

(2) recognizes that National Internet Safety Month provides the citizens of the United States with an opportunity to learn more about—

(A) the dangers of the Internet; and
(B) the importance of being safe and responsible online;

(3) commends and recognizes national and community organizations for—

(A) promoting awareness of the dangers of the Internet; and

(B) providing information and training that develops critical thinking and decision-making skills that are needed to use the Internet safely; and

(4) calls on Internet safety organizations, law enforcement, educators, community leaders, parents, and volunteers to increase their efforts to raise the level of awareness for the need for online safety in the United States.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I introduced a resolution designating June 2008 as National Internet Safety Month.

The Internet has become one of the most significant advances in the 20th century and, as a result, it affects people's lives in a positive manner each day. However, this technology presents dangers that need to be brought to the attention of all Americans. Consider the pervasiveness of Internet access by children and the rapid increase in Internet crime and predatory behavior. Never before have powerful educational solutions—such as Internet safety curricula for grades kindergarten through 12—been more critical and readily at hand.

I-SAFE is one nonprofit organization that has worked tirelessly to educate our youth and our community on these important issues. Formed in 1998, I-SAFE educates youth in all 50 States, Washington, DC, and Department of Defense schools worldwide to ensure that they have a safe experience online.

It is imperative that all Americans learn about the Internet safety strategies which will help keep their children safe from victimization. Consider the facts: In the United States, about 35 million school-aged children have Internet access. Eighty-six percent of middle and high school students are online for at least one hour per week.

An alarming statistic is that 61 percent of middle and high school youths admit to using the Internet unsafely or inappropriately. Furthermore, at least 12 percent of these students have met face-to-face with someone they first met online and 42 percent of these students know of someone who has been bullied online.

Now is the time for America to focus its attention on supporting Internet safety, especially bearing in mind that children will soon be on summer vacation and will spend more time online.

SENATE RESOLUTION 568—COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAYH,

Mr. BOND, Mr. GREGG, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 568

Whereas, in 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt invited the Nation's Governors to the White House to discuss conserving America's natural resources;

Whereas the Governors decided to form an association through which they could continue to come together on a bipartisan basis to discuss mutual concerns and share State practices;

Whereas, 100 years later, the National Governors Association serves as the collective voice of the 55 Governors of States, commonwealths, and territories;

Whereas, for the past century, Governors have utilized the organization to explore issues, develop solutions, and build consensus on diverse national policies;

Whereas the National Governors Association has played a key role in shaping public policy and addressing America's most pressing challenges; and

Whereas the National Governors Association is celebrating 100 years of gubernatorial leadership—honoring the past, celebrating the present, and embracing the future: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the leadership of the Nation's Governors and honors their contributions to American politics and society; and

(2) commemorates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Governors Association.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4777. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4751 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)) to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4778. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4779. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4780. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4781. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4782. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4783. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4784. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4785. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4777. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4751 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)) to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the substitute amendment, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.

Section 508 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3758) is amended by striking “for fiscal year 2006” through the period and inserting “for each of the fiscal years 2006 through 2012”.

SA 4778. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES' RIGHT TO WORK.

(a) PROVIDING PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES WITH THE RIGHT TO WORK.—Section 4(b) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) Providing for the rights of all public sector employees in the State, by mandating that no such employee pay any dues or fees to a labor organization as a condition of employment.”.

(b) ROLE OF THE AUTHORITY.—Section 5(a) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by striking “in section 4(b)” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “in section 4(b)”.

SA 4779. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . LIFE AT CONCEPTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(b) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) Requiring that the State shall have taken steps to protect the rights, life, and safety of all of its citizens, born or unborn, by enacting laws to protect the lives of these citizens and granting to the born and unborn equally the right to life guaranteed under the Constitution and enumerated under the 14th Amendment, and declaring such protections to be vested in each human being from the time of conception.”.

(b) ROLE OF AUTHORITY.—Section 5(a) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by striking “described in section 4(b)” and all that follows through the period and inserting “described in section 4(b)”.

SA 4780. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ MEMBERS-ONLY BARGAINING.

(a) MEMBERS-ONLY BARGAINING.—Section 4(b) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) In order to protect the rights of the individual worker—

“(A) prohibiting a State or local government from entering into an exclusive representation agreement with a labor organization; and

“(B) ensuring that a labor organization is only representing its own members, and that the rights of nonmembers to bargain on their own behalf is provided for.”.

(b) ROLE OF THE AUTHORITY.—Section 5(a) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by striking “in section 4(b)” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “in section 4(b)”.

SA 4781. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ RIGHT TO CARRY WEAPONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(b) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) Granting citizens of the State the right to carry concealed weapons to assist in protecting the safety of its citizens and public safety officers.”.

(b) ROLE OF AUTHORITY.—Section 5(a) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by striking “described in section 4(b)” and all that follows through the period and inserting “described in section 4(b)”.

SA 4782. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ RECIPROCITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(b) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) Granting citizens of other States where the concealed carrying of firearms has been duly provided for by law the ability to exercise that right in their State without the further issuance of permits.”.

(b) ROLE OF AUTHORITY.—Section 5(a) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by striking “described in section 4(b)” and all that follows through the period and inserting “described in section 4(b)”.

SA 4783. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public

safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PREVENTING PAYROLL DEDUCTION.

(a) PREVENTING PAYROLL DEDUCTION.—Section 4(b) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) Prohibiting the deduction of labor organization dues or fees of any kind directly from an employee’s paycheck.”.

(b) ROLE OF THE AUTHORITY.—Section 5(a) of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 is amended by striking “in section 4(b)” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “in section 4(b)”.

SA 4784. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER RIGHT-TO-WORK.

Section 4(b) of this Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) Forbidding any public safety employer from negotiating a contract or memorandum of understanding that requires the payment of any fees to any labor organization as a condition of employment.”.

SA 4785. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page ____, line ____, insert the following:

SEC. ____ COLLECTION OF UNION DUES FROM ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS PROHIBITED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for a labor organization to collect dues or initiation fees from any individual who is physically present in the United States in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(b) STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a State law shall be deemed to have failed to substantially provide for the rights and responsibilities described in section 4(b) unless the Authority determines that such law, in addition to meeting such rights and responsibilities, prohibits labor organizations from collecting dues or initiation fees from any individual who is physically present in the United States in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(2) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—The Authority may issue and enforce regulations to carry out paragraph (1) in the manner provided under section 5.

(c) DECERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.—In addition to any enforcement measures authorized under subsection (b)(2), if the Authority determines that a labor organization has violated any provision under subsection (a) or (b), the Authority shall issue an order that decertifies the labor organization or otherwise notifies the labor organization that the organization will no longer be recognized by the Authority as the exclusive representative of employees for collective bargaining purposes.

(d) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION BY PUBLIC SAFETY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.—Section

402(e) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (title IV of division C of Public Law 104-208; 8 U.S.C. 1324a note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—All labor organizations (as defined in section 3 of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007) shall elect to participate in the basic pilot program and shall comply with the terms and conditions of such election.

“(B) VERIFICATION OF ALL MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision in this title, each participating labor organization shall use the confirmation system to seek confirmation of the identity and employment eligibility of each member of such labor organization.

“(C) DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE.—The verifications required under subparagraph (B) shall be completed—

“(i) not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2007 for all members of the labor organization as of such date; and

“(ii) for individuals who become members of such labor organization after such date of enactment, not later than 14 days after the commencement of such membership.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in Executive Session to consider pending military nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 15, 2008, at 3 p.m. in Executive session to conduct a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 1:50 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.