

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2076

*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 “Local Courthouse Safety Act of 2012”.

**SEC. 2. PROVIDING LOCAL COURTHOUSES WITH SECURITY TRAINING AND ASSESSMENTS.**

The Attorney General, as part of the Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability Initiative (VALOR) of the Department of Justice, may provide safety training and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies.

**SEC. 3. IMPROVING FLEXIBILITY OF STATES TO USE GRANTS TO PROTECT COURTHOUSES.**

(a) STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.—Section 2008(a) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 609(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (12), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph (14); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (12) the following:

“(13) improving security at courthouses of a State or local government; and”.

(b) BYRNE GRANTS.—Section 501(a)(1)(B) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting “, including programs to improve security at courthouses” before the period.

**SEC. 4. IMPROVING ACCESS OF LOCAL COURTHOUSES TO EXCESS FEDERAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by adding after section 529 the following:

**“§ 530. Excess security equipment**

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘excess security equipment’ means excess property that is used to detect weapons, including metal detectors, wands, and baggage screening devices; and

“(2) the term ‘qualifying State or local courthouse’ means a courthouse of a State or local government that has less security equipment than the security needs of the courthouse require.

“(b) DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SECURITY EQUIPMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the Administrator of General Services shall ensure that a State or local government has an opportunity to request to receive excess security equipment for use at a qualifying State or local courthouse before the excess security equipment is made available to any other individual or entity under this subchapter.

“(2) DISPOSAL.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), upon request by a State or local government for excess security equipment for use at a qualifying State or local courthouse, the excess security equipment shall be made available to the State or local government without cost, except for any costs of care and handling.

“(B) MULTIPLE REQUESTS.—If more than 1 State or local government requests a particular piece of excess security equipment, the excess security equipment shall be dis-

tributed based on need, as determined by the Administrator of General Services, with priority given to a qualifying State or local courthouse that has no security equipment.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 529 the following:

“530. Excess security equipment.”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 369—CONGRATULATING THE NEW YORK GIANTS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XLVI

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 369

Whereas on February 5, 2012, the New York Giants achieved the improbable and upset the New England Patriots by a score of 21 to 17 to win Super Bowl XLVI;

Whereas during the 2012 postseason, the Giants were the epitome of determination, fortitude, and resiliency as they made their way through the playoffs and ultimately triumphed over the New England Patriots;

Whereas quarterback Elisha Nelson “Eli” Manning, who went 30 for 40 for 296 yards, with 1 touchdown pass and zero interceptions, led a fourth-quarter touchdown drive, set a Super Bowl record by completing his first 9 pass attempts, and won his second Super Bowl Most Valuable Player Award;

Whereas punter Steve Weatherford set a Super Bowl record with 3 punts downed inside the 10-yard line;

Whereas in each round of the playoffs, when none of the experts thought the Giants had a chance to win, the Giants and their loyal, dedicated, and passionate fans believed they could accomplish what others declared impossible;

Whereas in 2008, Tom Coughlin, head coach of the Giants, led the Giants to victory in Super Bowl XLII;

Whereas this season, Tom Coughlin, in his eighth year as head coach of the Giants, with the help of Perry Fewell, defensive coordinator, Kevin Gilbride, offensive coordinator, and the entire Giants coaching staff, led the Giants to a victory in Super Bowl XLVI and brought the Vince Lombardi Trophy back to the Meadowlands;

Whereas the New York Giants organization is one of the most successful in National Football League history, boasting 18 Hall of Famers, appearing in 31 postseasons, winning more than 600 games and 8 championships, including remarkable title runs in 1987, 1991, 2008, and 2012 (Super Bowls XXI, XXV, XLII, and XLVI) that captivated New York and New Jersey;

Whereas the New York Giants are the first team to win the Super Bowl with a 9 and 7 regular-season record;

Whereas Giants co-owner and chief executive officer John Mara and chairman and executive vice president Steve Tisch have done a remarkable job leading this storied franchise with the assistance and dedication of their talented staff;

Whereas the New York Giants have played all their home games in East Rutherford, New Jersey since 1976 and have supported Bergen County and the northern New Jersey and New York areas with community-out-reach projects; and

Whereas the entire Giants franchise has become a model of professionalism, teamwork, and community service in representing the entire New York and New Jersey metropolitan area: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLVI and completing one of the most impressive seasons in professional sports history.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions will meet in open session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-430 to conduct a hearing entitled “Pain in America: Exploring Challenges to Relief.”

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the committee on (202) 224-7675.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet in open session on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in room SD-430 to conduct a hearing entitled “Addressing Workforce Needs at the Regional Level: Innovative Public and Private Partnerships.”

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the subcommittee on (202) 228-1455.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Energy Development in Indian Country.”

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at (202) 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2012, at 3 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider a Chairman’s Mark entitled, “The Highway Investment, Job Creation and Economic Growth Act of 2012.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2012, at 10 a.m.

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

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Promise of Accessible Technology: Challenges and Opportunities" on February 7, 2012, at 2:30 p.m., in room G-50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 7, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

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

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 545; that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any related 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 nomination considered and confirmed is as follows:

## IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Colonel Bradley D. Spacy

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

CONGRATULATING THE NEW YORK  
GIANTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 369.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 369) congratulating the New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLVI.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, 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 related statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 369) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 369

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work, and community service in representing the entire New York and New Jersey metropolitan area: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the New York Giants for winning Super Bowl XLVI and completing one of the most impressive seasons in professional sports history.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST  
TIME—S. 2079

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there is a bill at the desk due for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2079) to extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal Employees.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2012; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the surface transportation bill.

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

## PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the next vote will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 9, 2012, AT 9:30 A.M.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:18 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.