

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 19, at 9:30 a.m. in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 2:15 p.m.

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

SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Securities, Insurance, and Investment Subcommittee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 19, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT
MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE,
AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Management Challenges Facing the Federal Protective Service: What is at Risk?"

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that three members of my staff, Seth Olson, Charles von Althann, and Eitan Goldstein, be granted the privilege of the floor during today's session.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent that Tom Edwards, Jordan August, and Bobby Schena of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of the 110th Congress.

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

THE DEFICIT REDUCTION TECHNICAL
CORRECTION ACT OF 2005

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 774, S. 2607.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2607) to make technical corrections to section 3009 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.

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

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that an Inouye substitute amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, the bill as amended be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 5014) was agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 5014

(Purpose: To provide for additional consumer outreach and education concerning the digital television transition, and for other purposes.)

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "DTV Transition Assistance Act".

SEC. 2. DTV TRANSITION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3008(a) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 is amended—

(1) by inserting "(1) IN GENERAL.—" before "The Assistant Secretary"; and

(2) by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(2) USE OF FUNDS.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of the DTV Transition Assistance Act, the Assistant Secretary shall make a determination, which the Assistant Secretary may adjust from time to time, with respect to whether the full amount provided under paragraph (1) will be needed for payments under that paragraph. If the Assistant Secretary determines that the full amount will not be needed for payments authorized by paragraph (1), the Assistant Secretary may use the remaining amount for consumer education and technical assistance regarding the digital television transition and the availability of the digital-to-analog converter box program (in addition to any amounts expended for such purpose under 3005(c)(2)(A) of this title), including partnering with, providing grants to, and contracting with non-profit organizations or public interest groups in achieving these efforts. If the Assistant Secretary initiates such an education program, the Assistant Secretary shall develop a plan to address the educational and technical assistance needs of vulnerable populations, such as senior citizens, individuals residing in rural and remote areas, and minorities, including, where appropriate, education plans focusing on the need for analog pass-through digital converter boxes in areas served by low power or translator stations, and shall consider the speed with which these objectives can be accomplished to the greatest public benefit."

(b) FISCAL YEARS TO WHICH APPLICABLE.—Section 3009(a) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171) is amended—

(1) by striking "fiscal year 2009" and inserting "fiscal years 2009 through 2012"; and

(2) by striking "no earlier than October 1, 2010" and inserting "on or after February 18, 2009".

The bill (S. 2607), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY TO MINT COINS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2159 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2159) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent that a Dodd-Shelby amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 5015) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To extend the period during which the coins may be minted and issued)

On page 16, strike lines 8 through 11 and insert the following:

"(c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including section 7(d), the Secretary—

"(1) may accept orders for the coins authorized under this Act during the period beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2008; and

"(2) may mint and issue such coins required to fulfill such orders during the period beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on December 31, 2009.

"(d) EXCEPTION TO PROGRAM LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the minting or issuance of coins under this Act in 2009 does not—

"(1) preclude the Secretary from including a surcharge on the issuance of any other commemorative coin minted or issued in 2009; and

"(2) be counted against the annual 2 commemorative coin program minting and issuance limitation under section 5112(m)(1) of title 31, United States Code.

"(e) ISSUANCE OF GOLD COINS.—Each gold coin".

The bill (S. 2159), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2159

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "NASA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the National Aeronautics and Space Administration began operation on October 1, 1958, with about 8,000 employees and an annual budget of \$100,000,000;

(2) over the next 50 years, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been involved in many defining events which have shaped the course of human history and