

someone who will investigate; if they have any evidence—in other words, they have been able to get to a doctor and have the evidence from a rape kit—indeed, that evidence is lost, the counseling is not there, and they are left on their own.

The United States military actually has done a pretty good job of this for military personnel, not so with contractor personnel. There are laws on the books that protect contractor personnel. But out of the 26 known cases we know of, of raping American women—contractor personnel—not one of them has been prosecuted.

So the amending of the Defense Authorization Act with this new requirement will require—you would think common sense would tell you the contractors would do this. But, no. In 26 alleged cases, there has not been one prosecution, and certainly no conviction. So it is my hope this will mandate to the contractors they have to report the offenses and they have to provide the victims and witnesses protection and assistance.

In this one case, which was so dramatic, Mrs. Dawn Leamon had come forth for the first time when she testified to our subcommittee. The intimidation of her not doing anything about this gang rape was so severe that when she finally left the forward operating base to go to another forward operating base, where she could first seek assistance, she was given a thumb drive of photographs. Normally, these would just be photographs of the fellow contractors and so forth.

But let me tell you what one of those photographs was. And one day I am going to bring that photograph over here in its blown-up form, which we showed in the committee, so that the Senate can see how dramatic this is. There are three of her male contractor personnel. As they are all three facing the camera, one of them is like this, another one is like this, and the third one is like this: Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil—a message that there is no sense in her trying to do anything, that they do not know anything.

This is the kind of lack of protection that is allowed to have been going on that has to stop. I thank Senator LEVIN, the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and Senator WARNER, who is the acting ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, for letting this Senator bring that to the attention of our committee when we marked up and amended the Defense authorization bill.

Mr. President, I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would ordinarily ask consent to proceed to a

bill prior to filing a cloture motion on the motion to proceed. But I will not do so today because there is no one on the other side to object.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM AND MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2007—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 460, S. 2284, the National Flood Insurance Act Amendments.

Before sending a cloture motion to the desk, I told the minority leader yesterday I was filing this and that this would be the thing we would go to as soon as we finish FAA. I hope that it is not necessary to have a vote for cloture. I hope they will allow us to move to FAA on Tuesday. If they do, we will proceed quickly to move to this flood insurance act.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I sent a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the motion. The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 460, S. 2284, the National Flood Insurance Act Amendments.

Harry Reid, Barbara Boxer, Patty Murray, Byron L. Dorgan, Edward M. Kennedy, Christopher J. Dodd, Daniel K. Akaka, Benjamin L. Cardin, Patrick J. Leahy, Bernard Sanders, Sherrod Brown, Amy Klobuchar, Ken Salazar, Sheldon Whitehouse, Max Baucus, Daniel K. Inouye.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, that Monday, May 5, count as the intervening day under rule XXII; further, that this cloture vote not occur prior to the previously ordered cloture vote on the Rockefeller substitute amendment No. 4627; provided further, that the mandatory quorum be waived, and I now withdraw the motion.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 308. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 2972. A bill to reauthorize and modernize the Federal Aviation Administration.

S. 2973. A bill to promote the energy security of the United States, 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. REID (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2970. A bill to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. MENENDEZ)):

S. 2971. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a suspension of the highway fuel tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 2972. A bill to reauthorize and modernize the Federal Aviation Administration; read the first time.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BOND, Mr. INHOPE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 2973. A bill to promote the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes; read the first time.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 2974. A bill to provide for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. WICKER)):

S. 2975. A bill to provide additional funds for affordable housing for low-income seniors, disabled persons, and others who lost their homes as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 549. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and designating May 3, 2008, as "National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. Res. 550. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding provocative and dangerous statements made by the Government of the Russian Federation that undermine the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1070

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1070, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social

security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 1715

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1715, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the Medicare program.

S. 1942

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1942, a bill to amend part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants for the renovation of schools.

S. 2523

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2523, a bill to establish the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Treasury of the United States to provide for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of decent, safe, and affordable housing for low-income families.

S. 2551

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2551, a bill to provide for the safe development of a repository at the Yucca Mountain site in the State of Nevada, and for other purposes.

S. 2770

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2770, a bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to strengthen the food safety inspection system by imposing stricter penalties for the slaughter of nonambulatory livestock.

S. 2783

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2783, a bill to allow for additional flights beyond the perimeter restriction applicable to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

S. 2836

At the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2836, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to include service after September 11, 2001, as service qualifying for the determination of a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular service retired pay.

S. 2874

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2874, a bill to amend titles

5, 10, 37, and 38, United States Code, to ensure the fair treatment of a member of the Armed Forces who is discharged from the Armed Forces, at the request of the member, pursuant to the Department of Defense policy permitting the early discharge of a member who is the only surviving child in a family in which the father or mother, or one or more siblings, served in the Armed Forces and, because of hazards incident to such service, was killed, died as a result of wounds, accident, or disease, is in a captured or missing in action status, or is permanently disabled, and for other purposes.

S. 2895

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2895, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to maintain eligibility, for Federal PLUS loans, of borrowers who are 90 or more days delinquent on mortgage loan payments, or for whom foreclosure proceedings have been initiated, with respect to their primary residence.

S. 2934

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2934, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a plot allowance for spouses and children of certain veterans who are buried in State cemeteries.

S. 2942

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2942, a bill to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center.

S. RES. 548

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 548, a resolution recognizing the accomplishments of the members and alumni of AmeriCorps and the contributions of AmeriCorps to the lives of the people of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 4616

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4616 intended to be proposed to H.R. 2881, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2970. A bill to enhance the ability of drinking water utilities in the

United States to develop and implement climate change adaptation programs and policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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

There being on objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 2970

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 "Climate Change Drinking Water Adaptation Research Act."

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the consensus among climate scientists is overwhelming that climate change is occurring more rapidly than can be attributed to natural causes, and that significant impacts to the water supply are already occurring;

(2) among the first and most critical of those impacts will be change to patterns of precipitation around the world, which will affect water availability for the most basic drinking water and domestic water needs of populations in many areas of the United States;

(3) drinking water utilities throughout the United States, as well as those in Europe, Australia, and Asia, are concerned that extended changes in precipitation will lead to extended droughts;

(4) supplying water is highly energy-intensive and will become more so as climate change forces more utilities to turn to alternative supplies;

(5) energy production consumes a significant percentage of the fresh water resources of the United States;

(6) since 2003, the drinking water industry of the United States has sponsored, through a nonprofit water research foundation, various studies to assess the impacts of climate change on drinking water supplies;

(7) those studies demonstrate the need for a comprehensive program of research into the full range of impacts on drinking water utilities, including impacts on water supplies, facilities, and customers;

(8) that nonprofit water research foundation is also coordinating internationally with other drinking water utilities on shared research projects and has hosted international workshops with counterpart European and Asian water research organizations to develop a unified research agenda for applied research on adaptive strategies to address climate change impacts;

(9) research data in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act—

(A) summarize the best available scientific evidence on climate change;

(B) identify the implications of climate change for the water cycle and the availability and quality of water resources; and

(C) provide general guidance on planning and adaptation strategies for water utilities; and

(10) given uncertainties about specific climate changes in particular areas, drinking water utilities need to prepare for a wider range of likely possibilities in managing and delivery of water.

SEC. 3. RESEARCH ON THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON DRINKING WATER UTILITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce,