

end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover in existence in Haiti in 1990, and for other purposes.

S. 1280

At the request of Mr. CORKER, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1280, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to delegate management authority over troubled assets purchased under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, to require the establishment of a trust to manage assets of certain designated TARP recipients, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 17

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 17, a joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 11

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) and the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 11, a concurrent resolution condemning all forms of anti-Semitism and reaffirming the support of Congress for the mandate of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 27

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 27, a concurrent resolution directing the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of "In God we trust" in the Capitol Visitor Center.

S. CON. RES. 28

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 28, a concurrent resolution supporting the goals of Smart Irrigation Month, which recognizes the advances in irrigation technology and practices that help raise healthy plants and increase crop yields while using water resources more efficiently and encourages the adoption of smart irrigation practices throughout the United States to further improve water-use efficiency in agricultural, residential, and commercial activities.

S. RES. 158

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 158, a resolution to commend the American Sail Training Association for advancing international goodwill and character building under sail.

AMENDMENT NO. 1337

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Louisiana

(Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1337 intended to be proposed to S. 1023, a bill to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 1343

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 1343 intended to be proposed to S. 1023, a bill to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1316. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to modify requirements relating to the location of bank branches on Indian reservations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I rise to introduce a bill that would provide authority for the establishment of branch banking facilities on Indian reservations so that the Federally-chartered Native American Bank could enable access to financial services to Indian tribes and their citizens.

Many years ago, as part of my service as Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, I met with tribal leaders to discuss the challenges of economic development in Indian country. At that time, I suggested that they might give consideration to a means by which tribal governments could pool their resources and thereby provide the capital that other tribal governments could employ on a short-term loan basis to undertake reservation-based projects that held the potential of stimulating economic growth in their tribal communities.

The tribal leaders with whom I met were very interested in this idea, and in the ensuing years, went forward and established the Native American Bank—which is headquartered in Denver—but continues to manage its first affiliated bank on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana.

As my colleagues know, there are few financial institutions located either on or near Indian reservations, and sadly, there is evidence that some financial institutions have found it apparently necessary to either charge very high rates that they associate with the risk of doing business in Indian country, or to deny financial assistance altogether.

The Native American Bank has stepped into that latter void and has been providing meaningful financial services to tribal governments and their citizens for a number of years.

This bill contains amendments to the McFadden Act that have been carefully

sculpted to address only this narrow expansion of capacity on the part of financial institutions serving Indian country, and I am pleased that Senator JOHNSON, a member of the Senate Banking Committee, has agreed to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 199—RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE RECREATIONAL BOATING COMMUNITY AND THE BOATING INDUSTRY TO THE CONTINUING PROSPERITY OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KOHL (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 199

Whereas the recreational boating community in the United States includes over 59,000,000 individuals;

Whereas the boating industry contributes more than \$33,000,000,000 annually to the United States economy, and provides jobs for 337,000 citizens of the United States who earn wages totaling \$10,400,000,000 annually;

Whereas recreational boaters often serve as stewards of the marine environment of the United States, educating others of the value of marine resources, and preserving the resources for the enjoyment of future generations;

Whereas there are approximately 1,400 active boat builders in the United States, using materials and services contributed from all 50 States;

Whereas recreational boating provides opportunities for families to be together, appeals to all age groups, and benefits the physical fitness and scholastic performance of those who participate; and

Whereas, July 1, 2009, would be an appropriate day to establish as National Boating Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate —

(1) commends the recreational boating community and the boating industry of the United States for contributing to the economy of the United States, benefitting the well-being of United States citizens, and providing responsible environmental stewardship of the marine resources of the United States; and

(2) encourages the United States to observe National Boating Day with appropriate programs and activities that emphasize family involvement and provide an opportunity to promote the boating industry.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1354. Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1355. Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1356. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S.

1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1357. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1358. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1359. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1360. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1347 proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1361. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1347 proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1362. Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. CORKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1363. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1347 proposed by Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1354. Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 9. TRUSTED PASSENGER/REGISTERED TRAVELER PROGRAM.

(a) ASSESSMENTS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2) and not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to enhance aviation security through risk management at airport checkpoints through use of a trusted passenger program (referred to in this section as the “Registered Traveler program”), established pursuant to section 109(a)(3) of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (Public Law 107-71; 49 U.S.C. 114 note), the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for the Transportation Security Administration shall—

(A) reinstate an initial and continuous security threat assessment program as part of the enrollment process for the Registered Traveler program; and

(B) allow appropriate providers to perform private sector background checks as part of the Registered Traveler program enrollment process with assurance that the program shall be undertaken in a manner consistent with constitutional privacy and civil liberties protections and be subject to approval and oversight by the Assistant Secretary.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Assistant Secretary shall not reinstate the threat assessment component of the Registered Traveler program or allow certain background checks unless the Assistant Secretary—

(A) determines that the Registered Traveler program, as carried out in accordance with this subsection, is integrated into risk-based aviation security operations; and

(B) expedites airport checkpoint screening for members of the Registered Traveler program who have been subjected to a security threat assessment and the private sector background check under this subsection.

(b) TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH TOP SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall establish protocols to—

(1) verify the identity of United States citizens who—

(A) participate in the Registered Traveler program; and

(B) possess a valid top secret security clearance granted by the Federal Government; and

(2) allow alternative screening procedures for individuals described in paragraph (1), including random, risk-based screening determined necessary to respond to a specific threat to security identified pursuant to a security threat assessment.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and if the Assistant Secretary determines that the Registered Traveler program, as carried out in accordance with subsection (a), may be integrated into risk-based aviation security operations under subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report on—

(1) the level of risk reduction provided by carrying out section (a);

(2) the manner in which the Registered Traveler program has been integrated into risk-based aviation security operations; and

(3) the changes to the Registered Traveler program, including screening protocols, that have been implemented to realize the full potential of the Registered Traveler program.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize any nongovernmental entity to perform vetting against the terrorist screening database maintained by the Government of the United States.

SA 1355. Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 9. EXPEDITED ADJUDICATION OF EMPLOYER PETITIONS FOR ALIENS WITH EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTIC ABILITY.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Arts Require Timely Service Act” or the “ARTS Act”.

(b) EXPEDITED ADJUDICATION OF EMPLOYER PETITIONS FOR ALIENS WITH EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTIC ABILITY.—Section 214(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking “Attorney General” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(2) in paragraph (6)(D)—

(A) by striking “(D) Any person” and inserting the following:

“(D)(i) Except as provided under clause (ii), any person”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall adjudicate each petition for an alien who has extraordinary ability in the arts (as described in section 101(a)(15)(O)(i)), an alien accompanying such an alien (as described in clauses (ii) and (iii) of section 101(a)(15)(O)), or an alien described in section 101(a)(15)(P) not later than 30 days after—

“(I) the date on which the petitioner submits the petition with a written advisory opinion, letter of no objection, or request for a waiver; or

“(II) the date on which the 15-day period described in clause (i) has expired, if the petitioner has had an appropriate opportunity to supply rebuttal evidence.

“(iii) If a petition described in clause (ii) is not adjudicated before the end of the 30-day period described in clause (ii) and the petitioner is an arts organization described in paragraph (3), (5), or (6) of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code for the taxable year preceding the calendar year in which the petition is submitted, or an individual or entity petitioning primarily on behalf of such an organization, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide the petitioner with the premium processing services referred to in section 286(u), without a fee.”.

SA 1356. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 23, line 6, and insert the following:

(4) REVIEW OF INFORMATION.—

(A) SUBMISSION.—The Corporation shall submit all information relating to United States Government travel and visa requirements proposed to be disseminated to foreign travelers under paragraphs (1)(A) and (3) to the Secretary of State and Secretary of Homeland Security for review in order to ensure that the travel promotion campaigns funded through the Travel Promotion Fund are factually accurate.

(B) REVIEW AND FEEDBACK.—Not later than 10 business days after receiving information from the Corporation under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall each—

(i) complete a review of the factual content of the information submitted by the Corporation under subparagraph (A); and

(ii) correct any factual errors discovered in such information.

(C) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall limit their review under this paragraph to the factual content of the information that the Corporation is proposing to disseminate.

(D) CHANGES.—The Corporation shall make all reasonable changes to the factual content of the information it proposes to disseminate to foreign travelers based on the feedback received from the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that such information is accurate.

(E) EFFECT OF FAILURE TO RESPOND.—If the Corporation does not receive a response from the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Homeland Security within 10 business days after the receipt of the information submitted under subparagraph (A), the factual