

meeting to have its staff develop an order over the next few weeks requiring utilities and other jurisdictional entities to report violations of voluntary reliability standards set by the North American Electric Reliability Council. The Commission also asked for comment on its legal authority under existing statutes to mandate compliance with those standards.

Why is Congress making FERC waste time trying to determine whether they have the legal authority to act to protect consumers and ensure electric reliability? We should simply make that statutory authority clear. Reliability legislation has passed the Senate twice, and this bill asks the Senate to act on those same provisions again. Congress should establish mandatory reliability standards and close other regulatory gaps left by state deregulation of the electricity sector. We should pass this bill now, and I pledge my support to the Senators from Washington and New York, Senators CANTWELL and CLINTON in doing so. Given the high costs of power outages to our country, we cannot afford to do otherwise. I invite my colleagues to join us in our efforts to advance energy security and reliability in the United States.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 285—RECOGNIZING 2004 AS THE ‘50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROCK ‘N’ ROLL

Mr. FRIST submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 285

Whereas Elvis Presley recorded “That’s All Right” at Sam Phillips’ Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee, on July 5, 1954;

Whereas Elvis’ recording of “That’s All Right”, with Bill Black on bass and Scotty Moore on guitar, paved the way for such subsequent Sun Studio hits as Carl Perkins’ “Blue Suede Shoes” (1955), Roy Orbison’s “Ooby Dooby” (1956), and Jerry Lee Lewis’ “Whole Lotta Shakin” (1957)—catapulting Sun Studio to the forefront of a musical revolution;

Whereas the recording in Memphis of the first rock ‘n’ roll song came to define an era and forever change popular music;

Whereas the birth of rock ‘n’ roll was the convergence of the diverse cultures and musical styles of the United States, blending the blues with country, gospel, jazz, and soul music;

Whereas the year 2004 provides an appropriate opportunity for our nation to celebrate the birth of rock ‘n’ roll, and the many streams of music that converged in Memphis to create a truly American sound known throughout the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes 2004 as the 50th Anniversary of rock ‘n’ roll;

(2) commemorates Sun Studio for recording the first rock ‘n’ roll record, “That’s All Right”; and

(3) expresses appreciation to Memphis for its contributions to America’s music heritage.

SENATE RESOLUTION 286—TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. PARVIS KARIM-PANAHI

Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 286

Whereas, in the case of United States of America v. Parviz Karim-Panahi, Crim. No. M-8374-03, pending in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the defendant has attempted to serve subpoenas for testimony and documents upon Senators Daniel K. Akaka, Wayne Allard, Evan Bayh, Joseph R. Biden, Robert C. Byrd, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Susan M. Collins, Mark Dayton, Elizabeth Dole, John Ensign, Lindsey O. Graham, James M. Inhofe, Edward M. Kennedy, Carl Levin, Richard G. Lugar, John McCain, Bill Nelson, E. Benjamin Nelson, Mark Pryor, Jack Reed, Pat Roberts, Jeff Sessions, James M. Talent, and John W. Warner, and on Senate employees Judith A. Ansley, Staff Director of the Committee on Armed Services, Scott W. Stucky, General Counsel to the Committee on Armed Services, June M. Borawski, Printing and Document Clerk of the Committee on Armed Services, Paul F. Clayman, Chief Counsel of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Susan Oursler, Chief Clerk of the Committee on Foreign Relations; and,

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§ 288b(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent Members, officers, and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony or documents relating to their official responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent the above-listed Senators and Senate employees who are the subject of subpoenas and any other Member, officer, or employee who may be subpoenaed in this case.

SENATE RESOLUTION 287—COMMENDING THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE OF BATON ROUGE JAGUARS FOR BEING THE SHERIDAN BROADCASTING NATIONAL BLACK COLLEGE CHAMPIONS, THE AMERICAN SPORTS WIRE NATIONAL BLACK COLLEGE CHAMPIONS, AND THE MBC/BCSP NATIONAL BLACK COLLEGE CHAMPIONS

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAUX) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

S. RES. 287

Whereas the Jaguars, the football team of the Southern University and A&M College of Baton Rouge, finished the 2003 season with 12 wins and was voted number 1 in the final Sheridan Broadcasting National Black College Football Poll for the second time under Head Coach Pete Richardson;

Whereas the Jaguars won the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship, defeating Alabama State by a score of 20-9 at Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama on December 13, 2003;

Whereas the Jaguars won the Southwestern Athletic Conference Western Division Championship, defeating Grambling State University by a score of 44-41 in the

30th Annual Bayou Classic in the Louisiana Superdome on November 29, 2003;

Whereas 4 Jaguar players were selected to the Sheridan Broadcasting National Black College All-American Team: Quincy Richard, Arnold Sims, Miniya Smith, and Lenny Williams;

Whereas Jaguar quarterback Quincy Richard was named the Sheridan Broadcasting National / Doug Williams Offensive Player of the Year and finished with 3,270 yards passing and 31 touchdowns;

Whereas the Jaguar Head Coach Pete Richardson was named Sheridan Broadcasting National Sports Coach of the Year; and

Whereas the Jaguars accounted for 5,486 total yards on offense and 63 touchdowns: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Jaguars for winning the Sheridan Broadcasting National Black College Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the Jaguars during the 2003 season and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the Southern University and A&M College of Baton Rouge for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of the resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 Jaguars.

SENATE RESOLUTION 288—COMMENDING THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY TIGERS FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2003 BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 288

Whereas the Louisiana State University Tigers football team won the 2003 Bowl Championship Series national championship game, defeating Oklahoma University by a score of 21 to 14 in the Nokia Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 4, 2004;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team won the Southeastern Conference Championship, defeating the University of Georgia by a score of 34 to 13 in the Southeastern Conference championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia on December 6, 2003;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team won 13 games during the 2003 season, more games than in any other season in school history;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team won 5 games against nationally ranked opponents;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team set 8 school records;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team led the Nation in total defense, allowing only 252 yards per game, and scoring defense, allowing only 1 team to score more than 20 points in any game during the season;

Whereas Louisiana State University football head coach Nick Saban was named the National Coach of the Year by the Associated Press and the Football Writers Association of America;

Whereas 4 players—Chad Lavalais, Corey Webster, Skyler Green, and Stephen Peterman—were named first-team All-Americans;

Whereas offensive tackle Rodney Reed was named a National Scholar-Athlete by the National Football Foundation and was named first-team Academic All-American;

Whereas quarterback Matt Mauck threw 28 touchdown passes during the 2003 season, a Louisiana State University single season record, and was named second-team Academic All-American; and

Whereas running back Justin Vincent was named most valuable player of the Southeastern Conference championship game and the Nokia Sugar Bowl; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2003 Bowl Championship Series national championship game;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping Louisiana State University during the 2003 season; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Louisiana State University for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of the resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 Louisiana State University football team.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will conduct a hearing on January 27, 2004, in SD-106, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to examine the current situation regarding the discovery of a case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy in a dairy cow in Washington State as it relates to food safety, livestock marketing, and international trade.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 21, 2003, at 9 a.m., to hold a hearing on North Korea.

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

AUTHORIZING LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 286 which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 286) to authorize legal representation in the United States of America v. Parviz Karim-Panahi.

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

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, this resolution concerns representation by

the Senate legal counsel of twenty-two members and three employees of the Committee on Armed Services and the chairman and ranking member and two employees of the Committee on Foreign Relations, who have been subpoenaed to provide testimony and produce documents in a criminal trial by a defendant charged with disrupting proceedings at a hearing of the Senate Committee on Armed Services in September 2003. These subpoenas, which were issued by the defendant on his own behalf, are not well taken. As the testimony and documents sought by these subpoenas are either irrelevant or cumulative of the testimony and evidence that will be offered at trial from other sources, evidence from these Senators and Senate employees is unnecessary. Moreover, the testimony and documents sought by the subpoenas as privileged under the Speech or Debate Clause of the Constitution.

This resolution would authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Senators and staff who have been subpoenaed by the defendant, as well as any other Members, officers, or employees who may be subpoenaed, in order to quash the subpoenas and protect the privileges of the Senate.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam 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 any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 286) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 286

Whereas, in the case of United States of America v. Parviz Karim-Panahi, Crim. No. M-8374-03, pending in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the defendant has attempted to serve subpoenas for testimony and documents upon Senators Daniel K. Akaka, Wayne Allard, Evan Bayh, Joseph R. Biden, Robert C. Byrd, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Susan M. Collins, Mark Dayton, Elizabeth Dole, John Ensign, Lindsey O. Graham, James M. Inhofe, Edward M. Kennedy, Carl Levin, Richard G. Lugar, John McCain, Bill Nelson, E. Benjamin Nelson, Mark Pryor, Jack Reed, Pat Roberts, Jeff Sessions, James M. Talent, and John W. Warner, and on Senate employees Judith A. Ansley, Staff Director of the Committee on Armed Services, Scott W. Stucky, General Counsel to the Committee on Armed Services, June M. Borawski, Printing and Document Clerk of the Committee on Armed Services, Paul F. Clayman, Chief Counsel of the Committee on Foreign Relations, and Susan Oursler, Chief Clerk of the Committee on Foreign Relations; and,

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Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent the above-listed Senators and Senate employees who are the subject of subpoenas and any other Member, officer, or employee who may be subpoenaed in this case.

COMMENDING SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE OF BATON ROUGE JAGUARS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 287 introduced earlier today by Senators LANDRIEU and BREAU.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 287) commending the Southern University and A&M College of Baton Rouge Jaguars for being the Sheridan Broadcasting National Black College Champions, the American Sports Wire National Black College Champions, and the MBC/BCSP National Black College Champions.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 287) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 287

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