

character and that, therefore, conscientious efforts must be made by institutions and individuals that influence youth to help young people develop the essential traits and characteristics that comprise good character;

Whereas, although character development is, first and foremost, an obligation of families, the efforts of faith communities, schools, and youth, civic, and human service organizations also play an important role in fostering and promoting good character;

Whereas Congress encourages students, teachers, parents, youth, and community leaders to recognize the importance of character education in preparing young people to play a role in determining the future of the United States;

Whereas effective character education is based on core ethical values, which form the foundation of democratic society;

Whereas examples of character are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, citizenship, and honesty;

Whereas elements of character transcend cultural, religious, and socioeconomic differences;

Whereas the character and conduct of our youth reflect the character and conduct of society, and, therefore, every adult has the responsibility to teach and model ethical values and every social institution has the responsibility to promote the development of good character;

Whereas Congress encourages individuals and organizations, especially those who have an interest in the education and training of the young people of the United States, to adopt the elements of character as intrinsic to the well-being of individuals, communities, and society;

Whereas many schools in the United States recognize the need, and have taken steps, to integrate the values of their communities into their teaching activities; and

Whereas the establishment of National Character Counts Week, during which individuals, families, schools, youth organizations, religious institutions, civic groups, and other organizations focus on character education, is of great benefit to the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning October 19, 2008, as “National Character Counts Week”; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States and interested groups—

(A) to embrace the elements of character identified by local schools and communities, such as trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship; and

(B) to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5674. Mr. REID (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5159, to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center, and for other purposes.

SA 5675. Ms. LANDRIEU (for Mr. NELSON, OF FLORIDA (for himself and Mr. INHOFE)) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 660, condemning ongoing sales of arms to belligerents in Sudan, including the Government of Sudan, and calling for both a cessation of such sales and an expansion of the United Nations embargo on arms sales to Sudan.

SA 5676. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. DEMINT) submitted an amendment intended

to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2638, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5677. Mr. REID 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.

SA 5678. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5677 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 2095, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5674. Mr. REID (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5159, to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Capitol Visitor Center Act of 2008”.

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

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Sec. 101. Designation of facility as Capitol Visitor Center; purposes of facility; treatment of the Capitol Visitor Center.

Sec. 102. Designation and naming within the Capitol Visitor Center.

Sec. 103. Use of the Emancipation Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center.

TITLE II—OFFICE OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Sec. 201. Establishment.

Sec. 202. Appointment and supervision of Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services.

Sec. 203. General duties of Chief Executive Officer.

Sec. 204. Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer.

Sec. 205. Gift shop.

Sec. 206. Food service operations.

TITLE III—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER REVOLVING FUND

Sec. 301. Establishment and accounts.

Sec. 302. Deposits in the Fund.

Sec. 303. Use of monies.

Sec. 304. Administration of Fund.

TITLE IV—CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Subtitle A—Capitol Guide Service

Sec. 401. Transfer of Capitol Guide Service.

Sec. 402. Duties of employees of Capitol Guide Service.

Subtitle B—Office of Congressional Accessibility Services

Sec. 411. Office of Congressional Accessibility Services.

Sec. 412. Transfer from Capitol Guide Service.

Subtitle C—Transfer Date and Technical and Conforming Amendments

Sec. 421. Transfer date.

Sec. 422. Technical and conforming amendments.

TITLE V—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Sec. 501. Jurisdictions unaffected.
Sec. 502. Student loan repayment authority.
Sec. 503. Acceptance of volunteer services.
Sec. 504. Coins treated as gifts.
Sec. 505. Flexible work schedule pilot program.

TITLE VI—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Sec. 601. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE I—CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

SEC. 101. DESIGNATION OF FACILITY AS CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER; PURPOSES OF FACILITY; TREATMENT OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility authorized for construction under the heading “CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER” under chapter 5 of title II of division B of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277; 112 Stat. 2681-569) is designated as the Capitol Visitor Center and is a part of the Capitol.

(b) PURPOSES OF THE FACILITY.—The Capitol Visitor Center shall be used—

(1) to provide enhanced security for persons working in or visiting the United States Capitol;

(2) to improve the visitor experience by providing a structure that will afford improved visitor orientation and enhance the educational experience of those who have come to learn about the Congress and the Capitol; and

(3) for other purposes as determined by Congress or the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

(c) TREATMENT OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER.—

(1) OVERSIGHT.—The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall have oversight of the Capitol Visitor Center.

(2) TREATMENT OF EXPANSION SPACE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER.—

(A) SENATE.—The expansion space of the Senate described as unassigned space under the heading “CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” under title II of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes”, approved November 12, 2001 (Public Law 107-68; 115 Stat. 588) shall be part of the Senate wing of the Capitol.

(B) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—The expansion space of the House of Representatives described as unassigned space under the heading “CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER” under the heading “ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL” under title II of the Act entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes”, approved November 12, 2001 (Public Law 107-68; 115 Stat. 588) shall be part of the House of Representatives wing of the Capitol.

(d) TREATMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL AUDITORIUM AND RELATED ADJACENT AREAS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives shall jointly prescribe regulations for the assignment of the space in the Capitol Visitor Center known as the Congressional Auditorium and the related adjacent areas.

(2) RELATED ADJACENT AREAS.—The regulations under paragraph (1) shall include a designation of the areas that are related adjacent areas to the Congressional Auditorium.

(e) VISITOR CENTER SPACE IN THE CAPITOL.—Section 301 of the National Visitor