 60 private-sector and other sponsor partners of the USA Pavilion for their invaluable contributions to the success of this important project and for providing a positive example of public-private partnerships.

SENATE RESOLUTION 533—RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND ENCOURAGING CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT POLICY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INHOFE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 533

Whereas all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home;

Whereas approximately 500,000 children in the United States live in foster care each year;

Whereas children enter the foster care system for a variety of reasons, including inadequate care, abuse, or neglect by a parent or guardian;

Whereas the major factors that contribute to the placement of a child in the foster care system include substance abuse, mental illness, poverty, and a lack of education of a parent or guardian of the child;

Whereas a child entering the foster care system must confront the widespread misperception that children in foster care are disruptive, unruly, and dangerous, even though placement in the foster care system is based on the actions of a parent or guardian, not the child;

Whereas States and communities should be provided with the resources to invest in preventative and reunification services and post-permanency programs to ensure that more children in the foster care system are provided safe, loving, permanent placements;

Whereas the foster care system is intended to be a temporary solution, yet children remain in the foster care system for an average of 3 years;

Whereas children of color are disproportionately represented in the foster care system and are less likely to be reunited with their biological families;

Whereas the average child in the foster care system—

(1) is 10 years old; and

(2) will be placed in 3 different homes, leading to disruptive transfers to new schools, separation from siblings, and unfamiliar surroundings;

Whereas most children “age out” of the foster care system at the age of 18;

Whereas the number of children who enter the foster care system each year has declined over the decade preceding the date of the agreement to this resolution, but the number of children who “age out” of the foster care system without placement with a permanent family has increased substantially, rising from 20,000 children in 2002 to 29,000 children in 2008;

Whereas children who “age out” of the foster care system lack the security or support of a biological or adoptive family and frequently struggle to secure affordable housing, obtain health insurance, pursue higher education, and acquire adequate employment;

Whereas, of the children who have “aged out” of the foster care system—

(1) 25 percent have been homeless;

(2) 51 percent have been unemployed for significant stretch of time, and

(3) only 2 percent have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher;

Whereas, by age 19, approximately 50 percent of young women who have been in the foster care system have been pregnant, compared to only 20 percent of young women who have been not in the foster care system;

Whereas research reveals that children born to teen parents are exposed to serious and high risks;

Whereas National Foster Care Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the special needs of children in the foster care system and to recognize the important role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States;

Whereas the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-351; 122 Stat. 3949) provides for new investments and services to improve the outcomes of children and families in the foster care system; and

Whereas much remains to be done to ensure that all children have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family, regardless of age or special needs: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes National Foster Care Month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges of children in the foster care system;

(2) encourages Congress to implement policy to improve the lives of children in the foster care system;

(3) supports the designation of a “National Foster Care Month”;

(4) acknowledges the needs of the children in the foster care system;

(5) honors the commitment and dedication of those individuals who work tirelessly to provide assistance and services to children in the foster care system; and

(6) recognizes the need to continue working to improve the outcomes of all children in the foster care system through title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) and other programs designed to help children in the foster care system—

(A) reunite with their biological parents; or

(B) if the children cannot be reunited with their biological parents, find permanent, safe, and loving homes.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4048. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4049. Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4050. Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for him-

self and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra.

SA 4051. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4052. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4053. Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4054. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4055. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mrs. HAGAN, and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4056. Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BEGICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORKER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra.

SA 4057. Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. CORKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4058. Mr. SHELBY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4059. Mr. REID (for Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4060. Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4061. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4062. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4048. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment