(b) Submission of Report.—Mr. Hatfield shall submit his written findings as of May 1, 2006, to the Federal Communications Commission not later than 60 days after receiving the payment described in subsection (a). SEC. 9. 9/11 COMMISSION ACT OF 2007.


Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I think the Senate. This has been 2 years coming because 2 years ago, a young mother in Deltona, FL, which is north of Orlando in Volusia County, watched her baby die as she tried in vain to reach emergency 911. She had a telephone that she did not realize, because it was voice over the Internet, there was no provision for emergency 911 services.

Following that tragedy of the death of that child, where a 911 emergency response arrived because they did not receive the call, we introduced this bipartisan legislation that requires all VOIP providers to offer the emergency 911 service, and this legislation gives them the tools they need in order to do that.

We have been working on this legislation a long time. It passed the Commerce Committee unanimously in 2005. It was also added to a Senate port security bill in 2006, and then the conference committee stripped it out.

Since it was first introduced, to the credit of the Federal Communications Commission, they took some action to require that VOIP customers have full access to the emergency 911. We appreciate that very much. But there are holes in those regulations. Those holes need to be filled, and this legislation we passed tonight will fill those legislative holes.

The legislation will resolve any remaining questions regarding the Federal Communications Commission jurisdiction over VOIP services by requiring full access to 911 service by the VOIP customers.

This bill also resolves any issues relating to the potential liability of the VOIP providers that offer access to 911 services. The legislation also requires the national E-911 Implementation Coordination Office to work with industry to develop the next generation of emergency 911 network.

This network is going to be resilient and redundant. It is going to allow 911 calls to automatically be routed to a functional 911 call center in the event of a disaster. Think about what happened down in New Orleans during Katrina. We had a certain way these numbers got dialed, but that is now going to be corrected. There are so many different services on them. We need a system that can get this emergency service through these new kinds of mechanisms. That is what we are going to do.

Going back to this terrible tragedy that happened a couple years ago in my State, this is just one newspaper headline that said trying to get that 911 call, it couldn’t go because there was a not a provision in VOIP.

Lives have been lost. Lives were at risk. They are still at risk until we can get this legislation signed into law. I am extremely grateful to the Senate for having passed this legislation tonight.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—AMENDMENT NO. 3896, AS MODIFIED

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following be added to S. 1200, the Vitter amendment. It passed the Senate:

SEC. 805. LIMITATION RELATING TO ABORTION.

(a) Definition of Health Benefits Coverage.—In this section, the term ‘health benefits coverage’ means a health-related service or group of services provided pursuant to a contract, compact, grant, or other agreement.

(b) Limitation.—

(1) In general.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), no funds or facilities of the Service may be used—

(A) to provide any abortion; or

(B) to provide, or pay any administrative cost of, any health benefits coverage that includes coverage of an abortion.

(2) Exception.—The limitation described in paragraph (1) shall not apply in any case in which—

(A) a pregnancy is the result of rape, or is the result of incest against a minor; or

(B) the woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that, as certified by a physician, would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 107-12, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Review Board: Trevor Whipple of Vermont.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 27; that following the prayer and the 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 there then be a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, and the time be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans in control of the first half and the majority in control of the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume the motion to proceed to S. 2633; further, I ask that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. and that at all times during any recess, adjournment, or morning business post cloture, The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:03 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SHEILA MCNAMARA GREENWOOD, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE STEVEN B. NEMETH, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

EDWIN K. OF MONTANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 14, 2008, VICE KAREN HASTIR WILLIAMS, TERM EXPIRED.

KENNETH R. CARENCE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 14, 2010, VICE ROBERT M. TORIAS, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

PETER R. CIANCITTETI, OF MAINE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA.

THE JUDICIARY

COLM F. CONNOLLY, OF DELAWARE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, VICE KENT A. JORDAN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

PAUL A. SCHEIDER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE MICHAEL JACKSON, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRDE INDICATED IS APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLE II, SECTION 2, CLAUSE 2, OF THE CONSTITUTION.
February 26, 2008

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — SENATE

S1209

To be brigadier general

COL. MARK W. TILLMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. VERN N. FINDELL II

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

RICHARD E. MICHAEL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

MICHAEL R. MCCOWAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

BARBARA T. EMBRY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

JOHN A. APOSTAHNERNDEZ

MARY E. CAPOCCIONI

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

PHILLIP J. WOODWARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

JEFFREY S. GIRLSON

MARK O. RHODES

ANTHONY J. GIOVENCO, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

BRIAN J. CORMER

CHRISTOPHER K. MILLER

LARRY MIYAMOTO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

DONALD P. CARTER, JR.

JEREMY B. ESNARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

CHRISTOPHER J. COX

DOUGLAS M. TAYLOR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

ROBERT A. DILL

BRUCE A. JONES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

ROBERT A. FETERSEN

GEORGE L. ROBERTS

EDWARD T. SEIFERT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINES CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

BILLY A. DUBOSE

DANA R. PIKE

DANIEL R. GUIMOND

MARK A. MITCHELL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINES CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

STEPHEN M. BRENN

PAUL D. CONDER

WILLIAM P. DAVIS

IAN FERGUSON

JOSEPH J. GARCIA

BRIAN K. MORGAN

CHERIE S. ROBERTSON

TODD W. BYRDE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINES CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

RAYMOND J. WHITE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINES CORPS RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

ROBERT S. ADAMS

MICHAEL D. ALLEN

DALE E. ANDERSON

JOHN R. ANDREW

BRETT D. BARKEN

Fritz J. BAUGH

JOHN W. BATYMAN

JEFFREY A. BAUMERT

MITCHELL F. BECKER

WILLIAM J. BECKER

JOSEPH S. BELLFLOWER

DAVID G. BELLON

ROBIN K. BENNET

KONITA M. BENT

AUGUSTIN BOLAND

JEREMY B. BOREN

TERRY L. BRUNING

SHAWN P. BYEN

ROBERT L. CHAFFEAL

BRITT C. CHERBY

BRIAN A. CHIN

MICHAEL L. CLANTON

TIMOTHY D. COBBLE

DAVID A. DAWSON

DAVID W. DIETZ

RALPH P. DENGHLER

TIMOTHY E. DESALVO

RAYMOND R. DRESCHENEAUX

RICHARD D. DUGG

THOMAS M. DOMAN

DOUGLAS T. EDWARDS

BRIAN P. ELSLAD

TRENICE R. EULING

MICHAEL F. FAHEY III

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DOUGLAS T. EDWARDS

THOMAS M. DOMAN

DOUGLAS T. EDWARDS

BRIAN P. ELSLAD
WITHDRAWALS

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on February 26, 2008 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:


STANLEY C. SUBOLESKI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF ENERGY (FOSSIL ENERGY), VICE JEFFREY D. JARRETT, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON DECEMBER 11, 2007.