

be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Protecting Human Subjects in Research: Are Current Safeguards Adequate?" during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 10 a.m.

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

FAMILY FARMER BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding H.R. 4167, received from the House, is at the desk. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4167) to extend for 8 additional months the period for which chapter 12 title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate will pass H.R. 4167, to retroactively renew family farmer bankruptcy protection until June 1, 2002. After months of inaction, the House of Representatives finally passed this legislation two days ago to reinstate Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code. It is past time for Congress to act to restore this basic safety net for America's family farmers.

Unfortunately, too many family farmers have been left in legal limbo in bankruptcy courts across the country since Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code expired on October 1, 2001. Since last November, Senator CARNAHAN and I have tried to pass S. 1630, a Carnahan-Grassley bipartisan bill to retroactively restore chapter 12. The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously reported the bill to the Senate on November 8, 2001, but it has been subject to a secret hold by the minority for the last six months.

This is the third time in the last year that this Congress must act to retroactively restore basic bankruptcy safeguards for family farmers because Chapter 12 is still a temporary provision despite its first passage into law in 1986. Our family farmers do not deserve these lapses in bankruptcy law that could mean the difference between foreclosure and farming.

In 2000 and into last year, for example, the Senate, then controlled by the other party, failed to take up a House-passed bill to retroactively renew chapter 12 and, as a result, family farmers lost chapter 12 bankruptcy protection for 8 months. The current lapse of chapter 12 has lasted more than 6 months. Enough is enough.

Our family farmers do not deserve these lapses in bankruptcy law that could mean the difference between foreclosure and farming. It is time for Congress to make chapter 12 a permanent part of the Bankruptcy Code to provide a stable safety net for our nation's family farmers.

I strongly support Senator CARNAHAN's bipartisan amendment to

make chapter 12 a permanent part of the Bankruptcy Code that is part of the Senate-passed farm bill. The Senate unanimously approved the Carnahan amendment by a 93-0 vote. Unfortunately, the House majority is objecting to including the Carnahan amendment in the farm bill conference report.

In the current bankruptcy reform conference, I am hopeful Congress will update and expand the coverage of chapter 12. In the meantime, the farm bill conference should make permanent basic bankruptcy protection for our family farmers across the country by adopting the Carnahan amendment.

I commend Senator CARNAHAN for her continued leadership in protecting family farms across the country.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4167) was read the third time and passed.

EXTENDING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS KILLED AND WOUNDED IN AFGHANISTAN

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 250 submitted earlier today by Senator LANDRIEU.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 250) extending sympathy and condolences to the families of the Canadian soldiers who were killed and the Canadian soldiers who were wounded on April 18, 2002, in Afghanistan, and to all the Canadian people.

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

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I rise today to speak on a rather unpleasant subject.

I wish to offer a resolution offering the condolences of the United States Senate to the families and loved ones of those Canadian servicemen who were killed and wounded in Afghanistan last week.

The Canadian and American armies have fought side-by-side since the first world war and that tradition has continued during our current war on terrorism. The servicemen and women of Canada have always proven to be brave and courageous fighters and they are certainly keeping up that reputation in engagements such as Operation Anaconda. Without the assistance of our Canadian allies, the burden of this present war would be much heavier on our own Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines.

It is with heavy heart that I offer this measure. Not since the Korean

War has a Canadian soldier died in a combat zone. It is my hope that Canadian servicemen and women will not be again called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice for a long time.

I would like to honor today the Canadian soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group, who have been in Afghanistan since late January as part of Operation Apollo and have distinguished themselves for their heroism and professionalism. No doubt today is a sad day amongst that unit as they mourn the loss of their comrades. Despite this horrible setback, the Canadian Army is focusing on the task at hand and is still fully engaged in its mission.

For these reasons and for the countless acts of friendship between our two nations, I offer this resolution to extend the sympathy of this Senate to the people and fighting forces of Canada.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 250) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 250), with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 250

Whereas United States and Canadian military forces have fought side by side in conflicts since the World War I;

Whereas the fighting men and women of Canada have always proved themselves to be brave and courageous warriors;

Whereas the Canadian forces are currently fighting alongside United States and European troops in the hunt for the remnants of Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization, al Qaeda, and Afghanistan's former ruling militia, the Taliban;

Whereas the Canadian soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group, have been in Afghanistan since late January 2002, as part of Operation Apollo, and have distinguished themselves for their heroism and professionalism; and

Whereas despite this tragic incident, the Canadian Army is focusing on the task at hand and is still fully engaged in its mission in Afghanistan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses sorrow for the loss of life and wounding of Canadian servicemen in Afghanistan;

(2) offers sympathy and condolences to the families of the Canadian soldiers who were killed and the Canadian soldiers who were wounded on April 18, 2002, in Afghanistan, and to all of the Canadian people;

(3) affirms that the centuries-old bond between the Canadian and American peoples and their Armed Forces remains solid; and

(4) praises the performance of Canadian servicemen in Afghanistan for their heroism and professionalism.