

at age 69. Jim served Mesa County and the Western Slope as an attorney, as a school board member, as a state representative and as a federal magistrate judge. He served us ably and well in all of these capacities, but it is in his work outside of his career, his amazing dedication to doing all he could to make his community a better place that keeps him in our hearts and minds.

Jim had a vision for his community that is perhaps best exemplified in his work on the Riverfront Trail, he could look at that collection of junkyards and rotting tires and see past it to a time when there would be a beautiful trail along the Colorado River, running from Island Acres east of Palisade to Corn Lake to Connected Lakes to Fruita. He had the quiet ability to bring interested parties together to work on a problem and find a solution without ever taking credit for himself. His vision of a trail along the river where others saw only junkyards has become a reality and the State of Colorado has honored Jim Robb by renaming the Colorado River State Park as the James M. Robb Colorado River State Park.

Mesa County and Western Colorado are very blessed to have benefited from a man with a vision, a man who knew how to get things done by working quietly with all of the interested groups, a very special man, whose love for the state of Colorado, and Mesa County in particular lives on in the River Front Trail he helped create, in the Old Spanish Trail he worked to have declared a National Historic trail, in the Kids Voting Program he envisioned and nurtured and in the lives of those he left behind, most especially, his family, his loving wife, children and grandchildren who continue his legacy and were the light of his life. Those who were privileged to know him are better people for it and our community is a better community for his energetic proposals for improvement. He was a great leader for the Western Slope and for Colorado. And he was a good friend to me. We are grateful for the life of James Montgomery Robb, and thank his family for sharing him with us.

Sincerely,

KEN SALAZAR,
U.S. Senator. ●

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2128. A bill to provide greater transparency with respect to lobbying activities, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BURR:

S. 2365. A bill to improve sharing of immigration information among Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials, to improve State and local enforcement of immigration laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. SANTORUM, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 2366. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to replace the recapture bond provisions of the low income housing tax credit program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 2367. A bill to provide a cause of action for United States port operators with respect to the potential change of ownership of a terminal operator to a foreign entity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. COBURN):

S. 2368. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and other acts to provide for border security and interior enforcement improvements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. FRIST):

S. Res. 389. A resolution recognizing and honoring the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 770

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 770, a bill to amend the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to reauthorize and improve that Act.

S. 843

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 843, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to combat autism through research, screening, intervention and education.

S. 1086

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1086, a bill to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses.

S. 1360

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1360, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage to designated plan beneficiaries of employees, and for other purposes.

S. 2083

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2083, a bill to prohibit the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) from removing any item from the current list of items prohibited from being carried aboard a passenger aircraft.

S. 2108

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr.

ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2108, a bill to ensure general aviation aircraft access to Federal land and to the airspace over Federal land.

S. 2115

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2115, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve provisions relating to Parkinson's disease research.

S. 2201

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2201, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the mediation and implementation requirements of section 40122 regarding changes in the Federal Aviation Administration personnel management system, and for other purposes.

S. 2253

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2253, a bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to offer the 181 Area of the Gulf of Mexico for oil and gas leasing.

S. 2361

At the request of Mr. DORGAN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2361, a bill to improve Federal contracting and procurement by eliminating fraud and abuse and improving competition in contracting and procurement and by enhancing administration of Federal contracting personnel, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 2367. A bill to provide a cause of action for United States port operators with respect to the potential change of ownership of a terminal operator to a foreign entity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, on September 11, 2001, the longshoremen who work on the docks in Newark, NJ, could see the flames and smoke from the World Trade Center. Many of those dock workers lost a loved one or a friend that day. Of the three thousand people who died, 700 were from New Jersey.

I have been to Port Newark many times before—I used to serve as a Commissioner of the Port Authority. This week I went back to Port Newark to tell those workers why I thought it was a bad idea to turn control of their port over to the government of Dubai, the United Arab Emirates. I really didn't have to explain it to them. They understood why it is a bad idea—just as 70 percent of the American people understand.

Unfortunately, as of yesterday, a company owned by the government of

Dubai now controls port operations in Newark—and five other major ports in the United States. This is an outcome we have been trying to prevent. And if Congress had been given any warning, we would have prevented it.

Instead, the Bush Administration gave this deal a casual thumbs-up, when it deserved the highest scrutiny. Now the President is telling my constituents in New Jersey—as well as residents of Philadelphia, Baltimore, South Florida and New Orleans—“don’t worry.”

But that’s not good enough.

By rubber stamping this deal, the Bush Administration sold out the Federal Government’s ability to object to the deal. Any “investigation” at this point is after-the-fact and all for show. You don’t buy a home before you look at it, and get it inspected. But that’s what the Bush Administration did in this case.

The people who work in our port, and those who live nearby, know better than anyone how important it is to keep our ports secure. That’s why I am introducing legislation today that will empower our ports to terminate leases that pose a security threat to the port and the surrounding community. My bill will give ports that power when the company that holds a lease is sold or taken over by a foreign company like the Dubai-owned one in this case.

This is a valid approach. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is already in court trying to invalidate the lease that was sold to Dubai Ports World. My bill would also encourage ports to do their own security assessment of transfers of ownership. It requires the Department of Homeland Security to assist our ports with those assessments.

We need to take this step to protect our constituents, because the Bush Administration has left them high and dry. The Administration has been playing a shell game on this issue from the very beginning. First they said no thorough investigation was needed, and approved the deal. Then came the public outcry. Now the Administration is supposedly conducting a “thorough investigation.” But it is a meaningless gesture—the deal was finalized already.

And before the so-called investigation even begins, President Bush has already made up his mind. On Tuesday, President Bush said: “My position hasn’t changed.” So much for an objective investigation.

This is not a 45-day investigation. It’s just a 45-day stalling period while the Administration hopes the American people will forget about this problem. But we don’t forget what happened on September 11—and we won’t forget how the Administration tried to rubber-stamp this deal.

My constituents are alarmed. And unfortunately, the Bush administration hasn’t displayed the competence that could restore public confidence. We can’t afford to wait 45 days while the Administration stalls. The time to protect our constituents is now.

I urge my colleagues to support my bill, which will give local ports the power to protect the American people.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 2367

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 “Local Port Security Act of 2006”.

SEC. 2. FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION ESTABLISHED.

The owner of a United States port may file an action seeking relief, including nullification of any contractual obligation with any terminal operator within the port, in any appropriate United States district court if a merger, acquisition, or takeover transaction would result in a change in the ownership of the terminal operator, and the new owner would be a foreign controlled entity. Such relief may be granted upon a showing by the owner of the port of a demonstrated increase in the security risk to the port or the port community as a result of such change in ownership.

SEC. 3. REVIEW BY SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

The Secretary of Homeland Security shall review any proposed change in the ownership of a terminal operator within a United States port to a foreign controlled entity to determine the existence of any potential security concerns raised by such change, and shall transmit the findings of such review to the owner of the United States port and to the President, or the President’s designee, for purposes of any investigation under section 721(b) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2170(b)).

SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act may be construed to affect or otherwise alter the requirements of section 721 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2170), or any rule, regulation, or order issued thereunder.

SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act—

(1) the term “United States port” means all piers, wharves, docks, and similar structures, adjacent to any waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to which a vessel may be secured, including areas of land, water, or land and water under and in immediate proximity to such structures, buildings, on or contiguous to such structures, and the equipment and materials on such structures or in such buildings; and

(2) the term “marine terminal operator”—

(A) means the operator of the wharves, bulkheads, quays, piers, docks, and other berthing locations, and adjacent storage or adjacent areas and structures associated with the primary movement of cargo or materials from vessel to shore or shore to vessel, including structures which are devoted to receiving, handling, holding, consolidating, and loading or delivery of waterborne shipments or passengers, including areas devoted to the maintenance of the terminal or equipment; and

(B) does not include the operator of any production or manufacturing areas, or any storage facility directly associated with any such production or manufacturing area;

(3) the term “port community” means the land adjacent to and within 10 miles of a United States port on which persons reside or work who could suffer injury or death in

the event of a terrorist attack on or at the port; and

(4) the term “foreign controlled entity” means any entity in which a foreign entity owns a majority interest, or otherwise controls or manages the entity.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 389—RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON FRATERNITY

Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. DOMENICI, and Mr. FRIST) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 389

Whereas the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was founded on March 9, 1856, by 8 young men at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in order to establish a band of brothers;

Whereas the founders of the fraternity believed in promoting the intellectual, moral, and spiritual welfare of their members;

Whereas the mission of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity is to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, and service for its members;

Whereas the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity adheres to its creed known as “The True Gentleman” and lives up to its ideals and aspirations for conduct with fellow man;

Whereas, for 150 years, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has played an integral role in the positive development of the character and education of more than 280,000 men;

Whereas the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, being from different backgrounds, ethnic groups, and temperaments, have shared countless friendships and a common belief in the founding ideals of the fraternity;

Whereas tens of thousands of Sigma Alpha Epsilon men have served our nation’s military and hundreds have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom;

Whereas alumni from Sigma Alpha Epsilon serve as leaders in their respective fields, including government, business, entertainment, science, and higher education;

Whereas the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity has 190,000 living alumni from as many as 290 chapters at colleges and universities in 49 states and Canada, making it the largest social fraternity in the world; and

Whereas Sigma Alpha Epsilon continues to enrich the lives of its members who, in turn, give back to their families, communities, and other service groups: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes and honors the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity;

(2) commends its founding fathers and all Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers, past and present, for their bond of friendship, common ideals and beliefs, and service to community; and

(3) expresses its best wishes to this most respected and cherished of national fraternities for continued success and growth.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2901. Mr. FRIST proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2830, to