

a school is "in need of improvement": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the New Hampshire general court urges the Congress of the United States to amend the No Child Left Behind Act with consideration of the National Conference of State Legislatures' task force recommendations, to allow each state department of education the flexibility to monitor, supervise, and evaluate each school's effectiveness in documenting the physical, personal, social, and academic growth of each child; and

That the New Hampshire general court urges the Congress of the United States to request a Government Accountability Office evaluation of the costs to states and local school districts of complying with the No Child Left Behind Act requirements and of achieving the 100 percent proficiency goals of the No Child Left Behind Act; and

That the senate clerk send copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-172. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Pennsylvania urging Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act or delay its implementation until such time as sufficient funds are available to adequately cover the costs of implementation and amendment is made to preserve essential civil rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Whereas, in May 2005 the Congress of the United States passed the REAL ID Act of 2005 (REAL ID Act) as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief Act, 2005 (Public Law 109-13), which was signed into law on May 11, 2005, and which becomes fully effective May 11, 2008; and

Whereas, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania denounces terrorism in all its forms and condemns all acts of terrorism by any entity, wherever the acts occur; and

Whereas, any new security measures to protect against terrorist attacks should be carefully designed to enhance public safety without infringing on the civil liberties and rights of citizens; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act constitutes an unfunded mandate by the Federal Government to the states; and

Whereas, it will cost the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania an estimated \$100 million to implement the REAL ID Act; and

Whereas, the implementation of the REAL ID Act intrudes upon the states' sovereign power to determine their own policies for identification, licensure and credentialing of individuals residing therein; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act requires the creation of a massive public sector database containing information on every American that is accessible to all motor vehicle agency employees and law enforcement officers nationwide and that can be used to gather and manage information on citizens, which is neither the business nor the responsibility of government; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act enables the creation of additional massive private sector databases, combining both transactional information and driver's license information gained from scanning the machine-readable information contained on every driver's license; and

Whereas, these public and private databases are likely to contain numerous errors

and false information, creating significant hardship for Americans attempting to verify their identities in order to fly, open a bank account or perform any of the numerous functions required to live in the United States today; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act requires a driver's license to contain a person's actual home address and makes no exception for individuals in potential danger, such as undercover law enforcement officials or victims of domestic violence, stalking or criminal harassment; and

Whereas, the REAL ID Act contains onerous record verification provisions that place unreasonable burdens on Pennsylvanians renewing their driver's licenses; and

Whereas, some of the intended privacy requirements of the REAL ID Act, such as the use of common machine-readable technology and state maintenance of a database that can be shared with the United States Government and agencies of other states, may actually make it more likely that a federally required driver's license or state identification card, or the information about the bearer on which the license or card is based, will be stolen, sold or otherwise used for purposes that were never intended or that are criminally related than if the REAL ID Act had not been enacted; and

Whereas, these potential breaches in privacy that could result directly from compliance with the REAL ID Act may violate the right to privacy of thousands of Pennsylvanians; and

Whereas, identification-based security provides only limited security benefits because it can be avoided by defrauding or corrupting card issuers and because it gives no protection against people not already known to be planning or committing wrongful acts; and

Whereas, a growing number of states have proposed and passed legislation that opposes the implementation of the REAL ID Act: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania support the intention of the United States Government to prevent terrorism, but not at the expense of the essential civil rights and liberties of the citizens of this country; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate oppose any portion of the REAL ID Act that violates the rights and liberties guaranteed under the Constitution of Pennsylvania or the Constitution of the United States, including the Bill of Rights; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate urge the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to support measures to repeal the REAL ID Act or to delay its implementation until such time as sufficient funds are available to adequately cover the costs of implementation and amendment is made to preserve essential civil rights and liberties of the citizens of this country; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

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 from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 2008" (Rept. No. 110-133).

By Mr. KOHL, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 1859. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-134).

By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 423. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (Rept. No. 110-135).

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 1500. A bill to support democracy and human rights in Zimbabwe, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110-136).

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

William Lindsay Osteen, Jr., of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Martin Karl Reidinger, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Timothy D. DeGiusti, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

Janis Lynn Sammartino, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Joe W. Stecher, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska for the term of four years.

By Mr. AKAKA for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendations 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. KOHL:

S. 1859. An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 1860. A bill to control violent crime; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISAKSON:

S. 1861. A bill to authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1862. A bill to provide for the exchange and conveyance of certain National Forest land and other land in southeast Arizona, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1863. A bill to authorize the President to posthumously award a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BROWN):

S. 1864. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Robert M. La Follette, Sr., in recognition of his important contributions to the Progressive movement, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1865. A bill to provide for mandatory availability of life insurance that does not preclude future lawful travel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1866. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to exempt certain local restrictions from review under the airport noise and access restriction review program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1867. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to conduct a study on the operation of helicopters over Long Island, New York and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1868. A bill to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. DODD, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. Res. 278. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the announcement of the Russian Federation of its suspension of implementation of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 279. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 125th anniversary of the 1882 Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation between the King-

dom and Chosun (Korea) and the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. Res. 280. A resolution congratulating the Anaheim Ducks for winning the 2007 Stanley Cup Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COLEMAN (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Con. Res. 42. A concurrent resolution recognizing the need to pursue research into the causes, treatment, and eventual cure for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, supporting the designation of a National Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Week, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 294

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 294, a bill to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 444

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 444, a bill to establish the South Park National Heritage Area in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

S. 543

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 543, a bill to improve Medicare beneficiary access by extending the 60 percent compliance threshold used to determine whether a hospital or unit of a hospital is an inpatient rehabilitation facility under the Medicare program.

S. 573

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 573, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart disease, stroke, and other cardiovascular diseases in women.

S. 661

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 661, a bill to establish kinship navigator programs, to establish guardianship assistance payments for children, and for other purposes.

S. 719

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a

cosponsor of S. 719, a bill to amend section 10501 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude solid waste disposal from the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board.

S. 737

At the request of Mr. OBAMA, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 737, a bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 in order to measure, compare, and improve the quality of voter access to polls and voter services in the administration of Federal elections in the States.

S. 746

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 746, a bill to establish a competitive grant program to build capacity in veterinary medical education and expand the workforce of veterinarians engaged in public health practice and biomedical research.

S. 803

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 803, a bill to repeal a provision enacted to end Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments.

S. 838

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 838, a bill to authorize funding for eligible joint ventures between United States and Israeli businesses and academic persons, to establish the International Energy Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

S. 961

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 961, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II, and for other purposes.

S. 972

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 972, a bill to provide for the reduction of adolescent pregnancy, HIV rates, and other sexually transmitted diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 1204

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1204, a bill to enhance Federal efforts focused on public awareness and education about the risks and dangers associated with Shaken Baby Syndrome.

S. 1338

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) were added