

Earlier today, the Carter-Baker Commission on Federal Election Reform released its recommendations for improving the electoral process. While many of the Commission's recommendations are worthy of consideration, its report recommends the implementation of a national voter identification requirement, despite acknowledging that there is "no evidence of extensive fraud in U.S. elections or of multiple voting."

This past weekend, Afghanistan held its second successful national election, and we have seen successes in Iraq's elections as well. If these nascent democracies can commit themselves to bringing any and all citizens to the polls, surely we can do the same.

Many of us both here in Washington and around the country have been asking questions over the past three weeks about our Nation's priorities and our commitment to helping our country's most vulnerable citizens. But a major priority should be ensuring that these citizens can exercise the most fundamental right in a democracy—the right to vote.

The resolution I am submitting today, along with Senator DODD and joined by Senators REID, CORZINE, CLINTON, HARKIN, FEINGOLD, AKAKA, DORGAN, KENNEDY, KERRY, MIKULSKI, LAUTENBERG and others, expresses the Senate's strong disapproval of photo identification requirements for voting. The resolution also urges the Department of Justice to challenge any State law that limits a citizen's ability to vote based on discriminatory photo identification requirements and urges the rejection of any national photo identification requirements for voting.

I am honored that Representative JOHN LEWIS, a civil rights icon who put his life on the line to fight for the right to vote, will be introducing the same resolution in the House later this week.

I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1736. Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1737. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1738. Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. HAGEL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1739. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1740. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1741. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1742. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1743. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1747. Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. REID) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1748. Mr. DURBIN (for Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. AKAKA, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1749. Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1750. Mr. BENNETT proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1751. Mr. BENNETT proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

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SA 1753. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DEMINT, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. CORZINE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1754. Mr. SALAZAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1756. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1757. Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1760. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1761. Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1762. Ms. STABENOW submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1763. Mr. TALENT (for himself and Mr. PRYOR) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

SA 1764. Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment in-

tended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1765. Mr. KOHL (for Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

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SA 1767. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1768. Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1769. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 1736.** Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 128, line 19, strike "\$12,400,000" and insert "\$17,400,000".

On page 128, line 24, strike "\$1,000,000" and insert "\$6,000,000".

On page 129, line 2, insert before the period at the end the following: "Provided further, That \$3,000,000 shall be provided to each third round empowerment zone".

On page 173, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, each amount provided by this Act is reduced by the pro rata percentage required to reduce the total amount provided by this Act by \$5,000,000.

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On page 93, line 9, before the period at the end insert the following: "Provided further, That the Secretary, through the Agricultural Research Service, or successor, is authorized to lease approximately 40 acres of land at the Central Plains Experiment Station, Nunn, Colorado, to the Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System, for its Shortgrass Steppe Biological Field Station, on such terms and conditions as the Secretary deems in the public interest: *Provided further*, That the Secretary understands that it is the intent of the University to construct research and educational buildings on the subject acreage and to conduct agricultural research and educational activities in these buildings: *Provided further*, That as consideration for a lease, the Secretary may accept the benefits of mutual cooperative research to be conducted by the Colorado State University and the Government at the Shortgrass Steppe Biological Field Station: *Provided further*, That the term of any lease shall be for no more than 20 years, but a lease may be renewed at the