

“(1) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe in regulations the eligibility requirements, application and approval procedures and standards, and authorized uses of grant proceeds for the grant program under this section.

“(2) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—In prescribing the regulations, the Secretary shall consult with the following:

“(A) The Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

“(B) The heads of such other departments and agencies of the United States as the Secretary considers appropriate on the basis of relevant interests or expertise.

“(C) Appropriate officials of the governments of States and political subdivisions of States.

“(D) Representatives of private sector organizations recognized for relevant expertise.”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“30202. Organ donation through driver licensing; grant assistance.”.

(b) TIME FOR PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Transportation shall promulgate the regulations under section 30202(b) of title 49, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), not later than October 1, 2004.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Funds are authorized to be appropriated for carrying out section 30201(b) of title 49, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), for fiscal years and in amounts as follows:

- (1) For fiscal year 2005, \$4,000,000.
- (2) For fiscal year 2006, \$4,000,000.
- (3) For fiscal year 2007, \$4,000,000.
- (4) For fiscal year 2008, \$4,000,000.
- (5) For fiscal year 2009, \$4,000,000.
- (6) For fiscal year 2010, \$4,000,000.

SEC. 6. STUDY OF NATIONAL DRIVER EDUCATION STANDARDS.

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR STUDY.—The Secretary of Transportation shall carry out a study to determine whether the establishment and imposition of nationwide minimum standards of motor vehicle driver education would improve national highway traffic safety.

(b) TIME FOR COMPLETION OF STUDY.—The Secretary shall complete the study not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) REPORT.—The Secretary shall publish a report on the results of the study under this section not later than 2 years after the study is completed.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 2028. A bill to improve tire safety and labeling, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2028

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 “Tire Safety Awareness Act of 2004”.

SEC. 2. DATE OF MANUFACTURE INFORMATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall, in

consultation with the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, undertake to modify the regulations relating to tire safety that are administered by the Administration through the promulgation of regulations that require that such date of manufacture information is disclosed clearly and understandably, in writing, to consumers at the point of sale on an invoice, sales receipt, or equivalent record.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The date of manufacture information required to be disclosed pursuant to the regulations promulgated under subsection (a) shall not apply to tires that are—

- (1) sold with new motor vehicles;
- (2) exempt from testing under Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 139; or
- (3) sold for use on vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more.

SEC. 3. REPORT ON TIRE SAFETY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to commission a report to Congress on the effects of age on light vehicle tires (within the meaning of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 139), including—

(1) a study of the effect on tire safety resulting from tire aging characteristics, including but not limited to the chemical breakdown and oxidation that occur over time with respect to tires, irrespective of use;

(2) recommendations on how to best communicate information, including tire aging characteristics, to consumers, and an assessment of the utility and benefits of this information with respect to motor vehicle safety;

(3) an examination of whether the imposition of limits on the age of tires available for sale in interstate commerce would enhance motor vehicle safety;

(4) an examination of—

(A) currently available, scientifically proven technologies that may assist consumers in assessing tire age; and

(B) the feasibility of developing technologies in the future that may assist consumers in assessing tire age; and

(5) any other information the Secretary determines appropriate.

(b) CONSIDERATION OF EXISTING RESOURCES.—The report shall take into consideration relevant scientific studies performed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the American Society for Testing and Materials Committee F09 on Tires.

(c) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall submit the report to Congress not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 291—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN THE CASE OF JAMES MCKOY V. NORTH FORK SERVICES/JOINT VENTURE

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

S. RES. 291

Whereas, in the case of James McKoy v. North Fork Services/Joint Venture, No. 2004-CAA-00002, pending before the United States

Department of Labor, testimony has been requested from Resi Cooper, an employee in the Long Island office of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton;

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

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate; and

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Resi Cooper is authorized to testify in the case of James McKoy v. North Fork Services/Joint Venture, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Resi Cooper in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2236. Mr. KYL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, and for other purposes.

SA 2237. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2238. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2239. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2240. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2241. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2242. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2243. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2244. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2245. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2246. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2247. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2248. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2249. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2250. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2252. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2253. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2254. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2255. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2256. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2257. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2258. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2259. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2260. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2261. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3108, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2236. Mr. KYL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of section 3, insert:

() RESTRICTIONS ON APPLICATION FOR FUNDING WAIVER FOR EMPLOYERS ELECTING ALTERNATIVE DEFICIT REDUCTION CONTRIBUTION.—An employer who makes an election under section 412(l)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or section 302(d)(12) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (as added by this section) with respect to a plan for 2 plan years may not receive a funding waiver under section 412(d) of such Code for any plan year beginning after December 27, 2005, and before December 28, 2007.

SA 2237. Mr. FITZGERALD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2233 proposed by Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. KENNEDY) to the bill H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike sections 3, 4, and 5 and insert:

SEC. 3. ELECTION OF ALTERNATIVE DEFICIT REDUCTION CONTRIBUTION.

(a) AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.—Section 412(l) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to applicability of subsection) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(12) ALTERNATIVE INCREASE FOR CERTAIN PLANS MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN 2000.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a defined benefit plan established and maintained by an applicable employer, if this subsection did not apply to the plan for the plan year beginning in 2000 (determined without regard to paragraph (6)), then, at the election of the employer, the increased amount under paragraph (1) for any applicable plan year shall be the greater of—

“(i) 20 percent (40 percent in the case of an applicable plan year beginning after December 27, 2004) of the increased amount under paragraph (1) determined without regard to this paragraph, or

“(ii) the increased amount which would be determined under paragraph (1) if the deficit reduction contribution under paragraph (2) for the applicable plan year were determined without regard to subparagraphs (A), (B), and (D) of paragraph (2).

“(B) RESTRICTIONS ON BENEFIT INCREASES.—No amendment which increases the liabilities of the plan by reason of any increase in benefits, any change in the accrual of benefits, or any change in the rate at which benefits become nonforfeitable shall be adopted during any applicable plan year, unless—

“(i) the funded current liability percentage (as defined in paragraph (8)(B)) as of the end of such plan year is projected (taking into account the effect of the amendment) to be at least 90 percent,

“(ii) the amendment provides for an increase in benefits under a formula which is not based on a participant's compensation, but only if the rate of such increase is not in excess of the lesser of—

“(I) the contemporaneous rate of increase in average wages of participants covered by the amendment, or

“(II) the increase in the consumer price index for the preceding year,

“(iii) the amendment is required by a collective bargaining agreement which is in effect on the date of enactment of this subparagraph, except that this clause shall not apply if the funded current liability percentage (as defined in paragraph (8)(B)) as of the end of such plan year is projected (taking into account the effect of the amendment) to be less than 75 percent, or

“(iv) the amendment is otherwise described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of subsection (f)(2).

If a plan is amended during any applicable plan year in violation of the preceding sentence, any election under this paragraph shall not apply to any applicable plan year ending on or after the date on which such amendment is adopted.

“(C) APPLICABLE EMPLOYER.—For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘applicable employer’ means an employer which is—

“(I) a commercial passenger airline,

“(II) primarily engaged in the production or manufacture of a steel mill product, or

“(III) an organization described in section 501(c)(5) and which established the plan to which this paragraph applies on June 30, 1955.

“(ii) OTHER EMPLOYERS MAY APPLY FOR RELIEF.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subclause (II), an employer other than an employer described in clause (i) shall be treated as an applicable employer if the employer files an application (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe) to be treated as an applicable employer for purposes of this paragraph.

“(II) EXCEPTION.—Subclause (I) shall not apply to an employer if, within 90 days of the filing of the application, the Secretary determines (taking into account the application of this paragraph) that there is a reasonable likelihood that the employer will be unable to make future required contributions to the plan in a timely manner.

“(D) APPLICABLE PLAN YEAR.—For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘applicable plan year’ means any plan year beginning after December 27, 2003, and before December 28, 2005, for which the employer elects the application of this paragraph.