

Whereas the restoration of Union Station was the largest public-private restoration project accomplished in the United States;

Whereas the restoration took 2 years and the grand reopening was held on September 29, 1988;

Whereas, in 2008, Union Station includes more than 210,000 square feet of retail space, including 50,000 square feet of restaurant space;

Whereas Union Station is the corporate headquarters for Amtrak and contains 200,000 square feet of Amtrak passenger and baggage facilities;

Whereas 32,000,000 people visit Union Station annually; and

Whereas Union Station is the most visited tourist destination in Washington, District of Columbia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the centennial of Union Station in Washington, District of Columbia;

(2) applauds the efforts of the people who worked to preserve this national treasure; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to continue to visit and learn about Union Station and its storied history.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5618. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5619. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5620. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5621. Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Reid to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5622. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5623. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5583 submitted by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. KYL) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5624. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5625. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5626. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5498 submitted by Mr. NELSON of Florida and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5627. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5628. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5519 submitted by Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr.

THUNE, and Ms. STABENOW) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5629. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5630. Mr. SANDERS (for Mr. FEINGOLD) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 643, calling for greater dialogue between the Dalai Lama and the Government of China regarding rights for the people of Tibet, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 722. REPORT ON MILITARY FAMILY AUTISM SUPPORT CENTERS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1, 2009, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing one or more military family autism support centers beginning in fiscal year 2010.

(b) PURPOSES.—For purposes of the report required by subsection (a), the proposed purposes of the centers described in that subsection are as follows:

(1) To provide diagnostic services and therapy to children of military families diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and related disorders.

(2) To provide support services to the families of military dependent children diagnosed with autism.

(3) To train therapists to provide treatment to autistic children, with special emphasis placed on training the spouses of members of the Armed Forces to provide such treatment.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the feasibility of designating the Marine Corps or other Military Department as the lead agent in the establishment and operation of centers described in subsection (a).

(2) An assessment of the feasibility of establishing one of the centers on the East Coast of the United States and one on the West Coast of the United States.

(3) A description of the proposed capabilities of the centers, including the following:

(A) The number of therapists that could be trained at such centers each year.

(B) The number of children who could receive diagnosis and therapy at such centers each year.

(C) The average number of hours per week that therapy could be provided at such centers.

(D) The nature of therapy that could be provided at such centers.

(E) The anticipated contribution of such centers to military readiness and retention.

(F) The efficacy of such centers in meeting the needs of military families with children with a diagnosis of autism.

(4) A description of the resources required for such centers.

(d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) any center established for the purposes specified in subsection (b) should be located in a geographic area in which military families from all the Armed Forces could conveniently access the services available through such centers;

(2) in discharging its purposes under subsection (b), each center should utilize in the diagnosis and treatment of children of military families with autism medical, educational, and developmental therapies that have been successfully used to treat autistic children; and

(3) for purposes of assisting in the training of therapists under this section, the Secretary of Defense should, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, consider the feasibility and advisability of establishing a tuition assistance program to facilitate the participation of military spouses in such training.

SA 5619. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 360, after line 20, add the following:

SEC. 1233. REPORT ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE CAUCASUS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report in classified and unclassified form on the defense requirements of the Republic of Georgia.

(b) CONTENT.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a description of the security situation in the Caucasus following the recent conflict between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Georgia, including a description of any Russian forces that continue to occupy internationally recognized Georgian territory;

(2) an assessment of—

(A) the damage sustained by the armed forces of Georgia in the recent conflict with the Russian Federation; and

(B) the state of civilian-military relations in the Republic of Georgia;

(3) an analysis of the defense requirements of the Republic of Georgia following the conflict with the Russian Federation;

(4) detailed recommendations on how the Republic of Georgia may improve its capability for self-defense and more effectively control its territorial waters and air space; and

(5) an assessment of the areas where the Republic of Georgia would require the assistance of the United States and other countries to improve its defense capabilities.

(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress—

(A) reaffirms its previous expressions of support for continued enlargement of the