

employee whose rate of pay exceeds applicable pay limitations on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

(b) OTHER PAY SYSTEMS.—With the concurrence of the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, the administrator of a pay system not administered by the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this Act with respect to employees in such pay system, consistent with the regulations issued by the Office under subsection (a).

SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection (b), this Act (including the amendments made by this Act) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) LOCALITY PAY AND SCHEDULE.—The amendments made by section 2 and the provisions of section 4 shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 60—COMMEMORATING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACCESSION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY, AND THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND AS MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 60

Whereas, on March 12, 1999, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland formally joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

Whereas, in March 2009, NATO will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland as members of the alliance;

Whereas representatives of the governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland will be in attendance as NATO celebrates its 60th anniversary at a summit to be held on April 4, 2009, in Germany and France;

Whereas the security of the United States and its NATO allies have been enhanced by the integration of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland into the NATO alliance;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland have been integral to the NATO mission of promoting a Europe that is whole, undivided, free, and at peace;

Whereas the membership of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland has strengthened the ability of NATO to perform a full range of missions throughout the world;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland continue to provide crucial support and participation in the NATO International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan, as NATO struggles to help the people of Afghanistan create the conditions necessary for security and successful development and reconstruction;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland helped support NATO efforts to stabilize and secure the Balkans region by contributing to the NATO-led Kosovo Force;

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and all NATO members share a strong mutual commitment to defense, regional security, development, and human rights, throughout Europe and beyond; and

Whereas the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland have done much to help NATO meet

the global challenges of the 21st century, including the threat of terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, instability caused by failed states, and threats to global energy security: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the 10th anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO);

(2) congratulates the people of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland on their accomplishments as members of free democracies and partners in European stability and security;

(3) expresses appreciation for the continuing and close partnership between the United States Government and the Governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland; and

(4) urges the United States Government to continue to seek new ways to deepen and expand its important relationships with the Governments of the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland.

SENATE RESOLUTION 61—COMMENDING THE COLUMBUS CREW MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2008 MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER CUP

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 61

Whereas, on Sunday, November 23, 2008, the Columbus Crew defeated the New York Red Bulls by a score of 3-1 to win the 2008 Major League Soccer (MLS) Cup;

Whereas the Columbus Crew led the league with a record of 17 wins, 7 losses, and 6 draws and scored 50 regular season goals and 8 playoff goals;

Whereas Columbus Crew head coach Sigi Schmid was named the 2008 MLS Coach of the Year and became the first MLS Coach to win an MLS Cup with two different teams;

Whereas Columbus Crew forward Guillermo Barros Schelotto was named the 2008 MLS Most Valuable Player and led the league with 19 regular season assists and 6 playoff assists;

Whereas Columbus Crew defender Chad Marshall was named the 2008 MLS Defender of the Year;

Whereas Columbus Crew forward Alejandro Moreno led the team in scoring with 9 regular season goals and 1 playoff goal;

Whereas Columbus Crew goalkeeper Will Hesmer had 17 wins, 97 saves, and 10 shutouts in 29 regular season games;

Whereas Alejandro Moreno, Chad Marshall, and Frankie Hejduk all scored goals in the MLS Cup Championship game;

Whereas the Columbus Crew was the winner of the 2008 MLS Supporters' Shield for being the team with the best regular season record;

Whereas Columbus Crew Captain Frankie Hejduk led the team to its first MLS Cup since the team's creation in 1994; and

Whereas the Columbus Crew, along with its supporters, has energized Columbus and brought great pride to the State of Ohio: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Columbus Crew on winning the 2008 Major League Soccer Cup;

(2) recognizes the achievements of Sigi Schmid, Chad Marshall, Guillermo Barros Schelotto, and the other members of the Columbus Crew for their tireless work ethic and championship form;

(3) salutes the support of the Columbus Crew fan groups, including the Hudson Street Hooligans, the Crew Union, La Turbina Amarilla, and the rest of the Nordecke for unwavering dedication to the Columbus Crew; and

(4) expresses the hope that the Columbus Crew and Major League Soccer will continue to inspire soccer fans and players throughout Ohio, the United States, and the world.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 9—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. DORGAN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 9

Whereas multiple sclerosis can impact men and women of all ages, races, and ethnicities; Whereas more than 400,000 people in the United States live with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas approximately 2,500,000 people worldwide have been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas it is estimated that between 8,000 and 10,000 children and adolescents are living with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas every hour of every day, someone is newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis;

Whereas the exact cause of multiple sclerosis is still unknown;

Whereas the symptoms of multiple sclerosis are unpredictable and vary from person to person;

Whereas there is no laboratory test available for multiple sclerosis;

Whereas multiple sclerosis is not genetic, contagious, or directly inherited, but studies show that there are genetic factors that indicate that certain individuals are susceptible to the disease;

Whereas multiple sclerosis symptoms occur when an immune system attack affects the myelin in nerve fibers of the central nervous system, damaging or destroying it and replacing it with scar tissue, thereby interfering with, or preventing the transmission of, nerve signals;

Whereas in rare cases, multiple sclerosis is so progressive that it is fatal;

Whereas there is no known cure for multiple sclerosis;

Whereas the Multiple Sclerosis Coalition, an affiliation of multiple sclerosis organizations dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life for all those affected by multiple sclerosis, recognizes and celebrates Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week;

Whereas the Multiple Sclerosis Coalition's mission is to increase opportunities for cooperation and provide greater opportunity to leverage the effective use of resources for the benefit of the multiple sclerosis community;

Whereas the Multiple Sclerosis Coalition recognizes and celebrates Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week during 1 week in March every calendar year;

Whereas the goals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week are to invite people to join the movement to end multiple sclerosis, encourage everyone to do something to demonstrate a commitment to moving toward a world free of multiple sclerosis, and to acknowledge those who have dedicated their time and talent to help promote multiple sclerosis research and programs; and

Whereas in 2009, Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week is recognized during the week of March 2nd through March 8th: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week;

(2) encourages States, territories, and possessions of the United States and local communities to support the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week;

(3) encourages media organizations to participate in Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week and help educate the public about multiple sclerosis;

(4) commends the efforts of the States, territories, and possessions of the United States and local communities that support the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week;

(5) recognizes and reaffirms the commitment of the people of the United States to combating multiple sclerosis by promoting awareness about the causes and risks of multiple sclerosis, and by promoting new education programs, supporting research, and expanding access to medical treatment; and

(6) recognizes all people in the United States living with multiple sclerosis, expresses gratitude to their family members and friends who are a source of love and encouragement to them, and salutes the health care professionals and medical researchers who provide assistance to those living with multiple sclerosis and continue to work to find cures and improve treatments.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 592. Mr. McCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

SA 593. Mr. McCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 594. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 596. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 597. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 598. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 599. Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 600. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 601. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 602. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 603. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 604. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 607. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 608. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 609. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 610. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 611. Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. DEMINT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 612. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 592. Mr. McCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. CONTINUING 2008 FUNDING LEVELS.

Section 106(3) of Public Law 110-329 is amended by striking “March 6, 2009” and inserting “September 30, 2009”.

SA 593. Mr. McCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FUNDS.

None of the funds in this Act may be used for any project listed in the statement of managers that is not listed and specifically provided for in this Act.

SA 594. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of Division I, Title I, insert the following:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in Division I, Title I of this Act, for the Department of Transportation may be available for the Pleasure Beach Water Taxi Service in Connecticut, and the amount made available under such title is reduced by \$1,900,000.

SA 595. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of Division A, Title I, insert the following:

SEC. . Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in Division A, Title I of this Act, for the Agricultural Research Service under the heading “Salaries and Expenses” may be available for swine odor and manure management research in Ames, Iowa, and the amount made available under such heading is reduced by \$1,791,000.

SA 596. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1120, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

PROHIBITION ON NO-BID EARMARKS

SEC. 414. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to make any payment in connection with a contract unless the contract is awarded using competitive procedures in accordance with the requirements of section 303 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253), section 2304 of title 10, United States Code, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be awarded by grant or cooperative agreement unless the process used to award such grant or cooperative agreement uses competitive procedures to select the grantee or award recipient.

SA 597. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII in Division A, before the short title, insert the following:

SEC. 7. Any State Conservationist of the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture may use funds received by the State Conservationist during fiscal year 2009 for purposes of the environmental quality incentives program established under chapter 4 of subtitle D of title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3839aa et seq.) to carry out the watershed rehabilitation program under section 14 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (16 U.S.C. 1012).

SA 598. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 135, line 6, strike the period and insert “of which \$12,000,000 shall be available for the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights