

SEC. 234. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.

A State or locality may use grant payments received under this subtitle—

(1) for the purchase, lease, installation, use, and operation of video cameras or other surveillance equipment at registration and polling sites in order to monitor compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973a et seq.) and other Federal and State voting rights laws;

(2) for the costs of employing law enforcement officers at registration and polling sites in order to monitor compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 1973a et seq.) and other Federal and State voting rights laws. Such law enforcement officers working at registration and polling sites shall be readily identifiable to the public so that the law enforcement officer can be easily recognized and located in the event that a voter desires to complain that their voting rights have been or are being violated; and

(3) for the costs of implementing a photographic or biometric identification program for all registered voters in the State.

SEC. 235. PAYMENTS.

The Attorney General shall pay to each State or locality having an application approved under section 233 the costs of the activities described in that application.

SEC. 236. AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS OF STATES AND LOCALITIES.

(a) **RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENT.**—Each recipient of a grant under this subtitle shall keep such records as the Attorney General shall prescribe.

(b) **AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS.**—The Attorney General and the Comptroller General, or any authorized representative of the Attorney General or the Comptroller General, may audit or examine any recipient of a grant under this subtitle and shall, for the purpose of conducting an audit or examination, have access to any record of a recipient of a grant under this subtitle that the Attorney General or the Comptroller General determines may be related to the grant.

SEC. 237. REPORTS TO CONGRESS AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

(a) **REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than January 31, 2003, and each year thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit to the President and Congress a report on the grant program established under this subtitle for the preceding year.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall contain the following:

(A) A description and analysis of any activities funded by a grant awarded under this subtitle.

(B) Any recommendation for legislative or administrative action that the Attorney General considers appropriate.

(b) **REPORTS TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—The Attorney General shall require each recipient of a grant under this subtitle to submit reports to the Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Attorney General considers appropriate.

SEC. 238. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2003 to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

SEC. 239. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Access Board shall establish the general policies and criteria for the approval of applications under section 233 in a manner that ensures that the Attorney General is able to approve applications not later than October 1, 2002.

SA 2961. Mr. SPECTER (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted an amend-

ment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ STUDY AND REPORT ON SECURING THE VOTING RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR SENTENCES.

(a) **STUDY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Election Administration Commission established under section 301 (in this section referred to as the “Commission”) shall conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of prohibiting States from restricting the right of an individual who is a citizen of the United States to vote in any election for Federal office because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless, at the time of the election, such individual—

(A) is serving a felony sentence in a correctional institution or facility; or

(B) is on parole or probation for a felony offense.

(2) **ISSUES STUDIED.**—In conducting the study under paragraph (1) the Commission shall determine—

(A) whether the application of State laws that determine the qualifications for voting in Federal elections result in unfair discrepancies regarding which citizens may vote in Federal elections;

(B) the number of individuals in the United States that cannot vote in elections for Federal office as a result of a felony conviction;

(C) whether State disenfranchisement laws disproportionately impact ethnic minorities;

(D) the number of States that disenfranchise ex-offenders who have fully served their sentences, regardless of the nature or seriousness of the offense;

(E) whether the nature and seriousness of the offense should be considered in determining whether voting rights may be restored to an ex-offender; and

(F) the number of individuals who have regained the right to vote after losing that right as the result of a felony conviction and the feasibility and costs of regaining the right to vote through a pardon process on the State or Federal level.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the study conducted under subsection (a)(1) together with recommendations for such legislative and administrative action as the Commission determines appropriate.

SA 2962. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program

under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ CONSTRUCTION REGARDING STATE REQUIREMENT OF PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP FOR VOTER REGISTRATION.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit a State from requiring an individual to provide proof of the citizenship of that individual before permitting that individual to register to vote in an election for Federal office.

SA 2963. Mr. BURNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 565, to establish the Commission on Voting Rights and Procedures to study and make recommendations regarding election technology, voting, and election administration, to establish a grant program under which the Office of Justice Programs and the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice shall provide assistance to States and localities in improving election technology and the administration of Federal elections, to require States to meet uniform and nondiscriminatory election technology and administration requirements for the 2004 Federal elections, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 22, after line 25, insert the following:

SEC. 105. COMPLIANCE WITH ELECTION TECHNOLOGY AND ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENTS CONDITIONED ON FUNDING.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no State or locality shall be required to meet a requirement of this title prior to the date on which funds are appropriated pursuant to the authorization contained in section 209.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Dr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 10 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on

"Issues Regarding the Sending of Remittances."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. on protecting content in a digital age-promoting broadband and the digital television transition, in room SR-253.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Water be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing that will focus on S. 1961, the Water Investment Act, a bill to improve the financial and environmental sustainability of the water programs of the United States.

The committee will also receive testimony on the following legislation:

S. 252: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes.

S. 285: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the use of State revolving loan funds for construction of water conservation and quality improvements.

S. 503: A bill to amend the Safe Water Act to provide grants to small public drinking water system.

S. 1044: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide assistance for nutrient removal technologies to States in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The hearing will be held in room SD-406.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 2:45 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

Agenda

Nominees: Mrs. Emmy B. Simmons, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator (Economic Growth, Agriculture, and Trade) of the United States Agency for International Development (New Position); and Robert B. Holland, III, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Government Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. to consider the nomination of Louis Kincannon to be Director of the Census.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND
PENSIONS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Public Health, be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Making Sense of the Mammography Controversy: What Women Need to Know" during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "The Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act" on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: Michael Creppy, Chief Immigration Judge, Executive Office of Immigration Review, Falls Church, VA; and Stuart Anderson, Executive Associate Commissioner, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Edwin Munoz, Grand Rapids, MI; Wendy Young, Director of Government Relations and U.S. Programs, Women's Commission on Refugee Women & Children, Falls Church, VA; Andrew Morton, Attorney, Latham & Watkins, Washington, DC; and Julianne Duncan, Director of Children's Services, United States Conference on Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND
FINANCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on "Argentina's Economic Crisis."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND
MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Armed Services Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 28, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Department of Defense installation and environmental programs, in review of

the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2003.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Michael Misterek, an intern in our office, be allowed to be on the floor during deliberations today.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Gabriel Adler be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of my remarks on trade.

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

APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE
PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85-874, as amended, appoints the Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID, to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, vice the Senator from Mississippi, Mr. LOTT.

SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 208, 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. 208) commending students who participated in the United States Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 2002.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements regarding thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 208) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 208

Whereas the students who have participated in the United States Senate Youth Program (referred to in this resolution as the "Senate Youth Program") over the past 40 years were chosen for their exceptional merit and interest in the political process;

Whereas the students demonstrated outstanding leadership abilities and a strong commitment to community service and have ranked academically in the top 1 percent of their States;

Whereas the Senate Youth Program alumni have continued to achieve unparalleled