

The bill (H.R. 2655), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

AUTHORITY OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT TO HOLD COURT IN ROCK ISLAND, IL

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2873, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2873) to extend the authority of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa to hold court in Rock Island, Illinois.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4072

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk on behalf of Mr. LEAHY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], for Mr. LEAHY, proposes an amendment numbered 4072.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: to provide for additional places of holding court, and for other purposes)

At the end of the bill add the following:

SEC. 2. HOLDING OF COURT AT CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI.

Section 104(a)(3) of title 28, United States Code, is amended in the second sentence by inserting "and Cleveland" after "Clarksdale".

SEC. 3. PLACE OF HOLDING COURT IN TEXARKANA, TEXAS, AND TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS.

Sections 83(b)(1) and 124(c)(5) of title 28, United States Code, are each amended by inserting after "held at Texarkana" the following: ", and may be held anywhere within the Federal courthouse in Texarkana that is located astride the State line between Texas and Arkansas".

SEC. 4. PLACE OF HOLDING COURT IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

Section 112(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking "and Watertown" and inserting "Watertown, and Plattsburgh".

SEC. 5. PLACE OF HOLDING COURT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO.

Section 85 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting "Colorado Springs," after "Boulder,".

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Leahy amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 4072) was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2873), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2873

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. HOLDING OF COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA.

Section 11029 of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act (28 U.S.C. 95 note; Public Law 107-273; 116 Stat. 1836) is amended by striking "July 1, 2005" and inserting "July 1, 2006".

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NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY ACT OF 2004

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2154, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2154) to establish a National sex offender registration database, and for other purposes.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4073

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I send to the desk an amendment on behalf of Mr. DORGAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Alabama [Mr. SESSIONS], for Mr. DORGAN, proposes an amendment numbered 4073.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: to establish a national sex offender database available to the public, and for other purposes)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Database Act of 2004" or "Dru's Law".

SEC. 2. DEFINITION.

In this Act:

(1) CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST A VICTIM WHO IS A MINOR.—The term "criminal offense

against a victim who is a minor" has the same meaning as in section 170101(a)(3) of the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (42 U.S.C. 14071(a)(3)).

(2) MINIMALLY SUFFICIENT SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION PROGRAM.—The term "minimally sufficient sexual offender registration program" has the same meaning as in section 170102(a) of the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (42 U.S.C. 14072(a)).

(3) SEXUALLY VIOLENT OFFENSE.—The term "sexually violent offense" has the same meaning as in section 170101(a)(3) of the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (42 U.S.C. 14071(a)(3)).

(4) SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR.—The term "sexually violent predator" has the same meaning as in section 170102(a) of the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (42 U.S.C. 14072(a)).

SEC. 3. AVAILABILITY OF THE NSOR DATABASE TO THE PUBLIC.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall—

(1) make publicly available in a registry (in this Act referred to as the "public registry") from information contained in the the National Sex Offender Registry, via the Internet, all information described in subsection (b); and

(2) allow for users of the public registry to determine which registered sex offenders are currently residing within a radius, as specified by the user of the public registry, of the location indicated by the user of the public registry.

(b) INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN PUBLIC REGISTRY.—With respect to any person convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor or a sexually violent offense, or any sexually violent predator, required to register with a minimally sufficient sexual offender registration program within a State, including a program established under section 170101 of the Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act (42 U.S.C. 14017(b)), the public registry shall provide, to the extent available in the National Sex Offender Registry—

(1) the name and any known aliases of the person;

(2) the date of birth of the person;

(3) the current address of the person and any subsequent changes of that address;

(4) a physical description and current photograph of the person;

(5) the nature of and date of commission of the offense by the person;

(6) the date on which the person is released from prison, or placed on parole, supervised release, or probation; and

(7) any other information the Attorney General considers appropriate.

SEC. 4. RELEASE OF HIGH RISK INMATES.

(a) CIVIL COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any State that provides for a civil commitment proceeding, or any equivalent proceeding, shall issue timely notice to the attorney general of that State of the impending release of any person incarcerated by the State who—

(A) is a sexually violent predator; or

(B) has been deemed by the State to be at high-risk for recommitting any sexually violent offense or criminal offense against a victim who is a minor.

(2) REVIEW.—Upon receiving notice under paragraph (1), the State attorney general shall consider whether or not to institute a civil commitment proceeding, or any equivalent proceeding required under State law.

(b) MONITORING OF RELEASED PERSONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall intensively monitor, for not less than 1 year, any person described under paragraph (2) who—

(A) has been unconditionally released from incarceration by the State; and

(B) has not been civilly committed pursuant to a civil commitment proceeding, or any equivalent proceeding under State law.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) shall apply to—

(A) any sexually violent predator; or

(B) any person who has been deemed by the State to be at high-risk for recommitting any sexually violent offense or criminal offense against a victim who is a minor.

(c) COMPLIANCE.—

(1) COMPLIANCE DATE.—Each State shall have not more than 3 years from the date of enactment of this Act in which to implement the requirements of this section.

(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDS.—A State that fails to implement the requirements of this section, shall not receive 25 percent of the funds that would otherwise be allocated to the State under section 20106(b) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 13706(b)).

(3) REALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Any funds that are not allocated for failure to comply with this section shall be reallocated to States that comply with this section.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Dorgan amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 4073) was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2154), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

DISPLACED STAFF MEMBERS OF SENATORS AND SENATE LEADERS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 478, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 478) relating to displaced staff members of the Senators and Senate leaders.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 478) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 478

Resolved, That (a) paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 6(a) of Senate Resolution 458, 98th Congress, agreed to October 4, 1984 (as amended by Senate Resolution 9, 103d Congress, agreed to January 7, 1993) are amended to read as follows:

“(3) The term ‘eligible staff member’ means an individual—

“(A) who was an employee—

“(i) of a committee or subcommittee thereof or a Senate leadership office described in subsection (b) of the first section of this resolution, or

“(ii) in an office of a Senator on the expiration of the term of office of such Senator as a Senator, but only if the Senator is not serving as a Senator for the next term of office and was a candidate in the general election for such next term,

“(B) whose employment described in subparagraph (A) was at least 183 days (whether or not service was continuous) before the date of termination of employment described in paragraph (4), and

“(C) whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate.

The term ‘eligible staff member’ shall not include an employee to whom the first section of this resolution applies.

“(4) The term ‘displaced staff member’ means an eligible staff member—

“(A) whose service as an employee of the Senate is terminated solely and directly as a result of—

“(i) in the case of employment described in paragraph (3)(A)(i), a change in the individual occupying the position of Chairman or

Ranking Minority Member of a committee or in the individual occupying the Senate leadership office, and

“(ii) in the case of employment described in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), the expiration of the term of office of the Senator, and

“(B) who is certified, not later than 60 days after the date of the change or expiration of term of office, whichever is applicable, as a displaced staff member by the Chairman or Ranking Minority Member of the committee, the Senator occupying the Senate leadership office, or the Senator whose term is expiring, whichever is applicable, to the Secretary of the Senate.”.

(b) Subsection (b) of the first section of such Senate Resolution 458 is amended—

(1) by inserting “President pro tempore emeritus,” after “Deputy President pro tempore,”;

(2) by striking “or” before “Secretary”; and

(3) by inserting “the Chairman of the Conference of the Majority, the Chairman of the Conference of the Minority, the Chairman of the Majority Policy Committee, or the Chairman of the Minority Policy Committee,” before “the employees of such office”.

APPOINTING DAY FOR CONVENING OF 109TH CONGRESS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.J. Res. 111, which is at the desk, be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 111) was read the third time and passed.

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED AND PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of the two lists of nominations that are at the desk, and that the nominations be placed on the calendar.

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