

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

Whereas, increasing public and congressional attention has been focused on the unauthorized alien population in the United States; and

Whereas, the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act makes all United States employers responsible for verifying the identity and work authorization of all individuals; and

Whereas, the federal government imposes civil penalties for those employers who continue to hire or retain unauthorized aliens; and

Whereas, the Department of Homeland Security reports an estimated eleven million unauthorized aliens living in the United States and an estimated six million of that number are from Mexico; and

Whereas, a large percentage of that number of unauthorized aliens represent the United States civilian labor force; and

Whereas, unauthorized aliens account for thirteen percent of the agriculture industry and twelve percent of the construction industry; and

Whereas, the state of Louisiana is experiencing a drastic increase in the number of unauthorized aliens seeking employment in our state due to the demand of the construction and agriculture industries; and

Whereas, the sovereignty of our state must be protected. THEREFORE, be it

Resolved, That the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the United States Congress to increase penalties for any person who knowingly hires, or recruits or refers for a fee, for employment within that state, an individual who is not authorized to work in the United States, or who knowingly continues to employ an unauthorized alien. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-431. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana urging Congress to take such actions as are necessary to recognize the need for support of the spouses of deceased veterans and the need for housing for homeless veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

Whereas, since the establishment of these United States, the policy of this nation is and always will be the support of the men and women who serve in the defense of their country in peace time as well as in times of military conflict; and

Whereas, the Veterans Administration was established by the Congress of these United States to recognize the contributions and service of the men and women of these United States and to provide for their well-being after their service to their country in the military; and

Whereas, the states of these United States in furtherance of this policy established state agencies to further administer to the welfare of our veterans specifically in Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs; and

Whereas, to promote and encourage the citizens of our state to participate in providing housing for our military veterans and their dependents, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana recognizes the need to support projects designed to further both the federal and state efforts to provide housing for veterans and their other needs; and

Whereas, the Veterans Village, a nonprofit organization located in Winnsboro, Lou-

isiana, will provide over five hundred housing units for the spouses of our deceased veterans, as well as the veterans who are homeless in the state of Louisiana; and

Whereas, one out of every four homeless people is a citizen who served our nation in the defense of this country and needs assistance in finding adequate housing; and

Whereas, Veterans Village seeks financial support from the Congress of these United States to assist in the development of the Veterans Village in its effort to provide housing for deceased veterans' spouses and those who are homeless; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana desires to acknowledge its support of nonprofit projects like the Veterans Village in Winnsboro, Louisiana, which promotes housing for spouses of our deceased veterans and veterans who are without adequate shelter in our state. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to appropriate funds to assist the development of the Veterans Village project designed to improve the standard of living of the spouses of our deceased veterans, as well as the homeless veterans living in the state of Louisiana. Be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana congressional delegation to file the appropriate legislation necessary to accomplish this appropriation. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

POM-432. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Louisiana to take such actions as are necessary to recognize the need for support of the spouses of deceased veterans and the need for housing for homeless veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 181

Whereas, since the establishment of these United States, the policy of this nation is and always will be the support of the men and women who serve in the defense of their country in peace time as well as in times of military conflict; and

Whereas, the Veterans Administration was established by the Congress of these United States to recognize the contributions and service of the men and women of these United States and to provide for their well-being after their service to their country in the military; and

Whereas, the states of these United States in furtherance of this policy have established state agencies to further administer to the welfare of our veterans, which in Louisiana is the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs; and

Whereas, to promote and encourage the citizens of our state to participate in providing housing for our military veterans and their dependents, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby recognizes the need to support projects designed to further both the federal and state efforts to provide housing for veterans and their other needs; and

Whereas, the Veterans Village, a nonprofit organization located in Winnsboro, Louisiana, will provide over five hundred housing units for the spouses of our deceased veterans, as well as the veterans who are homeless in the state of Louisiana; and

Whereas, one out of every four homeless people is a citizen who have served our na-

tion in the defense of this country and need assistance in finding adequate housing; and

Whereas, Veterans Village seeks financial support from the Congress of these United States to assist in the development of the Veterans Village in its effort to provide housing for deceased veterans' spouses and those who are homeless; and

Whereas, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana desires to acknowledge its support of nonprofit projects like the Veterans Village in Winnsboro, Louisiana, which promotes housing for spouses of our deceased veterans and veterans who are without adequate shelter in our state. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to take such actions as are necessary to appropriate funds to assist the development of the Veterans Village project designed to improve the standard of living of the spouses of our deceased veterans, as well as the homeless veterans living in the state of Louisiana. Be it further

Resolved, That the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the members of the United States Congress from Louisiana to take the proper steps to obtain such appropriation. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the secretary of the United States Senate and the clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to each member of the Louisiana delegation to the United States Congress.

POM-433. A message from the Canadian Parliament extending best wishes to the United States Congress and the people of the United States of America on the anniversary of the independence of the United States of America on July 4, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-434. A resolution adopted by the City of Miami Beach City Commission Meeting of June 25, 2008, urging Congress to grant temporary protective status to Haitians in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 4210. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 Washington Avenue in Weldon, North Carolina, as the "Dock M. Brown Post Office Building".

H.R. 5477. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 South Del Mar Avenue in San Gabriel, California, as the "Chi Mui Post Office Building".

H.R. 5483. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building".

H.R. 5631. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1155 Seminole Trail in Charlottesville, Virginia, as the "Corporal Bradley T. Arms Post Office Building".

H.R. 6061. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 219 East Main Street in West Frankfort, Illinois, as the "Kenneth James Gray Post Office Building".

H.R. 6085. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 42222 Rancho Las Palmas Drive in Rancho

Mirage, California, as the "Gerald R. Ford Post Office Building".

H.R. 6150. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14500 Lorain Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, as the "John P. Gallagher Post Office Building".

S. 3241. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1717 Orange Avenue in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the "CeeCee Ross Lyles Post Office Building".

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Carol A. Dalton, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Anthony C. Epstein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*James A. Williams, of Virginia, to be Administrator of General Services.

*Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

*Heidi M. Pasichow, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*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.

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. TESTER:

S. 3363. A bill to expedite the transfer of ownership of rural multifamily housing projects with loans made or insured under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949 so that such projects are rehabilitated and preserved for use for affordable housing; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 3364. A bill to increase the recruitment and retention of school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists by low-income local educational agencies; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. 3365. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a nonrefundable tax credit for long-term care insurance premiums; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 3366. A bill to protect, conserve, and restore native fish, wildlife, and their natural habitats at national wildlife refuges through cooperative, incentive-based grants to control, mitigate, and eradicate harmful non-native plant species, and for other purposes;

to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. COCHRAN):

S. 3367. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the timeframe for recognition of certain designations in certifying rural health clinics under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 3368. A bill to promote industry growth and competitiveness and to improve worker training, retention, and advancement, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3369. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. Res. 632. A resolution calling on the Governments of the People's Republic of China and the international community to use the upcoming Olympic Games as an opportunity to push for the parties to the conflicts in Sudan, Chad, and the Central African Republic to cease hostilities and revive efforts toward a peaceful resolution of their national and regional conflicts; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. BUNNING):

S. Res. 633. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the deterioration of respect for privacy and human rights in the People's Republic of China before the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SMITH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 634. A resolution recognizing July 30, 2008, as the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the resolution establishing the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. McCONNELL:

S. Res. 635. A resolution making minority party appointments for the 110th Congress; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 400

At the request of Mr. SUNUNU, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 400, a bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent

students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

S. 1075

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1075, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to expand access to contraceptive services for women and men under the Medicaid program, help low income women and couples prevent unintended pregnancies and reduce abortion, and for other purposes.

S. 1376

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. McCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1376, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and expand the drug discount program under section 340B of such Act to improve the provision of discounts on drug purchases for certain safety net providers.

S. 1588

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1588, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that group and individual health insurance coverage and group health plans provide coverage for treatment of a minor child's congenital or developmental deformity or disorder due to trauma, infection, tumor, or disease.

S. 1603

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1603, a bill to authorize Congress to award a gold medal to Jerry Lewis, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Nation.

S. 1870

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1870, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

S. 2367

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2367, a bill to provide for the issuance of bonds to provide funding for the construction of schools of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2369

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2369, a bill to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide that certain tax planning inventions are not patentable, and for other purposes.