

and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report on all first class and business class travel by employees of each executive agency undertaken at the expense of the Federal Government.

(b) *CONTENT.*—The reports submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, with respect to each travel by first class or business class—

- (1) the names of each traveler;
- (2) the date of travel;
- (3) the points of origination and destination;
- (4) the cost of the first class or business class travel; and
- (5) the cost difference between such travel and travel by coach class.

(c) *EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.*—In this section, the term “executive agency” has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).

Mr. MCCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendments be agreed to, the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4191) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidelines identifying opportunities for achieving and accurately measuring fair participation of small business concerns in micro-purchases)

On page 3, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

(6) Analysis of purchase card expenditures to identify opportunities for achieving and accurately measuring fair participation of small business concerns in micro-purchases consistent with the national policy on small business participation in Federal procurements set forth in sections 2(a) and 15(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631(a) and 644(g)), and dissemination of best practices for participation of small business concerns in micro-purchases.

The bill (S. 457), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 457

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 “Purchase Card Waste Elimination Act of 2006”.

SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR GUIDANCE.

(a) *OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET POLICY GUIDANCE.*—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall issue guidelines to assist the heads of executive agencies in improving the management of the use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card for making micropurchases. The Director shall include guidelines on the following matters:

- (1) Analysis of purchase card expenditures to identify opportunities for achieving savings through micropurchases made in economical volumes.
- (2) Negotiation of discount agreements with major vendors accepting the purchase card.

(3) Establishment of communication programs to ensure that purchase card holders receive information pertaining to the availability of discounts, including programs for the training of purchase card holders on the availability of discounts.

(4) Assessment of cardholder purchasing practices, including use of discount agreements.

(5) Collection and dissemination of best practices and successful strategies for achieving savings in micropurchases.

(6) Analysis of purchase card expenditures to identify opportunities for achieving and accurately measuring fair participation of small business concerns in micro-purchases consistent with the national policy on small business participation in Federal procurements set forth in sections 2(a) and 15(g) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631(a) and 644(g)), and dissemination of best practices for participation of small business concerns in micro-purchases.

(b) *GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.*—The Administrator of General Services shall—

(1) continue efforts to improve reporting by financial institutions that issue the Governmentwide commercial purchase card so that the General Services Administration has the data needed to identify opportunities for achieving savings; and

(2) actively pursue point-of-sale discounts with major vendors accepting the purchase card so that any Federal Government purchaser using the purchase card can benefit from such point-of-sale discounts.

(c) *AGENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENT.*—The senior procurement executive for each executive agency shall, as directed by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submit to the Director periodic reports on the actions taken in such executive agency pursuant to the guidelines issued under subsection (a).

(d) *CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.*—Not later than December 31 of the year following the year in which this Act is enacted, and December 31 of each of the ensuing three years, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report summarizing the progress made during the fiscal year ending in the year in which such report is due—

(1) in improving the management of the use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card for making micropurchases; and

(2) in achieving savings in micropurchases made with such card, expressed in terms of average savings achieved by each executive agency in the use of discount agreements identified in subsection (a) and the total savings achieved Governmentwide.

(e) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

(1) The term “executive agency” has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).

(2) The term “micropurchase” means a purchase in an amount not in excess of the micropurchase threshold, as defined in section 32 of such Act (41 U.S.C. 428).

SEC. 3. PAYMENTS TO FEDERAL CONTRACTORS WITH FEDERAL TAX DEBT.

The General Services Administration, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service and the Financial Management Service, shall develop procedures to subject purchase card payments to Federal contractors to the Federal Payment Levy program.

SEC. 4. REPORTING OF AIR TRAVEL BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

(a) *ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED.*—The Administrator of the General Services shall

submit annually to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report on all first class and business class travel by employees of each executive agency undertaken at the expense of the Federal Government.

(b) *CONTENT.*—The reports submitted pursuant to subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, with respect to each travel by first class or business class—

- (1) the names of each traveler;
- (2) the date of travel;
- (3) the points of origination and destination;
- (4) the cost of the first class or business class travel; and
- (5) the cost difference between such travel and travel by coach class.

(c) *EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.*—In this section, the term “executive agency” has the meaning given such term in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO ESCORT HER EXCELLENCY, DR. VAIRA VIKE-FREIBERGA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort Her Excellency Dr. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia, to the House Chamber for a joint meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2006.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7; I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S.J. Res. 1 and the time until 9:40 be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; provided further that the time from 9:40 to 9:50 be allocated to the Democratic leader or his designee, and the final 10 minutes be allocated to the majority leader or his designee; further, that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed occur at 10 o'clock in the morning. I further ask that following the vote, the Senate stand in recess until 12 noon to accommodate the joint meeting I was referring to earlier.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I further ask consent that the time from noon until 3 o'clock be allocated for debate on the motion to proceed to H.R. 8, the death

tax relief bill, with the time divided as follows: 12 to 12:30, majority control; 12:30 to 1, minority control; alternating between the two sides every 30 minutes until 3 o'clock. I further ask consent that the time from 3 until 6 tomorrow afternoon be allocated for debate on the motion to proceed to S. 147, the Native Hawaiians bill, with the time divided as follows: 3 to 3:30, majority control; 3:30 to 4, minority control; alternating between the two sides every 30 minutes until 6 p.m.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow morning at 10:00, we will have a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the Marriage Protection Amendment. We have had a good debate during the last few days on that matter. It is my hope that cloture will be invoked in order to address this important issue.

As a reminder to Members, as I indicated, we have a joint meeting in the House at 11 o'clock to hear an address by the President of the Republic of Latvia. We will gather at 10:40 in the Chamber and proceed as a body to the House. After that is completed, we will debate the motions to proceed to the

death tax relief bill and the Native Hawaiian bill.

Moments ago, I filed cloture on both those motions, the death tax and Native Hawaiians. Those votes will be occurring sometime on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:06 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 6, 2006:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CESAR BENITO CABRERA, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS, AND TO SERVE CONCURRENTLY AND WITHOUT ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES.

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

WAYNE CARTWRIGHT BEYER, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JULY 1, 2010, VICE OTHONIEL ARMENDARIZ.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

COLLEEN CONWAY-WELCH, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNI-

FORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 1, 2011, VICE L. D. BRITT, TERM EXPIRED.

C. THOMAS YARINGTON, JR., OF WASHINGTON, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 1, 2011, VICE IKRAM U. KHAN, TERM EXPIRED.

THE JUDICIARY

MARCIA MORALES HOWARD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA, VICE HARVEY E. SCHLESINGER, RETIRED.

LESLIE SOUTHWICK, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI, VICE WILLIAM H. BARBOUR, JR., RETIRED.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

ROBERT L. SUMWALT III, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2006, VICE RICHARD F. HEALING, RESIGNED.

ROBERT L. SUMWALT III, OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2011. (RE-APPOINTMENT)

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JAMES N. MATTIS, 0000

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Tuesday, June 6, 2006:

THE JUDICIARY

RENEE MARIE BUMB, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY.