S. 1977

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1977, a bill to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset.

S.J. RES. 10

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 10, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to equal rights for men and women.

S. RES. 270

At the request of Mr. KIRK, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 270, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

S. RES. 271

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 271, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that United States military assistance for Cambodia should be suspended until an independent and credible investigation occurs into the July 28, 2013, parliamentary elections, and election reforms are being implemented by the Government of Cambodia.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2712. Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. BEGICH, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end of the matter proposed to be inserted, add the following:

**SEC. ____. REPEAL OF CERTAIN REDUCTIONS MADE BY THE BIPARTISAN BUDGET ACT OF 2013.**

Section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–67) is repealed as of the date of the enactment of such Act.

**SA 2713.** Ms. WARREN (for Mr. PRYOR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 376, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 9, line 2, strike ''$14,500,000'' and insert ''$12,000,000''.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet during the session of the Senate on February 4, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in room SD–430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled ''Hearing on the nomination of Surgeon General designate, Vivek Hallegere Murthy.''

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Emily Schlichting of the committee staff on (202) 224–6480.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet during the session of the Senate on February 6, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room SD–430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled ''Supporting Children and Families through Investments in High-Quality Early Education.''

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Aissa Canchola of the committee staff on (202) 224–2009.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled ''Safeguarding Consumers' Financial Data.''

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that detailees Nona McCoy and Kevin Batteh be granted floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, the farm bill.

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

## DROUGHT INFORMATION ACT OF 2013

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar Number No. 222, S. 376.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 376) to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

*This Act may be cited as the ''Drought Information Act of 2013''.*

***SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF NATIONAL INTEGRATED DROUGHT INFORMATION SYSTEM.***

*(a) SYSTEM AMENDMENTS.—Section 3 of the National Integrated Drought Information System Act of 2006 (15 U.S.C. 313d) is amended—*

*(1) in subsection (a)—*

*(A) by inserting ''and continue to support'' after ''establish''; and*

*(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ''to better inform and provide for more timely decisionmaking to reduce drought related impacts and costs''; and*

*(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:*

*''(b) SYSTEM FUNCTIONS.—The National Integrated Drought Information System shall—*

*''(1) provide an effective drought early warning system that—*

*''(A) collects and integrates information on the key indicators of drought and drought impacts, including water supplies and soil moisture, in order to make usable, reliable, and timely forecasts of drought, including assessments of the severity of drought conditions and impacts; and*

*''(B) provides such information, forecasts, and assessments on both national and regional levels;*

*''(2) communicate drought forecasts, drought conditions, and drought impacts on an ongoing basis to stakeholders and entities engaged in drought planning, preparedness, and management, including—*

*''(A) decisionmakers at the Federal, regional, State, tribal, and local levels of government;*

*''(B) the private sector; and*

*''(C) the public;*

*''(3) provide timely data, information, and products that reflect local, regional, and State differences in drought conditions;*

*''(4) coordinate, and integrate as practicable, Federal research and monitoring in support of a drought early warning system;*

*''(5) build upon existing Federal, State, regional, private, public, and academic forecasting and assessment programs and partnerships; and*

*''(6) continue ongoing research and monitoring activities related to drought, including research activities relating to length, severity, and impacts of drought and the role of extreme weather events and climate variability in drought.''.*

*(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 4 of such Act (15 U.S.C. 313d note) is amended—*

*(1) in paragraph (5), by striking ''and'' at the end;*

*(2) in paragraph (6), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and*

*(3) by adding at the end the following:*

*''(7) $14,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.''.*

*(c) REPORT.—*

*(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 540 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and*

*Technology of the House of Representatives a report on the National Integrated Drought Information System.*

*(2) CONTENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:*

*(A) An assessment of the implementation of the National Integrated Drought Information System, including an assessment of how the information, forecasts, and assessments produced by such system are utilized in drought policy planning and response activities.*

*(B) Specific plans for continued development of the system, including future milestones.*

*(C) An identification of research, monitoring, and forecasting needs to enhance the predictive capability of drought early warnings that include—*

*(i) the length and severity of droughts;*

*(ii) the contribution of weather events to reducing the severity or ending drought conditions; and*

*(iii) regionally-specific drought impacts.*

*(D) A list of partners with whom the Under Secretary collaborates to implement the National Integrated Drought Information System.*

*(E) A description of the outreach activities conducted by the Under Secretary regarding the National Integrated Drought Information System.*

*(3) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report required by paragraph (1), the Under Secretary shall consult with relevant Federal, regional, State, tribal, and local government agencies, research institutions, and the private sector.*

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be considered, the Pryor amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the committee substitute, as amended, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 2713) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To reduce the authorization of appropriations amount)

On page 9, line 2, strike ''$14,500,000'' and insert ''$12,000,000''.

The committee-reported substitute amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 376), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 376

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

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(3) CONSULTATION.—In developing the report required by paragraph (1), the Under Secretary shall consult with relevant Federal, regional, State, tribal, and local government agencies, research institutions, and the private sector.

## PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 340 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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. 340) expressing the sense of the Senate that all necessary measures should be taken to protect children in the United States from human trafficking, especially during the upcoming Super Bowl, an event around which many children are trafficked for sex.

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

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 340) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of Tuesday, January 28, 2014, under ''Submitted Resolutions.'')

## OBSERVING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF DAISY BATES

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 341 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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. 341) observing the 100th birthday of civil rights leader Daisy Bates and honoring her legacy as an American heroine.

Without objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 341) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.