

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 18—PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF THE CATAFALQUE SITUATED IN THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER IN CONNECTION WITH MEMORIAL SERVICES TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER FOR THE HONORABLE FRANK R. LAUTENBERG, LATE A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. REID of Nevada submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 18

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to transfer the catafalque which is situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center to the Senate Chamber so that such catafalque may be used in connection with services to be conducted there for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1156. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1157. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1158. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1159. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1160. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1161. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1162. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1163. Mr. HOEVEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1156. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ALEXANDER, and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, insert the following:

SEC. 12213. INTEREST RATES.

(a) INTEREST RATE PROVISIONS.—Section 455(b)(7) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)(7)) is amended by adding at the end of the following:

“(E) INTEREST RATE PROVISIONS FOR NEW LOANS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection or subparagraph (A) or (B), for Federal Direct Stafford Loans, Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans, and Federal Direct PLUS Loans, for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2013, the applicable rate of interest shall, during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, be determined on the preceding June 1 and be equal to—

“(I) the bond equivalent rate of 10-year Treasury bills auctioned at the final auction held prior to such June 1; plus

“(II) 3.0 percent.

“(ii) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall determine the applicable rate of interest under this subparagraph after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and shall publish such rate in the Federal Register as soon as practicable after the date of determination.

“(iii) RATE.—The applicable rate of interest determined under clause (i) for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or a Federal Direct PLUS Loan shall be fixed for the period of the Loan.”.

(b) SAVINGS FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall determine the savings to the Federal Government resulting from the amendment made by subsection (a).

(c) AMOUNT TO BE USED FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION.—Any savings determined under subsection (b) shall be transferred to the Treasury for deficit reduction.

SA 1157. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 998, strike line 25 and all that follows through page 999, line 14, and insert the following:

(i) in paragraph (4), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) GRANTS.—The amount of a grant under this subsection shall not exceed the lesser of—

“(i) \$500,000; and

“(ii) 25 percent of the cost of the activity carried out using funds from the grant.”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) TIERED APPLICATION PROCESS.—

SA 1158. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 628, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

“SEC. 3502. RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR RURAL WATER PROJECTS.

“The Secretary shall waive land use fees for rights-of-way issued or reauthorized for any rural water project on National Forest System land that is federally financed (including a project that receives Federal funds under section 3501 or from a State drinking water treatment revolving loan fund established under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12)).

SA 1159. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, add the following:

SEC. 12 _____ . STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING PROTECTIONS FOR PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.

The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall comply with all applicable laws (including section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Privacy Act of 1974”) and section 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Freedom of Information Act”)) that pertain to the disclosure of any personally identifiable information, including, as applicable, the personally identifiable information of any owner, operator, or employee of a livestock or farming operation.

SA 1160. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1150, after line 15, add the following:

SEC. 12 _____ . FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

Section 226B of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6934(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The duties of the Office shall be to” and inserting “(1) FARMERS AND RANCHERS.—The Office shall”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (7) as subparagraphs (A) through (G), respectively; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall continue, through the agencies and offices of the Department, competitive fellowship and scholars programs for the purpose of promoting the study of food and agricultural sciences (as defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)) at—

“(i) 1890 Institutions (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601));

“(ii) 1994 Institutions (as defined in section 2 of the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (7 U.S.C. 7601)); and

“(iii) Hispanic-serving institutions (as defined in section 1404 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3103)).

“(B) APPOINTMENTS.—The Secretary may make a noncompetitive appointment of a fellowship or scholars program participant leading to term, career, or career-conditional employment within the Department upon a participant obtaining an academic degree, subject to the condition that the applicant is adequately equipped to perform the duties of the position, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service.”.

SA 1161. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 250, strike line 12 and insert the following:

“rolled in this program.

“(e) CONSULTATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—After an easement has been acquired under the program, the Secretary shall consult with the landowner to

assist with the completion of the terms of the easement.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In providing the consultation required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide to the landowner—

“(A) once every 30 days during the term of easement, a status update with respect to the easement, including a list of outstanding items to be performed by the landowner and the Secretary in order for the terms of the easement to be completed; and

“(B) an estimate of the number of days needed to complete the terms of the easement.

“(3) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall notify the landowner of any changes to the estimate provided under paragraph (2)(B), including an explanation of the reason for the changes.”.

SA 1162. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 174, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. 1615. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO DELAY COMPLIANCE WITH WTO DECISIONS.

None of the funds made available by this Act (including funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation) may be used by the Secretary to make payments or influence a foreign government or organization (including the Brazilian Cotton Institute) for the purpose of delaying compliance with a decision of the World Trade Organization.

SA 1163. Mr. HOEVEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1111, after line 20, add the following:

SEC. 11 . . . SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall remove from the Special Provisions of crop insurance related to prevented planting any limitation that would apply to acreage that—

(1) would be prevented from the proper and timely planting of the crop when weather and other conditions are normal for the area in which the acreage is located.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Iran Sanctions: Ensuring Robust Enforcement, and Assessing Next Steps.”

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE INTERNET

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 4, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, “State of Wireless Communications.”

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

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF FRANK R. LAUTENBERG

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 161.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 161) relative to the death of the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, Senator from the State of New Jersey.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent 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.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 161) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

NATIONAL PEDIATRIC STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 162.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 162) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and recognizing May 2013 as “National Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month.”

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent 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.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 162) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 993

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 993 and that the bill be referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on June 6, 2013; that following the pledge and prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the farm bill under the previous order; that notwithstanding the Senate not being in session, the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to S. 954 be 1 p.m. on Wednesday and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments be 9:45 a.m. on Thursday.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will not be in session tomorrow to allow Senators to attend Senator LAUTENBERG’s funeral. I would just mention, I just spoke to the Sergeant at Arms Office and the Secretary’s Office. They are very impressed with the effusive outpouring of respect for Senator LAUTENBERG. We have four airplanes going up there. It is so wonderful. I am so impressed.

On Thursday, at 10 a.m., there will be three rollcall votes: one on the farm bill, two on the motions to proceed to student loans.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013, AT 9 A.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the