

domestic supply of petroleum products meets or exceeds the level of domestic supply as of August 27, 2005.

By Mr. OBAMA:

S. 1630. A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish the National Emergency Family Locator System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. OBAMA. Mr. President, today I introduce a bill to provide some assistance to those tens of thousands of Americans who have found themselves in one of the worst nightmares I can imagine—they are separated from their spouses, their children, and their parents. These Americans are struggling to locate their loved ones displaced by the horrors of Hurricane Katrina. They are searching the Astrodome, combing the Internet, hoping that their family members have survived the storm and will get in touch with them. A similar plight is faced by those victims who have weathered the storm and want to tell their family and friends that they are okay.

I have received dozens of calls to my offices in Illinois from constituents asking my caseworkers to help them locate their relatives lost in the Gulf Coast. Greta from Chicago was looking for her Aunt Perra Lee. John from Romeoville was looking for his children and grandchildren in Biloxi. The calls kept coming, but my staff could only point these constituents to various nonprofit organizations doing their best to provide locator services. There was no centralized Federal Government system in place to deal with this issue. Such a system should be in place.

The government must provide these people with a means to let their families know that they are out of harm's way. Various non-profit organizations and news services have done a stellar job at using the Internet to connect displaced people with their families. Our government, through the Department of Homeland Security, should synthesize the best aspects of these services, so that after an emergency, displaced individuals can call one phone number or go to one website, and post their location and condition. Family members and law enforcement officials should be able to use this same secure, centralized system to check the status of missing loved ones.

I am introducing a bill—the National Emergency Family Locator System Act that will instruct the Department of Homeland Security to create such a system. I hope that the next time our country experiences a disaster like Katrina, this system will provide worried families with some sense of relief.

I hope my colleagues will support this legislation and 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 follow:

S. 1630

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 “National Emergency Family Locator Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department” means the Department of Homeland Security.

(2) EMERGENCY.—The term “emergency” has the meaning given the term in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(4) SYSTEM.—The term “System” means the National Emergency Family Locator System established under section 3(a).

SEC. 3. NATIONAL EMERGENCY FAMILY LOCATOR SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish within the Department the National Family Locator System.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the System are—

(1) to enable individuals displaced by an emergency to provide to the Department the name and location of the displaced individuals and any other relevant information using the telephone, the Internet, and other means determined to be appropriate by the Secretary; and

(2) to enable the Department—

(A) to compile the information collected under paragraph (1); and

(B) to provide the information collected and compiled under the System to the family members of the displaced individuals and law enforcement officials.

(c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In establishing the System under subsection (a), the Secretary shall take into account and, to the maximum extent practicable, incorporate into the System—

(1) intermediary-based locator systems such as the National Next of Kin Registry; and

(2) information from existing family locator databases, such as the Family News Network of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 234—RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Mr. BYRD, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. DAYTON, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DEWINE,

Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 234

Whereas William H. Rehnquist, the late Chief Justice of the United States, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to William Benjamin Rehnquist and Margery Peck Rehnquist and raised in Shorewood, Wisconsin;

Whereas a young William H. Rehnquist served our Nation during the Second World War in the United States Army Air Force at home and abroad from 1943 to 1946;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist enrolled in Stanford University, where he earned a bachelor's and master's degree in political science and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist earned a second master's degree in government from Harvard University;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist graduated first in a very impressive class, including his future Supreme Court colleague, Sandra Day O'Connor, from Stanford University's School of Law;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist began his legal career by serving as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist married the late Natalie Cornell, and they raised 3 children, James, Janet, and Nancy;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was an accomplished attorney, having practiced law for 16 years in Phoenix, Arizona;

Whereas President Richard Nixon selected William H. Rehnquist to serve as Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice;

Whereas President Richard Nixon also nominated William H. Rehnquist to serve as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of the United States;

Whereas President Ronald Reagan nominated William H. Rehnquist to serve as the sixteenth Chief Justice of the United States;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist had a profound love for history and respect for the arts and served as Chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution for 19 years;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was a skilled writer and avid historian and authored several books on Supreme Court history and the American legal system;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was a man of enormous intellect and great common sense, a combination that was reflected in the clarity of his opinions;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist's record illustrates his unwavering commitment to judicial restraint, judicial independence, and the rule of law;

Whereas, under his firm leadership and superb managerial skills, William H. Rehnquist efficiently managed the Supreme Court of the United States for 19 years;

Whereas leaders of both political parties agree that William H. Rehnquist served with honor and integrity in his role as the second Chief Justice of the United States to preside over a presidential impeachment trial, respecting the institutional domain of the Senate and its processes, procedures, and traditions;

Whereas, as the leader of the Supreme Court, William H. Rehnquist was highly regarded by all of his colleagues, including those with differing judicial philosophies;

Whereas his former colleagues have described William H. Rehnquist as a "splendid administrator", "the most efficient manager", "a great Chief Justice", "meticulously fair", and the "most all-around successful" Chief Justice;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist served with distinction on the Supreme Court of the United States for over 14 years as an Associate Justice and 19 years as the Chief Justice, more than 33 years in all;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was the fourth longest serving Chief Justice of the United States;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was 1 of our Nation's most influential and memorable Chief Justices;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist was the embodiment of the ideal qualities of a judge, fair, impartial, open minded, and above all committed to the Constitution and the rule of law;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist will be remembered as 1 of the greatest Chief Justices of the United States;

Whereas William H. Rehnquist passed away on September 3, 2005, surrounded by his loving family; and

Whereas our Nation is deeply indebted to William H. Rehnquist, a truly distinguished American; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of William H. Rehnquist;

(2) acknowledges William H. Rehnquist's life-long service to the United States of America as a World War II veteran, a talented attorney, a dedicated public servant, a brilliant jurist, and one of our Nation's greatest Chief Justices; and

(3) commends William H. Rehnquist for his 33 year tenure on the Supreme Court of the United States and his many accomplishments as Chief Justice of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 235—TO PERMIT THE SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS IN SENATE BUILDINGS FOR THE RELIEF OF VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. REID, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. GREGG, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MARTINEZ, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BURR, Ms.

STABENOW, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. TALENT, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. COLEMAN, Mrs. DOLE, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 235

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SOLICITATION FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator or employee of the Senate may solicit another Senator or employee of the Senate within Senate buildings for non-monetary donations for the relief of victims of Hurricane Katrina; and

(2) a Senator or employee of the Senate may work with a nonprofit organization with respect to the delivery of donations described in paragraph (1).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 7, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. to hold a briefing.

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

PERMITTING SOLICITATION OF DONATIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consideration of S. Res. 235, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 235) to permit the solicitation of donations in Senate buildings for the relief of victims of Hurricane Katrina.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the ranking member of the Senate Rules Committee, Senator DODD, and 47 other Senators and I today submitted a resolution that would allow Senators and Senate staff to make donations of food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed materials for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Current Senate regulations prohibit any soliciting within Senate buildings. This resolution suspends these regulations for noncash solicitations among the Senate family. It is my hope this resolution will demonstrate the generosity of Senators and staff and will help ease the suffering of the millions of people along the Gulf whose lives have been devastated by this unprecedented disaster.

But I think we can do more at this time of crisis. I believe Senators should be able to use Senate facilities to encourage all of our constituents and friends to donate to charities that are

working 24 hours a day to help alleviate the suffering caused by the hurricane, and I intend to introduce legislation that will facilitate that effort.

This is a modest effort at time of great suffering. We need to do more right now and not allow inflexible rules to prevent us from helping our citizens at a time of crisis.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 235) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 235

Resolved,

SECTION 1. SOLICITATION FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator or employee of the Senate may solicit another Senator or employee of the Senate within Senate buildings for non-monetary donations for the relief of victims of Hurricane Katrina; and

(2) a Senator or employee of the Senate may work with a nonprofit organization with respect to the delivery of donations described in paragraph (1).

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2862

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that following morning business on Thursday, September 8, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 137, H.R. 2862. I further ask that the committee-reported substitute be agreed to as original text for the purposes of further amendment, with no points of order waived by virtue of this agreement.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 8. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved and the Senate proceed to a period for morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the minority leader or his designee and the final 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2862, the Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will turn to the Commerce,