

S. CON. RES. 83

Whereas the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders reports that approximately 42,000,000 people in the United States suffer from a speech, voice, language, or hearing impairment;

Whereas approximately 32,500,000, or 15 percent, of adults in the United States report some degree of hearing loss;

Whereas 1 out of every 3 people in the United States over 60 years of age has a hearing problem;

Whereas 1 in 6, or 15 percent, of people in the baby boom generation, between the ages of 41 and 59, has a hearing problem;

Whereas 1 in 14, or 7 percent, of people in the United States between the ages of 29 and 40 already has hearing loss;

Whereas at least 1,400,000 children in the United States have hearing problems;

Whereas traumatic brain injury is an increasing problem among members of the Armed Forces returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Whereas patients with traumatic brain injury may have problems with spoken language, called dysarthria, if the part of the brain that controls speech muscles is damaged, resulting in speech that is often slowed, slurred, and garbled;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces sent to battle zones are more than 50 times more likely to suffer noise-induced hearing loss than members of the Armed Forces who do not deploy;

Whereas, although more than 32,500,000 adults in the United States could benefit from the use of hearing aids, only 1 in 5 people who could benefit from a hearing aid actually wears one;

Whereas, of children between the ages of 6 and 19 years old, approximately 5,200,000, or 12.5 percent, are estimated to have noise-induced hearing loss in one or both ears, often as a result of increased environmental noise;

Whereas hearing loss is the most common congenital disorder in newborns;

Whereas a delay in diagnosing a hearing loss when a child is born can affect the child's social, emotional, and academic development;

Whereas, during the 2003 school year, more than 1,500,000 children had speech, language, or hearing impairments and received services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);

Whereas children with language impairments are 4 to 5 times more likely than their peers to experience reading problems;

Whereas 10 percent of children entering the first grade have moderate to severe speech disorders, including stuttering;

Whereas more than 3,000,000 people in the United States of all ages stutter;

Whereas approximately 1,000,000 people in the United States have aphasia, a language disorder inhibiting spoken communication that results from damage caused by a stroke or other traumatic injury to the language centers of the brain; and

Whereas, since 1927, May has been celebrated as National Better Hearing and Speech Month in order to raise awareness regarding speech, voice, language, and hearing impairments and to provide an opportunity for Federal, State, and local governments, members of the private and nonprofit sectors, speech and hearing professionals, and the people of the United States to focus on preventing, mitigating, and curing such impairments: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Better Hearing and Speech Month;

(2) urges increased coordination of community-based, comprehensive care for members

of the Armed Forces, veterans, athletes, and accident victims who have experienced hearing and speech deficiencies as a result of traumatic brain injury;

(3) supports the efforts of speech and hearing professionals to improve the speech and hearing development of children;

(4) encourages the people of the United States to have their hearing checked regularly and to avoid environmental noise that can lead to hearing loss; and

(5) commends the 46 States that have implemented routine hearing screenings for every newborn before the newborn leaves the hospital.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4805. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4806. Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4807. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4808. Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4809. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4810. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4811. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4812. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4813. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4814. Mr. BROWBACK (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4803 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS—MAY 20, 2008

SA 4789. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to House amendment numbered 2 to the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

In lieu of the language proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

TITLE I

OTHER SECURITY, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS

CHAPTER 1

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

PUBLIC LAW 480 TITLE II GRANTS

For an additional amount for "Public Law 480 Title II Grants", \$850,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For an additional amount for "Public Law 480 Title II Grants", \$395,000,000, to become available on October 1, 2008, and to remain available until expended.

CHAPTER 2

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

For an additional amount for the Office of the Inspector General, \$4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses, General Legal Activities", \$1,648,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses, United States Attorneys", \$5,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses", \$18,621,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses", \$164,965,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses", \$82,600,000 to become available on October 1, 2008 and to remain available until September 30, 2009.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses", \$22,666,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses", \$4,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and Expenses", \$9,100,000, to remain available until September 30, 2009.

CHAPTER 3

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

For an additional amount for "Military Construction, Army", \$1,170,200,000: *Provided*, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out planning and design and military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law: *Provided further*, That of the funds made available under this heading, \$1,033,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2009, and \$137,200,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2012: *Provided further*, That funds made available under this heading for military construction