

salary is above the threshold for only 2 months will not be covered by the ban, even if those 2 months—for example, July and August—have an aggregate of more than 60 days.

Our amendment also makes the criminal law and Senate Rule XXXVII consistent. Both the law and the rule will now look back over the same time period, i.e., 1 year before an employee's termination, and the threshold will be the same, i.e., more than 2 months. Post-employment restrictions will thus be clearer to staff and the public, as well as easier to administer.

Under 2 U.S.C. 60c-1, Members, officers, and employees of the Senate are paid on a semimonthly basis: generally, the 20th of every month for the period of the 1st through the 15th and the 5th of the succeeding month for the period of the 16th through the end of the month. Thus, the language "two months" is intended and shall mean in the Senate equal to four pay periods. If an employee were to be paid above the threshold amount for more than four pay periods, for example, for four and any part of a fifth pay period, he or she would be covered by the restrictions of both the law and the rule.

Mr. President, the amendment is at the desk, and I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered and agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 4712) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To propose a technical amendment relating to Senate pay periods)

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . TECHNICAL AMENDMENT RELATING TO SENATE PAY PERIODS.**

(a) TITLE 18.—Section 207(e)(7) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "at least 60 days" and inserting "more than 2 months"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking "at least 60 days" and inserting "more than 2 months".

(b) SENATE RULES.—Paragraph 9(c) of rule XXXVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by striking "more than 60 days in a calendar year" and inserting "more than 2 months, in the aggregate, during the 1-year period before that former officer's or employee's service as such officer or employee was terminated".

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 5493), as amended, was passed.

**RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 552.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 552) recognizing the 150th anniversary of the State of Minnesota.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 552) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

**S. RES. 552**

Whereas Minnesota was established as a territory on March 2, 1849, and became the 32nd State on May 11, 1858;

Whereas Minnesota is also known as the "Gopher State", the "North Star State", and the "Land of 10,000 Lakes";

Whereas Minnesota's name comes from the Dakota word "minnesota", meaning "water that reflects the sky", and Native Americans continue to play a defining role in Minnesota's proud heritage;

Whereas the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul were established after the completion of nearby Fort Snelling, a frontier outpost and training center for Civil War soldiers;

Whereas more than 338,000,000 tons of Minnesota iron ore were shipped between 1940 and 1945 that contributed to the United States military victory in World War II, and an additional 648,000,000 tons of iron ore were shipped between 1945 and 1955 that boosted post-war economic expansion in the United States;

Whereas, in 1889, the Saint Mary's Hospital, now known as the Mayo Clinic, opened its doors to patients in Rochester, Minnesota, and is now known worldwide for its cutting-edge care;

Whereas Minnesota continues to be a leader in innovation and is currently home to more than 35 Fortune 500 companies;

Whereas Minnesota houses over 30 institutions of higher education, including the University of Minnesota, a world-class research university where the first open heart surgery and first bone marrow transplant were performed in the United States;

Whereas farmland spans over half of Minnesota's 54,000,000 acres and the agriculture industry is Minnesota's 2nd largest job market, employing nearly 80,000 farmers;

Whereas Minnesota is the Nation's number one producer of sugarbeets and turkeys;

Whereas Minnesota is a national leader in the production and use of renewable energy, which helps our Nation reduce its dependency on foreign sources of oil;

Whereas the Mall of America located in Bloomington, Minnesota, is the Nation's largest retail and entertainment complex, spanning 9,500,000 square feet and providing more than 11,000 jobs;

Whereas Minnesota has 90,000 miles of lake and river shoreline, which includes the coast of Lake Superior, the largest of North America's Great Lakes;

Whereas the Minneapolis-St. Paul area is nationally recognized for its parks, museums, and cultural events; and

Whereas the people of Minnesota have a timeless reputation of compassion, strength, and determination: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the State of Minnesota on its 150th anniversary and the contributions it continues to make to America's economy and heritage.

**CONGRATULATING CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we proceed now to S. Res. 553.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 553) congratulating Charles County, Maryland, on the occasion of its 350th anniversary.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that there be no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 553) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

**S. RES. 553**

Whereas 2008 marks the 350th anniversary of the establishment of Charles County, Maryland, a historic and memorable event that will be commemorated throughout the year;

Whereas Charles County was chartered in 1658 and named after Charles Calvert, a royal proprietor of the colony of Maryland;

Whereas citizens of Charles County have played an important role in the history of Maryland and our Nation, including Thomas Stone, whose home is maintained by the National Park Service in Port Tobacco and who served as a Continental Congressman, a framer of the Articles of Confederation, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence;

Whereas, under the Articles of Confederation, John Hanson, born in Port Tobacco, served as the President of the United States in Congress Assembled;

Whereas Josiah Henson escaped slavery and fled from Charles County to Canada, where he wrote his autobiography, a narrative that later inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin";

Whereas Josiah Henson's grandnephew, Matthew Henson, left Charles County farmland to become an arctic explorer, venturing to the North Pole and going on to receive international acclaim;

Whereas, following the Civil War, the house of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd in Waldorf was where John Wilkes Booth stopped to have Dr. Mudd reset his leg, broken after he fatally shot President Abraham Lincoln and jumped off the balcony of Ford's Theater in Washington, DC;

Whereas today Charles County has roughly 120,000 residents;

Whereas, while farming and small town life still flourish, particularly along the banks of the Potomac River, the population of the county is growing; and

Whereas the county is home to workers in the National Capital region as well as the

county's largest employer, a Department of Defense Energetics Center, the Indian Head Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(a) commends and congratulates Charles County, Maryland, on the occasion of its 350th anniversary; and

(b) requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Charles County Anniversary Committee as an expression of the Senate's best wishes for a glorious year of celebration.

#### REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 110-17

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on May 6 of this year by the President of the United States:

Tax Convention with Iceland (Treaty Document No. 110-17).

I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with the accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit herewith, for Senate advice and consent to ratification, the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, and accompanying Protocol, signed on October 23, 2007, at Washington, D.C. (the "proposed Treaty"). The proposed Treaty would replace the existing income tax Convention with Iceland that was concluded in 1975 (the "existing Treaty"). Also transmitted for the information of the Senate is the report of the Department of State with respect to the proposed Treaty.

The proposed Treaty contains a comprehensive provision designed to prevent so-called treaty shopping. The existing Treaty contains no such protections, resulting in substantial abuse of the existing Treaty's provisions by third-country investors. The proposed Treaty also reflects changes to U.S. and Icelandic law and tax treaty policy since 1975.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the proposed Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 6, 2008.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time of the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there be a period of morning business for up to 1 hour with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the second half; and that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2284, the flood insurance legislation, and that all time during the adjournment, recess, or period of morning business count against cloture; I further ask that the Senate recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons to meet.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, we expect to be in a position tomorrow to work on the flood insurance bill, as I indicated. In the morning there will be a

unanimous consent asked immediately upon coming in so we can start legislating on this matter.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate tonight, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:12 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 7, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

TROY A. PAREDES, OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JUNE 5, 2013, VICE PAUL S. ATKINS, RESIGNED.

##### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

CYNTHIA L. BAUERLY, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2011, VICE ROBERT D. LENHARD.

CAROLINE C. HUNTER, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2013, VICE MICHAEL E. TONER, RESIGNED.

DONALD F. MCGAHN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2009, VICE DAVID M. MASON, TERM EXPIRED.

#### WITHDRAWALS

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on May 6, 2008, withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

DAVID M. MASON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2009, (REAPPOINTMENT), WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 9, 2007.

ROBERT D. LENHARD, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2011, VICE DANNY LEE McDONALD, TERM EXPIRED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 9, 2007.

ROBERT J. BATTISTA, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2009, VICE DENNIS P. WALSH, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 25, 2008.