

Whereas it is proper and desirable to celebrate with the Greek people and to reaffirm the democratic principles from which our two great nations were born: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 25, 2004, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy"; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 309—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING MARCH 14, 2004 AS "NATIONAL SAFE PLACE WEEK"

Mr. CRAIG (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. FITZGERALD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. KOHL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 309

Whereas today's youth are vital to the preservation of our country and will be the future bearers of the bright torch of democracy;

Whereas youth need a safe haven from various negative influences such as child abuse, substance abuse and crime, and they need to have resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety;

Whereas the United States needs increased numbers of community volunteers acting as positive influences on the Nation's youth;

Whereas the Safe Place program is committed to protecting our Nation's most valuable asset, our youth, by offering short term "safe places" at neighborhood locations where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise youth seeking assistance and guidance;

Whereas the Safe Place program combines the efforts of the private sector and non-profit organizations uniting to reach youth in the early stages of crisis;

Whereas the Safe Place program provides a direct way to assist programs in meeting performance standards relative to outreach and community relations, as set forth in the Federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act guidelines;

Whereas the Safe Place placard displayed at businesses within communities stands as a beacon of safety and refuge to at-risk youth;

Whereas more than 700 communities in 42 states and more than 14,000 locations have established Safe Place programs;

Whereas more than 68,000 young people have gone to Safe Place locations to get help when faced with crisis situations;

Whereas through the efforts of Safe Place coordinators across the country each year more than one-half million students learn that Safe Place is a resource if abusive or neglectful situations exist;

Whereas increased awareness of the program's existence will encourage communities to establish Safe Places for the Nation's youth throughout the country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) proclaims the week of March 14 through March 20, 2004 as "National Safe Place Week" and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the

United States and interested groups to promote awareness of and volunteer involvement in the Safe Place programs, and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2638. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2639. Mr. ALLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2640. Mr. INOUE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2641. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2642. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2643. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. COLEMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2644. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2645. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2646. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2645 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2647. Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. GRASSLEY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2648. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2649. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2650. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2651. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2647 proposed by Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2652. Mrs. LINCOLN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2653. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2654. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2655. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2656. Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. BOND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2657. Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, of Florida, and Mr. NELSON, of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2658. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2659. Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2660. Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. FEINGOLD) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1637, supra.

SA 2661. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2662. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2663. Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2664. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2665. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2666. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2667. Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2668. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2669. Mr. HOLLINGS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2670. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2671. Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. BREAUX) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2672. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2673. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2674. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. ALLEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2675. Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, of South Carolina, Mr. REID, and

Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2638. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 179, after line 25, insert the following:

SEC. ____ MODIFICATIONS TO WORK OPPORTUNITY CREDIT AND WELFARE-TO-WORK CREDIT.

(a) EXTENSION OF CREDIT.—

(1) Subparagraph (B) of section 51(c)(4) is amended by striking "December 31, 2003" and inserting "December 31, 2005".

(2) Subsection (f) of section 51A is amended by striking by striking "December 31, 2003" and inserting "December 31, 2005".

(b) ELIGIBILITY OF EX-FELONS DETERMINED WITHOUT REGARD TO FAMILY INCOME.—Paragraph (4) of section 51(d) is amended by adding "and" at the end of subparagraph (A), by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting a period, and by striking all that follows subparagraph (B).

(c) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AGE FOR ELIGIBILITY OF FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS.—Clause (i) of section 51(d)(8)(A) is amended by striking "25" and inserting "40".

(d) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AGE FOR DESIGNATED COMMUNITY RESIDENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (5) of section 51(d) is amended to read as follows:

"(5) DESIGNATED COMMUNITY RESIDENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'designated community resident' means any individual who is certified by the designated local agency—

"(i) as having attained age 18 but not age 40 on the hiring date, and

"(ii) as having his principal place of abode within an empowerment zone, enterprise community, or renewal community.

"(B) INDIVIDUAL MUST CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN ZONE OR COMMUNITY.—In the case of a designated community resident, the term 'qualified wages' shall not include wages paid or incurred for services performed while the individual's principal place of abode is outside an empowerment zone, enterprise community, or renewal community."

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (D) of section 51(d)(1) is amended to read as follows:

"(D) a designated community resident,".

(e) CLARIFICATION OF TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER INDIVIDUAL WORK PLANS.—Subparagraph (B) of section 51(d)(6) (relating to vocational rehabilitation referral) is amended by striking "or" at the end of clause (i), by striking the period at the end of clause (ii) and inserting "or", and by adding at the end the following new clause: "(iii) an individual work plan developed and implemented by an employment network pursuant to subsection (g) of section 1148 of the Social Security Act with respect to which the requirements of such subsection are met."

(f) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) EXTENSION OF CREDITS.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to individuals who begin work for the employer after December 31, 2003.

(2) MODIFICATIONS.—The amendments made by subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) shall apply to individuals who begin work for the employer after December 31, 2004.

SEC. 503. CONSOLIDATION OF WORK OPPORTUNITY CREDIT WITH WELFARE-TO-WORK CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 51(d) is amended by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (G), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (H) and inserting "or", and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(I) a long-term family assistance recipient."

(b) LONG-TERM FAMILY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT.—Subsection (d) of section 51 is amended by redesignating paragraphs (10) through (12) as paragraphs (11) through (13), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (9) the following new paragraph:

"(10) LONG-TERM FAMILY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT.—The term 'long-term family assistance recipient' means any individual who is certified by the designated local agency—

"(A) as being a member of a family receiving assistance under a IV-A program (as defined in paragraph (2)(B)) for at least the 18-month period ending on the hiring date,

"(B)(i) as being a member of a family receiving such assistance for 18 months beginning after August 5, 1997, and

"(ii) as having a hiring date which is not more than 2 years after the end of the earliest such 18-month period, or

"(C)(i) as being a member of a family which ceased to be eligible for such assistance by reason of any limitation imposed by Federal or State law on the maximum period such assistance is payable to a family, and

"(ii) as having a hiring date which is not more than 2 years after the date of such cessation."

(c) INCREASED CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF LONG-TERM FAMILY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS AND QUALIFIED EX-FELONS.—Section 51 is amended by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection:

"(e) CREDIT FOR SECOND-YEAR WAGES FOR EMPLOYMENT OF LONG-TERM FAMILY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS AND QUALIFIED EX-FELONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the employment of a long-term family assistance recipient or a qualified ex-felon—

"(A) the amount of the work opportunity credit determined under this section for the taxable year shall include 50 percent of the qualified second-year wages for such year, and

"(B) in lieu of applying subsection (b)(3), the amount of the qualified first-year wages, and the amount of qualified second-year wages, which may be taken into account with respect to such a recipient shall not exceed \$10,000 per year.

"(2) QUALIFIED SECOND-YEAR WAGES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'qualified second-year wages' means qualified wages—

"(A) which are paid to a long-term family assistance recipient or a qualified ex-felon, and

"(B) which are attributable to service rendered during the 1-year period beginning on the day after the last day of the 1-year period with respect to such recipient determined under subsection (b)(2).

"(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR AGRICULTURAL AND RAILWAY LABOR.—If such recipient is an employee to whom subparagraph (A) or (B) of subsection (h)(1) applies, rules similar to the rules of such subparagraphs shall apply except that—

"(A) such subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting '\$10,000' for '\$6,000', and

"(B) such subparagraph (B) shall be applied by substituting '\$833.33' for '\$500'."

(d) REPEAL OF SEPARATE WELFARE-TO-WORK CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 51A is hereby repealed.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart F of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by striking the item relating to section 51A.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to individuals who begin work for the employer after December 31, 2004.

2639. Mr. ALLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end add the following:

TITLE III—HOMESTEAD PRESERVATION ACT

SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Homestead Preservation Act".

SEC. 302. MORTGAGE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Labor (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") shall establish a program under which the Secretary shall award low-interest loans to eligible individuals to enable such individuals to continue to make mortgage payments with respect to the primary residences of such individuals.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a loan under the program established under subsection (a), an individual shall—

(1) be—

(A) an adversely affected worker with respect to whom a certification of eligibility has been issued by the Secretary of Labor under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.); or

(B) an individual who would be an individual described in subparagraph (A) but who resides in a State that has not entered into an agreement under section 239 of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2311);

(2) be a borrower under a loan which requires the individual to make monthly mortgage payments with respect to the primary place of residence of the individual; and

(3) be enrolled in a job training or job assistance program.

(c) LOAN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A loan provided to an eligible individual under this section shall—

(A) be for a period of not to exceed 12 months;

(B) be for an amount that does not exceed the sum of—

(i) the amount of the monthly mortgage payment owed by the individual; and

(ii) the number of months for which the loan is provided;

(C) have an applicable rate of interest that equals 4 percent;

(D) require repayment as provided for in subsection (d); and

(E) be subject to such other terms and conditions as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(2) ACCOUNT.—A loan awarded to an individual under this section shall be deposited into an account from which a monthly mortgage payment will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of such loan.