

Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 11, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in order to hold a closed briefing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The Sunshine in Litigation Act: Does Court Secrecy Undermine Public Health and Safety?" on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness list

The Honorable Joseph F. Anderson, United States District Court Judge, United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.

Johnny Bradley, Jr., Pachuta, Mississippi.

Robert N. Weiner, Partner, Arnold & Porter, LLP, Washington, DC.

Leslie A. Bailey, Brayton-Baron Attorney, Public Justice, Oakland, CA.

Stephen G. Morrison, Partner, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, Columbia, SC.

Richard A. Zitrin, Adjunct Professor of Law, University of California at Hastings, San Francisco, CA.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The Legal Rights of Guantánamo Detainees: What Are They, Should They Be Changed, and Is an End in Sight?" on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow on my staff, Jack Wells, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on the farm bill.

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

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. First, on behalf of the Presiding Officer, Senator SALAZAR, I ask unanimous consent that Ben Brown, a fellow in Senator SALAZAR's office, be allowed floor privileges for the remainder of the debate on the farm bill.

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

METHAMPHETAMINE REMEDIATION RESEARCH ACT OF 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Environment and Public Works Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 365.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 365) to provide for a research program for remediation of closed methamphetamine production laboratories, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statement relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (H.R. 365) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY ACT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 317, S. 793.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 793) to provide for the expansion and improvement of traumatic brain injury programs.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 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 "Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act".

SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO RESTRUCTURING.

Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the section 393B (42 U.S.C. 280b-1c) relating to the use of allotments for rape prevention education, as section 393A and moving such section so that it follows section 393;

(2) by redesignating existing section 393A (42 U.S.C. 280b-1b) relating to prevention of traumatic brain injury, as section 393B; and

(3) by redesignating the section 393B (42 U.S.C. 280b-1d) relating to traumatic brain injury registries, as section 393C.

SEC. 3. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

(a) PREVENTION OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.—Clause (ii) of section 393B(b)(3)(A) of the Public Health Service Act, as so redesignated, (42 U.S.C. 280b-1b) is amended by striking "from hospitals and trauma centers" and inserting "from hospitals and emergency departments".

(b) NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SURVEILLANCE AND REGISTRIES.—Section 393C of the Public Health Service Act, as

so redesignated, (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting "SURVEILLANCE AND" after "NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY"; and

(2) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "may make grants" and all that follows through "to collect data concerning—" and inserting "may make grants to States or their designees to develop or operate the State's traumatic brain injury surveillance system or registry to determine the incidence and prevalence of traumatic brain injury and related disability, to ensure the uniformity of reporting under such system or registry, to link individuals with traumatic brain injury to services and supports, and to link such individuals with academic institutions to conduct applied research that will support the development of such surveillance systems and registries as may be necessary. A surveillance system or registry under this section shall provide for the collection of data concerning—".

(c) REPORT.—Section 393C of the Public Health Service Act (as so redesignated) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(b) Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of the Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Director of the National Institutes of Health and in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to the relevant committees of Congress a report that contains the findings derived from an evaluation concerning activities and procedures that can be implemented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the collection and dissemination of compatible epidemiological studies on the incidence and prevalence of traumatic brain injury in the military and veterans populations who return to civilian life. The report shall include recommendations on the manner in which such agencies can further collaborate on the development and improvement of traumatic brain injury diagnostic tools and treatments."

SEC. 4. STUDY ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

Part J of title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 280b et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 393C the following:

"SEC. 393C-1. STUDY ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

"(a) STUDY.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with respect to paragraph (1) and the Director of the National Institutes of Health with respect to paragraphs (2) and (3), shall conduct a study with respect to traumatic brain injury for the purpose of carrying out the following:

"(1) In collaboration with appropriate State and local health-related agencies—

"(A) determining the incidence of traumatic brain injury and prevalence of traumatic brain injury related disability and the clinical aspects of the disability in all age groups and racial and ethnic minority groups in the general population of the United States, including institutional settings, such as nursing homes, correctional facilities, psychiatric hospitals, child care facilities, and residential institutes for people with developmental disabilities; and

"(B) reporting national trends in traumatic brain injury.

"(2) Identifying common therapeutic interventions which are used for the rehabilitation of individuals with such injuries, and, subject to the availability of information, including an analysis of—

"(A) the effectiveness of each such intervention in improving the functioning, including return to work or school and community participation, of individuals with brain injuries;