

Whereas, the Federal Government has never contributed more than a fraction of the national average per-pupil expenditure to assist with the excess expenses of educating children with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and

Whereas, this failure of the Federal Government to meet its commitment to assist with the excess expenses of educating a child with a disability contradicts the goal of ensuring that children with disabilities receive a high-quality education; and

Whereas, the imposition of unfunded mandates by the Federal Government on state governments interferes with the separation of powers between the 2 levels of government and the ability of each state to determine the issues and concerns of that state and what resources should be directed to address these issues and concerns; and

Whereas, the Federal Government recognized the inequalities of unfunded mandates on state governments when it passed the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995; and

Whereas, since the passage of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, however, the Federal Government continues to impose unfunded mandates on state governments, including in areas such as special education requirement; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States either provide 60 percent of the national average per-pupil expenditure to assist states and local education agencies with the excess costs of educating children with disabilities or amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to allow the states more flexibility in implementing its mandates; and be it further

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, respectfully urge and request that the Congress of the United States revisit and reconfirm the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act of 1995 and put the intent and purpose of the Act into practice by ending imposition of unfunded federal mandates on state governments; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States, to the President of the Senate of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-72. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan urging the Department of Homeland Security to complete an economic analysis of the costs of compliance with the requirements of the federal Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

Whereas, in response to the need for heightened security measures following the 9-11 attacks, Congress enacted the Real ID Act in 2005. This legislation requires the states to dramatically redesign their respective driver's licenses. Digital photos, proof of legal status, and centralized database capabilities will be required. The act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative also greatly alter the documentation required from American citizens seeking reentry into this country; and

Whereas, as the deadlines for full compliance with the requirements of the Real ID Act approach, there remains a significant level of confusion over how the states can meet target dates and develop the necessary policies and technology. With the size and

scope of the task of redesigning driver's licenses and increasing identification procedures in all 50 states, the current uncertainties are complicating our ability to make our homeland more secure; and

Whereas, as with any undertaking of this magnitude, there are major costs involved. At this point, however, there seems to be no comprehensive estimate of the overall economic impact of complying with the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; and

Whereas, the multiple issues involved in following the provisions of the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative are vitally important in Michigan. With some of the world's busiest international crossing points, especially at the Detroit/Windsor border, Michigan has a strong stake in this transition proceeding smoothly and with all the information needed to do so: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the United States Department of Homeland Security to complete an economic analysis of the costs of compliance with the requirements of the federal Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Office of the President of the United States; the United States Secretary of State; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the chairs and ranking members of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the United States Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the United States House Homeland Security Committee, and the United States House International Relations Committee; the members of the Michigan congressional delegation; and the Michigan Secretary of State.

POM-73. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Michigan memorializing the Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security to develop a pilot program in Michigan for a dual purpose state driver's license/personal identification card to comply with the provisions of the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 21

Whereas, in response to the need for heightened security measures following the 9-11 attacks, Congress enacted the Real ID Act in 2005. This legislation requires the states to dramatically redesign their respective driver's licenses. Digital photos, proof of legal status, and centralized database capabilities will be required; and

Whereas, another component of recent federal legislation, the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, also greatly alters the documentation required from American citizens seeking reentry into this country. By January 1, 2008, for example, United States citizens may be required to show passports when they drive across the border from Canada; and

Whereas, with the new requirements of the Real ID Act, state driver's licenses would closely mirror passports not only in the way they are used by travelers, but also in providing a higher level of identification. There is an opportunity in this transition to explore the possibility of combining the secure technology of a passport into the driver's license and realizing significant savings without compromising the security that is the goal of the federal legislation; and

Whereas, with some of the busiest international crossing points in the world, Michi-

gan is well-suited for a pilot project to develop a dual driver's license/passport. With \$70 billion worth of commercial traffic and nearly 3 million visitors crossing the Michigan/Canadian border each year, including thousands crossing for their jobs each day, Michigan has an unsurpassed stake in how the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative is implemented; and

Whereas, Michigan's Secretary of State is in strong support of the concept of exploring a dual purpose state driver's license/personal identification card. The impact of such a project here could reap widespread benefits for our entire country: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security to work with the Michigan Secretary of State to develop a pilot program in Michigan for a dual purpose state driver's license/personal identification card to comply with the provisions of the Real ID Act and the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Office of the President of the United States; the United States Secretary of State; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; the chairs and ranking members of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the United States Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, the United States House Homeland Security Committee, and the United States House International Relations Committee; the members of the Michigan congressional delegation; and the Michigan Secretary of State.

POM-74. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County in the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to require Florida schools to provide information to 11- and 12-year old girls and their parents about the Human Papillomavirus, the vaccine against HPV, and Cervical Cancer that results from HPV; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

POM-75. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County in the State of Florida urging Congress to fully fund the local mandates included in the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

POM-76. A resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County in the State of Florida urging the Florida Legislature to provide for creation of the Magic City Children's Zone Pilot Project; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2007" (Rept. No. 110-56).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 116. A resolution designating May 2007 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research.

S. Res. 125. A resolution designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and

encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide.

S. Res. 146. A resolution designating June 20, 2007, as "American Eagle Day", and celebrating the recovery and restoration of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States.

S. Res. 162. A resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Air Force nomination of Colonel Travis D. Balch, 3742, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Stephen L. Jones, 5583, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Thomas J. Masiello, 8449, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, 2444, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. William C. Kirkland, 4541, to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Gregory E. Couch, 8914, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler, 7245, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, 8511, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Mari K. Eder and ending with Colonel James T. Walton, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. George J. Trautman III, 0849, to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Harold D. Starling II, 4248, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, Jr., 9468, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Col. Mark J. MacCarley, 2185, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Daniel J. Nelan, 2853, to be Brigadier General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Michael A. Giorgione, 3106, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Air Force nominations beginning with Thomas M. Angelo and ending with Daniel S. Zulli, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 19, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Thomas I. Anderson and ending with Mussaret A. Zuberi, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 26, 2007.

Air Force nomination of David J. Carrell, 8142, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of James G. Wolf, 6912, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Craig L. Allen, 9804, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brian L. Evans and ending with Duncan D. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 29, 2007.

Air Force nominations beginning with Robert W. Beadle and ending with Brent S. Miller, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 29, 2007.

Air Force nomination of Noana Issagrill, 4686, to be Major.

Army nomination of Melissa W. Jones, 9625, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Barbara J. King, 3425, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nominations beginning with James F. Beck and ending with Kevin S. McKiernan, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Daniel L. Hurst and ending with George T. Talbot, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Franklin M. Crane and ending with Gary T. Kirchoff, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Mark W. Crumpton and ending with D060629, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Thomas Brooks and ending with Deborah C. Warren, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Damon T. Arnold and ending with Gijsbertus F. Vanstaveren, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Army nomination of D060461, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Army nomination of Bernadine F. Peletzflox, 0166, to be Major.

Army nomination of D060470, to be Major.

Army nomination of Josef Rivero, 5036, to be Major.

Army nomination of Stephen J. Velez, 5317, to be Major.

Army nominations beginning with Kirk O. Austin and ending with Lee W. Smithson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 16, 2007.

Army nominations beginning with Craig E. Bennett and ending with Darlene M. Shealy, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 16, 2007.

Marine Corps nomination of Charles E. Parham, Jr., 7703, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Eduardo A. Abisellan and ending with Joseph J. Zarba, Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007. (minus 1 nominee; Kevin M. Gonzalez)

Marine Corps nominations beginning with Aaron D. Abdullah and ending with Scott W. Zimmerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

Marine Corps nomination of Jason K. Fettig, 7799, to be Major.

Marine Corps nomination of Michael J. Colburn, 2511, to be Colonel.

Navy nomination of Brian D. Petersen, 1675, to be Captain.

Navy nomination of Stanley R. Richardson, 8043, to be Captain.

Navy nominations beginning with Benjamin Amdur and ending with David M. Zielinski, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 11, 2007.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

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

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Kirsten R. Martin and ending with Richard V. Timme, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on March 22, 2007.

Coast Guard nominations beginning with Brooke E. Grant and ending with Maria A. Ruttig, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on April 10, 2007.

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Frederick J. Kapala, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.

John Roberts Hackman, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years.

Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. DODD:

S. 1204. A bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 1205. A bill to require a pilot program on assisting veterans service organizations and other veterans groups in developing and promoting peer support programs that facilitate community reintegration of veterans returning from active duty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. STABENOW, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1206. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify the age discrimination rules applicable to the pension plan maintained by the Young Woman's Christian Association Retirement Fund; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 1207. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and extend the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction; to the Committee on Finance.