

(2) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, prepare a report that describes the results of the investigation conducted under paragraph (1).

(c) The report prepared under in subsection (b)(2) shall address the following issues:

(1) Whether the Secretary properly considered advanced high strength steel a “component” under section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17013).

(2) Whether the Secretary conducted a proper market analysis to determine what advanced high strength steel products were in the marketplace and in what volumes.

(3) Whether the Secretary estimated the current or future capacity for production of advanced high strength steel in the United States.

(4) Whether the Secretary estimated the future demand for advanced high strength steel from automakers.

(5) Whether it was proper for the Secretary to fund a nearly complete project for facilities already built.

(6) Whether the Secretary conducted a thorough jobs-impact analysis before issuing the conditional loan commitment, including an analysis of what jobs would be lost or redistributed from other companies that produce advanced high strength steel.

(7) Whether and to what extent the loan office was improperly influenced outside groups or the White House, including the Office of Management and Budget.

SA 949. Mr. COATS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. 7088. (a) Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The decision by the membership of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to admit the Palestinian Authority as a full member state of the organization is counterproductive, harms efforts to reach a negotiated, lasting, and just peace in the Middle East, and is contrary to United States interests.

(2) The Palestinian Authority may use this vote as a precedent to pursue membership in other United Nations affiliated organizations, contrary to the best interests of those organizations and the Palestinians themselves.

(3) Palestinian statehood can emerge only from negotiations with Israel, not from actions by third parties, including the United Nations and its affiliated organizations.

(4) Existing United States law prohibits appropriation of funds for the United Nations or any specialized agency affiliated with the United Nations that grant full membership as a state to any organization or group that does not have the internationally recognized attributes of statehood.

(5) The President does not have the discretion to identify alternative methods of providing funds to any United Nations agency that admits Palestine as a member state.

(b) None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act shall be obligated or expended in contravention of section 410 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103-236; 108 Stat. 454; 22 U.S.C. 287e note) or section 414 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101-246; 104 Stat. 70; 22 U.S.C. 287e note).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations on the Secretary’s desk in the Coast Guard; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY’S DESK

COAST GUARD

PN635 COAST GUARD nomination of Walter L. Ouzts, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2011.

PN749 COAST GUARD nomination of Kathleen A. Duignan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of July 5, 2011.

PN1021 COAST GUARD nomination of Gregory L. Parsons, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 11, 2011.

PN1022 COAST GUARD nominations (17) beginning Michael B. Bee, and ending James W. Whitley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 11, 2011.

PN1023 COAST GUARD nominations (78) beginning Paul Albertson, and ending Michael L. Woolard, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 11, 2011.

PN1024 COAST GUARD nominations (143) beginning Ricardo M. Alonso, and ending Torrence B. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 11, 2011.

PN1041 COAST GUARD nomination of Kenneth W. Megan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 2011.

PN1042 COAST GUARD nomination of Jennifer A. Ketchum, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 12, 2011.

PN1069 COAST GUARD nominations (290) beginning Alonzo D. Alday, and ending Peter J. Zauner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 31, 2011.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

CROHN’S AND COLITIS AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 199, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 199) supporting the goals and ideals of “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week.”

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 199) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 199

Whereas Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis are serious, chronic inflammatory diseases of the gastrointestinal tract;

Whereas Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis, collectively known as inflammatory bowel disease, afflict approximately 1,400,000 people in the United States, 30 percent of whom are diagnosed as children;

Whereas the cause of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis are unknown and no medical cure exists;

Whereas Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis can affect anyone, at any age, and is being diagnosed with increased frequency in children;

Whereas Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis patients are at high risk for developing colorectal cancer;

Whereas a lack of awareness among health professionals and the general public may contribute to the misdiagnosis and mismanagement of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis;

Whereas the annual direct cost of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis in the United States is estimated to be \$6,100,000,000;

Whereas the goals of “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week” are—

(1) to invite and encourage all people in the United States to join the effort to find a cure for Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis;

(2) to engage in activities aimed at raising awareness of Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis among the general public and health care providers; and

(3) to promote and support biomedical research needed to find better treatments and a cure for Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis; and

Whereas the week of December 1, 2011, through December 7, 2011, has been designated “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week”;

(2) encourages media organizations to participate in “Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week” by helping to educate the general public about Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis;

(3) recognizes all people in the United States living with Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis and expresses appreciation to the family members and caregivers who support them; and

(4) commends the dedication of health care professionals and biomedical researchers who care for Crohn’s disease and ulcerative