

that prevent and mitigate human suffering and economic losses arising from preventable causes;

Whereas the National Safety Council works to protect lives and promote health with innovative programs;

Whereas the National Safety Council, founded in 1913, is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2003 as the premier source of safety and health information, education, and training in the United States;

Whereas the National Safety Council was congressionally chartered in 1953, and is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2003 as a congressionally chartered organization;

Whereas, even with advancements in safety that create a safer environment for Americans, such as improvements in technology and new legislation, the unintentional-injury death toll is still unacceptable;

Whereas citizens deserve a solution to national safety and health threats;

Whereas such a solution requires the cooperation of all levels of government, as well as the general public; and

Whereas the summer season, traditionally a time of increased unintentional-injury fatalities, is an appropriate time to focus attention on both the problem and the solution: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 2003, as “National Safety Month”; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote acknowledgement, gratitude, and respect for the advances of the National Safety Council and its mission.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution that would designate June 2003 as National Safety Month.

National Safety Month is not just a tribute to our Nation's advances in health and safety and our never-ending efforts to protect lives. It represents a standard of excellence in safety to which we as a Nation must continue to aspire. While our Nation has enjoyed great advances in safety, we must continue to work to reduce the number of unintentional and preventable injuries and deaths. As summer is traditionally a time in which the number of unintentional deaths increases, it is appropriate to dedicate a month at the beginning of the season to the improvement of safety and health in our country.

During National Safety Month, the National Safety Council will provide tips, articles and information to raise awareness and promote safe driving, home and community safety, general preparedness, and workplace safety.

I would like to commend the National Safety Council for the contributions that it has made to public safety. I am proud that the National Safety Council is headquartered in my home State of Illinois. The National Safety Council is celebrating its 90th anniversary as an organization this year, and its 50th anniversary as a federally chartered organization. Congress chartered the National Safety Council in 1953 to educate and influence society to adopt safety, health, and environmental policies, practices, and procedures that prevent and mitigate human

suffering and economic loss arising from preventable causes. The National Safety Council fulfills its mission through a network of approximately 50 local and regional chapters that provide safety and health programs and services to communities across the United States. The Council currently has 37,500 members.

I thank Senator FEINSTEIN for joining me to submit this resolution that declares June 2003 National Safety Month and recognizes the National Safety Council for its important work. During a time when homeland security is foremost on the minds of Americans, this month will continue to heighten public awareness of the ongoing quest to save and protect lives. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 45—EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT FOR THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IT PROVIDED TO ALI ISMAEEL ABBAS AND OTHER CHILDREN OF IRAQ AND FOR THE ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN AID PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF KUWAIT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. LANDRIEU submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 45

Whereas the plight of Ali Ismaeel Abbas, 12, of Baghdad, Iraq, who lost his parents and several other relatives, suffered severe burns, and lost both his arms on March 29, 2003, during the military conflict in Iraq, has aroused concern on the part of people all around the world;

Whereas, with the approval of the Cabinet of the Government of Kuwait, First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kuwait Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jabir Al-Sabah personally called for Ali to receive medical treatment in Kuwait;

Whereas the Ministry of Health of Kuwait has agreed to care for the orphaned Ali;

Whereas Dr. Ahmad al-Shatti, spokesman for the Ibn Sina Hospital for Specialized Surgery, which has expertise in burn surgery, expressed welcome for Ali on behalf of the hospital;

Whereas Ali was successfully medically evacuated by United States military airlift from Baghdad, Iraq, to Nassiriya for medical tests and then to Kuwait City, Kuwait, on April 15, 2003;

Whereas doctors at the sophisticated Saud A. Alabtain Center for Burns and Plastic Surgery at Ibn Sina Hospital immediately provided medical care to stabilize Ali and then performed surgery to treat his burns; and

Whereas the Government and people of Kuwait are providing medical supplies and hospital assessment missions in Iraq, supplying water pumped through a pipeline they laid to the Iraqi city of Umm Qasr, and operating the Kuwait Humanitarian Operations Center, where the United States military coordinates relief operations with nongovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, and the Government of Kuwait: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress of the United States—

(1) formally expresses its gratitude to the Government of Kuwait for its magnanimity in receiving Ali Ismaeel Abbas, for providing Ali life-saving medical care, and for undertaking to provide for his long-term recuperation and rehabilitation;

(2) commends the Government and people of Kuwait for their support of and welcome for Ali and other wounded children of Iraq;

(3) conveys the goodwill of Congress and the people of the United States that has been engendered by the medical assistance, water, and other humanitarian aid that the Government and people of Kuwait have provided their neighbors;

(4) encourages the Government and people of Kuwait to continue their humanitarian efforts; and

(5) expresses firm confidence that such humanitarian action will not only help heal the wounds of Ali, but will also restore comity between Kuwait and Iraq and within the region and deepen the friendship between the peoples of Kuwait and the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 687. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 688. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 689. Mr. DASCHLE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1050, supra.

SA 690. Mrs. CLINTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 691. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1050, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 692. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 693. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 695. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 696. Mr. GRAHAM, of South Carolina proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1050, supra.

SA 697. Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. NELSON, of Florida) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1050, supra.

SA 698. Mr. NELSON, of Florida (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill S. 1050, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 699. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 100, recognizing the 100th anniversary year of the founding of the Ford Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations, and a revolutionary industrial and global institution, and congratulating Ford Motor Company for its achievements.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 687. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PAYMENT FOR CONTINUATION OF NON-TRICARE HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN MOBILIZED RESERVES.

(a) PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS.—

(1) REQUIREMENT TO PAY PREMIUMS.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1078a the following new section:

“§1078b. Continuation of non-TRICARE health benefits plan coverage for certain Reserves called or ordered to active duty and their dependents

“(a) PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS.—The Secretary concerned shall pay the applicable premium to continue in force any qualified health benefits plan coverage for an eligible reserve component member for the benefits coverage continuation period if timely elected by the member in accordance with regulations prescribed under subsection (h).

“(b) ELIGIBLE MEMBER.—A member of a reserve component who is called or ordered to active duty for a period of more than 30 days under a provision of law referred to in section 101(a)(13)(B) of this title is eligible for payment of the applicable premium for continuation of qualified health benefits plan coverage under subsection (a).

“(c) QUALIFIED HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN COVERAGE.—For the purposes of this section, health benefits plan coverage for a member called or ordered to active duty is qualified health benefits plan coverage if—

“(1) the coverage was in force on the date on which the Secretary notified the member that issuance of the call or order was pending or, if no such notification was provided, the date of the call or order; and

“(2) on that date, the coverage applied to the member and dependents of the member.

“(d) APPLICABLE PREMIUM.—The applicable premium payable under this section for continuation of health benefits plan coverage in the case of a member is the amount of the premium payable by the member for the coverage of the member and dependents.

“(e) BENEFITS COVERAGE CONTINUATION PERIOD.—The benefits coverage continuation period under this section for qualified health benefits plan coverage in the case of a member called or ordered to active duty is the period that—

“(1) begins on the date of the call or order; and

“(2) ends on the earlier of the date on which—

“(A) the member's eligibility for transitional health care under section 1145(a) of this title terminates under paragraph (3) of such section;

“(B) the member or the dependents of the member eligible for benefits under the qualified health benefits plan coverage become covered by another health benefits plan that is not TRICARE; or

“(C) the member elects to terminate the continued qualified health benefits plan coverage of the dependents of the member.

“(f) EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF COBRA COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

“(1) any period of coverage under a COBRA continuation provision (as defined in section 9832(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) for a member under this section shall be deemed to be equal to the benefits coverage continuation period for such member under this section; and

“(2) with respect to the election of any period of coverage under a COBRA continuation provision (as so defined), rules similar to the rules under section 4980B(f)(5)(C) of such Code shall apply.

“(g) SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—With respect to a member of a reserve component described in subsection (b) who was enrolled in individual health insurance coverage (as such term is defined in section 2791(b)(5) of the Public Health Service Act) on the date on which the member was called or ordered to active duty, the health insurance issuer may not—

“(1) decline to offer such coverage to, or deny re-enrollment of, such individual during the benefits coverage continuation period described in subsection (e);

“(2) impose any preexisting condition exclusion (as defined in section 2701(b)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act) with respect to the re-enrollment of such member for such coverage during such period; or

“(3) increase the premium rate for re-enrollment of such member under such coverage during such period above the rate that was paid for the coverage prior to the date of such call or order.

“(h) NONDUPLICATION OF BENEFITS.—A dependent of a member who is eligible for benefits under qualified health benefits plan coverage paid on behalf of a member by the Secretary concerned under this section is not eligible for benefits under TRICARE during a period of the coverage for which so paid.

“(i) REVOCABILITY OF ELECTION.—A member who makes an election under subsection (a) may revoke the election. Upon such a revocation, the member's dependents shall become eligible for TRICARE as provided for under this chapter.

“(j) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations for carrying out this section. The regulations shall include such requirements for making an election of payment of applicable premiums as the Secretary considers appropriate.”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1078a the following new item:

“1078b. Continuation of non-TRICARE health benefits plan coverage for certain Reserves called or ordered to active duty and their dependents.”

(b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 1078b of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), shall apply with respect to calls or orders of members of reserve components of the Armed Forces to active duty as described in subsection (b) of such section, that

are issued by the Secretary of a military department on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 688. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 3131.

SA 689. Mr. DASCHLE proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 157, strike line 8 and all that follows through “time of war,” on line 14, and insert the following:

“(f)(1) At any time after the Secretary concerned notifies members of the Ready Reserve that the members are to be called or ordered to active duty,

On page 157, line 19, strike ““(2)” and insert the following:

“(2) The screening and care authorized under paragraph (1) shall include screening and care under TRICARE, pursuant to eligibility under paragraph (3), and continuation of care benefits under paragraph (4).

“(3)(A) Members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve and members of the Individual Ready Reserve described in section 10144(b) of this title are eligible, subject to subparagraph (I), to enroll in TRICARE.

“(B) A member eligible under subparagraph (A) may enroll for either of the following types of coverage:

“(i) Self alone coverage.

“(ii) Self and family coverage.

“(C) An enrollment by a member for self and family covers the member and the dependents of the member who are described in subparagraph (A), (D), or (I) of section 1072(2) of this title.

“(D) The Secretary of Defense shall provide for at least one open enrollment period each year. During an open enrollment period, a member eligible under subparagraph (A) may enroll in the TRICARE program or change or terminate an enrollment in the TRICARE program.

“(E) A member and the dependents of a member enrolled in the TRICARE program under this paragraph shall be entitled to the same benefits under this chapter as a member of the uniformed services on active duty or a dependent of such a member, respectively. Section 1074(c) of this title shall apply with respect to a member enrolled in the TRICARE program under this section.

“(F)(i) The Secretary of Defense shall charge premiums for coverage pursuant to enrollments under this paragraph. The Secretary shall prescribe for each of the TRICARE program options a premium for self alone coverage and a premium for self and family coverage.

“(ii) The monthly amount of the premium in effect for a month for a type of coverage under this paragraph shall be the amount equal to 28 percent of the total amount determined by the Secretary on an appropriate