

him to the bill S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. ____ . PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF GUN OWNERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922(t) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting at the end the following:

“(7)(A) No tax or fee may be implemented in connection with the implementation of this subsection.

“(B) A system to implement this subsection shall require the destruction of any identifying information submitted by or on behalf of any person who has been determined not to be prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm not more than 24 hours after the system advises a Federal firearms licensee that possession or receipt of a firearm by the prospective transferee would not violate subsection (g) or (n) of this section.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 2635. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. CORZINE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; as follows:

On page 9, strike lines 1 and 2, and insert the following:

product, when used as intended or when used in a manner that is reasonably foreseeable, provided that the term “reasonably foreseeable” means the reasonable anticipation that harm or injury is likely to result.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following bills are added to the agenda for the Subcommittee on National Parks hearing for Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC:

S. 1430, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of the Baranov Museum in Kodiak, Alaska, for potential inclusion in the National Park System; and S. 1687, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the preservation and interpretation of the historic sites of the Manhattan Project for potential inclusion in the National Park System.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses, may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161 or Sarah Creachbaum at (202) 224-6293.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, THE BUDGET, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs', Subcommittee on Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security be authorized to meet on Monday, March 1, 2004, at 11 a.m., for a hearing entitled, “Oversight of the Thrift Savings Plan: Ensuring the Integrity of Federal Employee Retirement Savings.”

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Anjali Chaturvedi, a detailee in my office, be allowed floor privileges for the duration of the debate on the gun immunity legislation today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Ross Baker, a fellow with the office of Senator LEAHY, for the remainder of the debate on S. 1805.

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

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that James G. Flood, a detailee from the Department of Justice, who is an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of this session.

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

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 306 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate 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. 306) designating March 2, 2004, as “Read Across America Day.”

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to; that the preamble be agreed to; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc; and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 306) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads, as follows:

S. RES. 306

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas the people of the United States must be able to read if the United States is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) and the new Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 40 national associations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to use March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2, 2004, as “Read Across America Day”;

(2) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to discover the joy of reading;

(3) encourages parents to read with their children for at least 30 minutes on Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss and in celebration of reading; and

(4) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 93-642, appoints the Senator from Montana, Mr. BAUCUS, to be a member of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation Board of Trustees, vice the Senator from Washington, Mrs. MURRAY.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 2. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1805, the gun liability bill, as provided under the previous order. I further ask unanimous consent that just before the vote on passage, the Senate proceed to a vote in relation to the Levin amendment No. 2631, with no second degree amendments in order, and that following that vote, the Senate proceed with the order as previously entered.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, and I will not object because I think everyone has been very straightforward in the presentations on this issue, I hope I would