

Pennsylvania relative to September 11, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, On September 11, 2001, the people of the United States were deliberately attacked without warning or provocation, thus evoking another day that will “live in infamy”; and

Whereas, Let us never forget the nature and character of this cowardly and brutal attack in which individuals without conscience turned the early minutes of a normal workday into a vision of horror, with more American blood spilled on American soil than any time since the Civil War; and

Whereas, These senseless, inhuman acts have turned our beloved, tranquil homeland into a scene of untold suffering and destruction; and

Whereas, The World Trade Center became a tomb for American Airlines Flight 11, carrying 81 passengers and 11 crew members, and United Airlines Flight 175, carrying 56 passengers and 9 crew members; and

Whereas, United Airlines Flight 93, carrying 38 passengers and 7 crew members, crashed in Somerset County, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon, killing 58 passengers and 6 crew members; and

Whereas, The unthinkable has occurred with the shedding of American blood on American soil by commercial aircraft under the control of suicide hijackers; and

Whereas, The bombing of Pearl Harbor nearly 60 years ago resulted in the loss of 2,388 American lives; and

Whereas, America gave 3,393 of her sons on D-Day to liberate Europe; and

Whereas, The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, are a tragedy of epic proportions, with preliminary reports of 252 confirmed dead, 6,291 injured and updated reports of 6,453 missing in the destruction of the World Trade Center and 189 presumed dead in the attack on the Pentagon; and

Whereas, The President of the United States has called these attacks of wanton aggression acts of war that will solidify our resolve to defeat the forces of terrorism; and

Whereas, This is the latest in a long series of murderous rampages committed against the United States and the world, including: the October 1983 bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut, the December 1988 bombing of the Pan Am Flight over Lockerbie, Scotland, the February 1993 truck bomb which crippled the World Trade Center, the August 1998 bomb attacks on the United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and the suicide attack on the USS Cole in October 2000; and

Whereas, The attacks on the people of the United States are attacks on the people of the entire civilized world as at least 62 countries lost citizens in the carnage at the World Trade Center; and

Whereas, The world is outraged and shocked by such death and senseless mayhem and there appears to be no limit to the malice of those who must find some inconceivable satisfaction from the slaughter of innocents; and

Whereas, Our national resolve has come together as never before, for we, as one people, have a spirit that is solid and impenetrable; and

Whereas, Over \$200 million has been donated to date for financial assistance and aid to the victims of the attacks; and

Whereas, Those who cause us harm will be brought to justice in a world made smaller by the unity of all peoples of good will; and

Whereas, We encourage all Pennsylvania and Americans to pray for peace, the end of conflict and comfort for the victims, their

brokenhearted families and our bruised nation, as we share in the grievous losses of their loved ones; and

Whereas, In the days that have followed the tragedy we have heard of people, most previously unknown to us, whose lives were taken through these despicable acts. Let us celebrate their lives and accomplishments as their loss will impoverish our country in ways as of yet unknown; and

Whereas, We encourage support for our President, George W. Bush, as he weighs the options before him and seeks wise counsel for the difficult decisions that must be faced by our country in the months ahead; and

Whereas, We witness the prayer services, candlelight vigils and spontaneous supportive actions of a grieving nation that are a balm to wounded hearts across our stricken land; and

Whereas, Our duty is not to shrink, fearful of the future, but to go boldly to claim our place as a leader among nations and a people committed to freedom and justice; and

Whereas, We go forth affirming our cherished liberty and freedoms and now to rebuild an even better America and world; and

Whereas, We go forth fulfilling the promise of the future that was taken from so many as their sacrifice demands; and

Whereas, The intent of these horrific acts was to divide us into irreconcilable parts, let us confound such terrorism and come together as a nation and as a people as never before in a spirit of tolerance and true compassion for the beliefs that unite us are far more plentiful than the items that divide us; and

Whereas, Even as our nation weeps for our murdered fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, we will undertake the necessary task of rebuilding and safeguarding our future; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the President and the Congress of the United States and this Commonwealth to commemorate every September 11 as a day of mourning and remembrance; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate extend its deepest sympathies and condolences to the families and friends of the victims of this terrible tragedy; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate unanimously and unequivocally condemn those individuals and countries who played any part in the shedding of innocent American blood; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-210. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania relative to the nations response to September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, As our nation prepares its response to the horrors visited on our people on September 11, 2001, we pause to lend our support and give thanks to those who will be seeking justice for our beloved dead and injured; and

Whereas, As the President of the United States, George W. Bush, said in his speech to the nation during a joint session of the Congress of the United States on September 20, 2001: “Whether we bring our enemies to justice, or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done”; and

Whereas, We wholeheartedly support the President of the United States in his pledge to use every resource at America’s disposal to successfully conclude the conflict brought

to our peaceful shores, whether through diplomacy, the use of intelligence capabilities, instruments of law enforcement and elimination of financial resources or every necessary weapon of war; and

Whereas, We recognize that a nation cannot maintain peace without a willingness to defend itself against terrorism or aggression; and

Whereas, The President of the United States has authorized the call-up of 50,000 reservists; and

Whereas, More than 35,000 reservists have been activated for homeland defense in order to permit troops to engage in other duties; and

Whereas, Those soldiers, sailors and Marines now being deployed have our complete support, unending thanks and countless prayers; and

Whereas, We pray that our men and women in uniform will be comforted and given strength to perform the very difficult tasks ahead of them; and

Whereas, The Pennsylvania Division of the National Guard, known as the 28th Infantry Division, is the oldest division in the Army in continuous service; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania has the largest National Guard unit in the United States; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania’s National Guard has played a crucial role in every major conflict since the early days of our nation; and

Whereas, The valiant citizen-soldiers of Pennsylvania’s National Guard, all 22,000 men and women, are properly trained and stand ready to do whatever is needed in the defense of our Commonwealth, our nation and our freedom; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania commend and support the President of the United States as the Commander-in-Chief of our armed services; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate send its support, prayers and gratitude to all our military service personnel as they undertake the difficult tasks that may lie ahead; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

POM-211. A resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri relative to National Respect; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-212. A resolution adopted by the Guam Legislature relative to September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-213. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Miami, Florida relative to September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

POM-214. A resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Miami, Florida relative to monies collected and earmarked to assist the victims of September 11, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-215. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Independence, Ohio relative to immediate action to enact measures to assist in restoring LTV Steel and the domestic steel industry to a competitive position and declaring an emergency; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1202: A bill to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006. (Rept. No. 107-88).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment:

H.R. 717: A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and services with respect to Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2215: A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

S. 1319: A bill to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Navy nominations beginning Rear Adm. (lh) Jose L. Betancourt and ending Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas E. Zelibor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 10, 2001.

Air Force nomination of Gen. Hal M. Hornburg.

Army nomination of Donald W. Dawson III.

Army nomination of Daniel M. Macguire.

Army nomination of Christopher M. Murphy.

Army nomination of Daniel F. Lee.

Air Force nominations beginning Brigadier General James P. Czekanski and ending Colonel Erika C. Steuterman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on October 18, 2001.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1585. A bill to establish grant and scholarship programs to enable hospitals to retain and further educate their nursing staffs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. 1586. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to authorize the carrying of firearms by employees of licensees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 1587. A bill to provide improved port and maritime security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr.

CRAPO, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CARPER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. KYL, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 1588. A bill to provide a 1-year extension of the date for compliance by certain covered entities with the administrative simplification standards for electronic transactions and code sets issued in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1589. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare benefits to prevent, delay, and minimize the progression of chronic conditions, establish payment incentives for furnishing quality services to people with serious and disabling chronic conditions, and develop national policies on effective chronic condition care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1590. A bill to amend the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to improve the environmental review process that is associated with authorizations required under Federal law for construction, operation, or maintenance of energy facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 1591. A bill to promote the safe and efficient supply of energy while maintaining strong environmental protections; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida:

S. 1592. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit Federal funds from being used to provide payments under a Federal health care program to any health care provider who charges a membership or any other extraneous or incidental fee to a patient as a prerequisite for the provision of an item or services to the patient; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1593. A bill to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a grant program to support research projects on critical infrastructure protection for water supply systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 1594. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide programs to improve nurse retention, the nursing workplace, and the quality of care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MILLER (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. Res. 174. A resolution expressing appreciation to the United Kingdom for its solidarity and leadership as an ally of the United States and reaffirming the special relationship between the two countries; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. CRAPO):

S. Con. Res. 80. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the 30th anniversary of the enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 414

At the request of Mr. CLELAND, the names of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) and the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) were added as cosponsors of S. 414, a bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish a digital network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 583

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 583, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to improve nutrition assistance for working families and the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 721

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 721, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nurse Corps and recruitment and retention strategies to address the nursing shortage, and for other purposes.

S. 987

At the request of Mr. TORRICELLI, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH of Oregon) was added as a cosponsor of S. 987, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide Medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

S. 990

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 990, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act to improve the provisions relating to wildlife conservation and restoration programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1140

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) were added as cosponsors of S. 1140, a bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S. 1224

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1224, a bill to amend title