

VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 651

Whereas the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was established on July 29, 1958;

Whereas on May 5, 1961, NASA successfully launched America's first manned spacecraft, Freedom 7, piloted by Alan B. Shepard, Jr.;

Whereas on February 20, 1962, John Glenn became the first American astronaut to orbit the earth;

Whereas in July of 1969 President John Kennedy's vision of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth was realized with the Apollo 11 mission, commanded by Neil A. Armstrong, Lunar Module Pilot Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., and Command Module pilot Michael Collins;

Whereas on April 12, 1981, NASA began a new era of human space flight and exploration with the launch of the first Space Shuttle Columbia, commanded by John W. Young and piloted by Robert L. "Bob" Crippen;

Whereas on June 18, 1983, Dr. Sally Ride became the first American woman in space as a crewmember of Space Shuttle Challenger for STS-7;

Whereas NASA has greatly expanded our knowledge and understanding of our planet and solar system through various unmanned vehicles utilized on numerous missions;

Whereas, during the Cold War, NASA's achievements served as a source of national pride and captured the imagination of the world by demonstrating a peaceful use of our technological capabilities;

Whereas NASA now serves as a model for international cooperation and American leadership through the International Space Station and other scientific endeavors;

Whereas thanks to NASA and the far-reaching gaze of the Hubble Space Telescope, we have seen further into our universe than ever before;

Whereas NASA space probes have landed on or flown by eight of the planets in our solar system;

Whereas the aeronautics research by NASA has led to great discoveries and advances in aircraft design and aviation;

Whereas the work done by NASA has expanded the scope of human knowledge, created new technologies, and inspired young men and women to enter scientific and engineering careers;

Whereas in the last fifty years, NASA has positively impacted almost every facet of our lives; and

Whereas, thanks to the heroism, courage, and supreme sacrifice of our astronaut corps over the last five decades, we are now able to live and work in space for the benefit of all humankind; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the Senate That the Senate—*

(1) honors the men and women of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary;

(2) acknowledges the value of NASA's discoveries and accomplishments; and

(3) pledges to maintain America's position as the world leader in earth and space science, aeronautics and space exploration and technology.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5259. Ms. CANTWELL (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. SMITH)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and haz-

ardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

SA 5260. Ms. CANTWELL (for Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. CARDIN)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2608, to amend section 402 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to provide, in fiscal years 2009 through 2011, extensions of supplemental security income for refugees, asylees, and certain other humanitarian immigrants, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to collect unemployment compensation debts resulting from fraud..

SA 5261. Ms. CANTWELL (for Mr. SMITH) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2608, supra.

SA 5262. Ms. CANTWELL (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2507, to address the digital television transition in border states.

SA 5263. Ms. CANTWELL (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 45, expressing the consent and approval of Congress to an inter-state compact regarding water resources in the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin..

SA 5264. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5683, to make certain reforms with respect to the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5259. Ms. CANTWELL (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mr. SMITH)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, and for other purposes; as follows:

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS; AMENDMENT OF TITLE 49.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 2008".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents; amendment of title 49.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Sec. 3. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE I—RAILROAD SAFETY RISK REDUCTION AND STRATEGY

Sec. 101. Establishment of chief safety officer.

Sec. 102. Railroad safety strategy.

Sec. 103. Railroad safety risk reduction pilot program.

Sec. 104. Railroad safety risk reduction program.

Sec. 105. Positive train control system implementation.

Sec. 106. Hours-of-service reform.

Sec. 107. Protection of railroad safety risk analyses information.

TITLE II—HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND TRESPASSER PREVENTION

Sec. 201. Pedestrian crossing safety.

Sec. 202. State action plans.

Sec. 203. Improvements to sight distance at highway-rail grade crossings.

Sec. 204. National crossing inventory.

Sec. 205. Telephone number to report grade crossing problems.

Sec. 206. Operation Lifesaver.

Sec. 207. Federal grants to States for highway-rail grade crossing safety.

Sec. 208. Trespasser prevention and highway-rail crossing safety.

Sec. 209. Fostering introduction of new technology to improve safety at highway-rail grade crossings.

TITLE III—FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 301. Human capital increases.

Sec. 302. Civil penalty increases.

Sec. 303. Enforcement report.

Sec. 304. Prohibition of individuals from performing safety-sensitive functions for a violation of hazardous materials transportation law.

Sec. 305. Railroad radio monitoring authority.

Sec. 306. Emergency waivers.

Sec. 307. Federal rail security officers' access to information.

Sec. 308. Update of Federal Railroad Administration's website.

TITLE IV—RAILROAD SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

Sec. 401. Employee training.

Sec. 402. Certification of certain crafts or classes of employees.

Sec. 403. Track inspection time study.

Sec. 404. Study of methods to improve or correct station platform gaps.

Sec. 405. Locomotive cab studies.

Sec. 406. Railroad safety technology grants.

Sec. 407. Railroad safety infrastructure improvement grants.

Sec. 408. Amendment to the movement-for-repair provision.

Sec. 409. Development and use of rail safety technology.

Sec. 410. Employee sleeping quarters.

Sec. 411. Employee protections.

Sec. 412. Unified treatment of families of railroad carriers.

Sec. 413. Study of repeal of Conrail provision.

Sec. 414. Limitations on non-federal alcohol and drug testing by railroad carriers.

Sec. 415. Critical incident stress plan.

Sec. 416. Railroad carrier employee exposure to radiation study.

Sec. 417. Alcohol and controlled substance testing for maintenance-of-way employees.

TITLE V—RAIL PASSENGER DISASTER FAMILY ASSISTANCE

Sec. 501. Assistance by National Transportation Safety Board to families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.

Sec. 502. Rail passenger carrier plan to assist families of passengers involved in rail passenger accidents.

Sec. 503. Establishment of task force.

TITLE VI—CLARIFICATION OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION OVER SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

Sec. 601. Short title.

Sec. 602. Clarification of general jurisdiction over solid waste transfer facilities.

Sec. 603. Regulation of solid waste rail transfer facilities.

Sec. 604. Solid waste rail transfer facility land-use exemption authority.

Sec. 605. Effect on other statutes and authorities.

TITLE VII—TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Sec. 701. Technical corrections.

(c) AMENDMENT OF TITLE 49.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 49, United States Code.