

SENATE RESOLUTION 261—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 12, 2009, AS “NATIONAL DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT”

Mr. PRYOR submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 261

Whereas negative images, stories, and influences in the day-to-day lives of Americans can detrimentally affect their emotional well-being, interactions with others, and general demeanor;

Whereas a group of teenagers participating in a leadership forum at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, identified a lack of encouragement as one of the greatest problems facing young people today;

Whereas the youth of our Nation need guidance, inspiration, and reassurance to counteract this negativity and to develop the qualities of character essential for future leadership in our country;

Whereas a National Day of Encouragement would serve as a reminder to counterbalance and overcome negative influences, and would also provide much-needed encouragement and support to others;

Whereas following the events of September 11, 2001, thousands of people of the United States made sacrifices in order to bring help and healing to the victims and their families, inspiring and encouraging the Nation; and

Whereas the renewed feelings of unity, hope, selflessness, and encouragement that began on September 12, 2001, are the same feelings that the National Day of Encouragement is meant to recapture and spread: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 12, 2009, as “National Day of Encouragement”;

(2) acknowledges the importance of encouragement and positive influences in the lives of all people; and

(3) urges the people of the United States to encourage others, whether it be through an act of service, a thoughtful letter, or words of kindness and inspiration, and to thereby boost the morale of all.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2307. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2308. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2309. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2310. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2311. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2312. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2313. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2314. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2315. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2316. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2317. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2318. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2319. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2320. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2321. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2322. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2323. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2324. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2325. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2326. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 245, recognizing September 11 as a “National Day of Service and Remembrance”.

SA 2327. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 245, supra.

SA 2328. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2329. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3288, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2307. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for surface transportation priorities.

SA 2308. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for any economic development initiative at a brownfield site (as defined in section 101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601)).

SA 2309. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. ELIMINATION OF EARMARK FOR PANHANDLE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the Panhandle Area Development District in Gering, Nebraska, to remodel an existing building for use as a physical and virtual small business incubator to serve the Panhandle of Nebraska.

SA 2310. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. ELIMINATION OF EARMARK FOR PORTSMOUTH MUSIC HALL.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the Portsmouth Music Hall in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for repairs, restoration, or modernization of a theater, or construction of an additional space.

SA 2311. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. ELIMINATION OF EARMARK FOR THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, for improved physical access to area businesses.

SA 2312. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ELIMINATION OF EARMARK FOR THE CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the Consumer Credit Counseling Service in Las Vegas, Nevada, for foreclosure prevention efforts.

SA 2313. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ELIMINATION OF EARMARK FOR THE JACKSONVILLE AREA LEGAL AID.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid in Jacksonville, Florida for foreclosure prevention training and other legal services.

SA 2314. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ELIMINATION OF EARMARK FOR NEIGHBORWORKS LINCOLN.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for NeighborWorks Lincoln in Lincoln, Nebraska for neighborhood revitalization, including elimination of blight, construction of single family homes, rehabilitation, and repairs.

SA 2315. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ELIMINATION OF EARMARK FOR THE NORTH END ACTION TEAM.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the North End Action Team in Middletown, Connecticut for foreclosure prevention assistance.

SA 2316. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of

Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ELIMINATION OF EARMARK FOR THE URBAN LEAGUE OF SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the Urban League of Southern Connecticut in Stamford, Connecticut for homeownership and foreclosure prevention counseling.

SA 2317. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to renovate a complex in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi.

SA 2318. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Ada Public Works Authority to construct a water tower in Ada, Oklahoma.

SA 2319. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to renovate a historical structure in Oxford, Mississippi.

SA 2320. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to construct a beach park promenade in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

SA 2321. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to purchase the equipment needed to construct a city-wide broadband network for the City of Ruston, Louisiana.

SA 2322. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to construct a children's museum in Wilmington, Delaware.

SA 2323. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to construct a public access floating dock system in Savannah, Georgia.

SA 2324. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to renovate an arts pavilion in Jackson County, Mississippi.

SA 2325. Mr. McCain submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 ____ . None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to expand high-

speed broadband connectivity in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

SA 2326. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 245, recognizing September 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; as follows:

On page 3, line 3, strike "annually observe a 'National Day of Service and Remembrance'" and insert "observe a 'National Day of Service and Remembrance' on September 11, 2009".

SA 2327. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 245, recognizing September 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing September 11, 2009, as a 'National Day of Service and Remembrance'".

SA 2328. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1 _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-161) for "I-35W Reconstruction Design, New Brighton, MN", and under the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8) for "I-35W North Congestion Mitigation and Design, MN", shall be available for obligation and expenditure for construction in that corridor.

SA 2329. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 215, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 156. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts made available for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program under title I of division I of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8) and directed to "Phase 3 Rail Rehabilitation in Redwood Falls, MN" in the explanatory statement appearing on page H2472 of the Congressional Record shall be available for obligation and expenditure for "Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, MN".

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled be-

fore the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on Energy and Related Economic Effects of Global Climate Change Legislation.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Gina.Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Jonathan Black or Gina Weinstock.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. 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 September 10, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the SEC's Failure To Identify the Bernard L. Madoff Ponzi Scheme and How To Improve SEC Performance."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oil and Gas Tax Provisions: A Consideration of the President's FY2010 Budget Proposal."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Iraq: Report from the Field."

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Follow the Money: An Update on Stimulus Spending, Transparency, and Fraud Prevention."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 2:15 p.m. in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009. The Committee will meet in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that April Saylor and Elyse Kamps of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joanne Waszczak and Dedre Goodman, detailees from the Department of Transportation to the Committee on Appropriations, be granted unlimited privileges of the floor during consideration of the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 245 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH). Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 245) recognizing September 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance."

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that an amendment to the resolution, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; the preamble be agreed to;