

are considering as to how the financial sector could make a fair and substantial contribution toward paying for any burdens associated with government interventions to repair the banking system.”;

Whereas the options expected to be included in the International Monetary Fund report being prepared for the next meeting of the G-20 would essentially describe proposals to finance bailouts of the financial sector on a global scale;

Whereas the Climate Conference held during December 1 through December 18, 2009, in Copenhagen, Denmark considered a number of international taxation and regulatory proposals that will—

- (1) punish businesses; and
- (2) promote proposals not based in sound science;

Whereas new international taxation and regulatory proposals would be an affront to the sovereignty of the United States;

Whereas the best manner by which to overcome the economic downturn in the United States includes taking measures that would—

- (1) lower tax rates;
- (2) reduce government spending; and
- (3) impose fewer onerous and unnecessary regulations on job creation; and

Whereas the worst manner by which to overcome the economic downturn in the United States includes taking measures that would—

- (1) increase tax rates; and
- (2) expand government intervention, including intervention on a global scale: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that Congress should reject any proposal for the creation of—

- (1) an international system of government bailouts for the financial sector;
- (2) a global cap-and-trade system or other climate regulations that would—

(A) punish businesses in the United States; and

(B) limit the competitiveness of the United States; and

- (3) a global tax system that would violate the sovereignty of the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 462—RECOGNIZING THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010, AS “TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY”

Mr. BURR (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 462

Whereas the Take Our Daughters To Work Day program in New York City was created as a response to research that showed that by the 8th grade many girls were dropping out of school, had low self-esteem, and lacked confidence;

Whereas, in 2003, the name of the program was changed to “Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day” so that boys who face many of the same challenges as girls could also be involved in the program;

Whereas the mission of the program, “Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Foundation develops innovative strategies that empower girls and boys to overcome societal barriers to reach their full potential”, now fully reflects the addition of boys;

Whereas the Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Foundation, a non-profit organization, has grown to become one of the largest public awareness campaigns, with over 33,000,000 participants annually in over 3,000,000 organizations and workplaces in every State;

Whereas, in 2007, the Take Our Daughters To Work program was transitioned to Elizabeth City, North Carolina, became known as the Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Foundation, and received national recognition for the dedication of the Foundation to our future generations;

Whereas every year mayors, governors, and other private and public officials sign proclamations and lend their support to Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work;

Whereas the fame of the program has spread overseas with requests and inquiries being made from around the world on how to operate the program; and

Whereas Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work is intended to continue helping millions of girls and boys on an annual basis through experienced activities and events to examine their opportunities and strive to reach their fullest potential: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes Thursday, April 22, 2010, as “Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day”;

(2) recognizes the goals of introducing our daughters and sons to the workplace; and

(3) commends all the participants in Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work for their ongoing contributions to education, and for the vital role the participants play in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3550. Mrs. MCCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3551. Mr. LEMIEUX (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3452 proposed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the bill H.R. 1586, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3552. Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON of Florida) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 54, recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3550. Mrs. MCCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

On page 147, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

(g) STANDARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Within 90 days after the date on which the Comptroller General submits the report required by subsection (d) to the Congressional committees, the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Health and Human Services jointly shall determine whether Federal standards for part 135 certificate holders and indirect carriers providing helicopter or fixed wing air ambu-

lance services should be promulgated to address aviation safety or health safety matters in air ambulance operations and shall submit a joint report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on their determination.

(2) DETERMINATION FACTORS.—In making the determination required by paragraph (1), the Secretaries—

(A) shall take into account—

(i) issues identified by the Comptroller General in the report required by subsection (d); and

(ii) any other issues deemed necessary or appropriate for consideration by the Secretaries related to the provision of air ambulance services;

(B) shall consult with representatives of the air ambulance service industry and other appropriate stakeholders;

(C) shall consult with the Comptroller General, particularly with respect to areas in which data is insufficient to provide necessary information to the Congress and the Secretaries with respect to air ambulance service issues;

(D) may provide assistance to the Government Accountability Office as necessary for additional analysis to supplement the study and arrange for necessary data collection and analysis, directly or through appropriate competitively awarded contracts; and

(E) may require air ambulance service providers and users to report such data as may be necessary and appropriate to enable the Secretaries to carry out their responsibilities under this subsection.

(3) REPORT CONTENTS.—In the report required by paragraph (1), the Secretaries shall—

(A) explain in detail the rationale for the determination, including—

(i) if the Secretaries determine that such standards are unnecessary, inappropriate, or contrary to public policy, an explanation of the legal and public policy basis for that determination; or

(ii) if the Secretaries determine that such standards should be promulgated, a finding with respect to whether the standards should be promulgated by the Federal government or State governments in light of the policies implemented by the Aviation Deregulation Act of 1978 (as those policies are currently reflected in subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code) and an explanation of the legal and public policy basis for that finding; and

(B) provide a description of non-aviation related health safety matters related to air ambulance service operations that are subject to State regulation under traditional State regulatory authority.

(4) APPLICATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAWS.—Nothing in this subsection, or in the standards established under subsection (a), shall preclude any State or local government from licensing air ambulance service providers, or from promulgating or enforcing air ambulance service requirements, subject to applicable Federal law.

SA 3551. Mr. LEMIEUX (for himself, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3452 proposed by Mr. ROCKEFELLER to the bill H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 723. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF CONSTELLATION PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

(a) REAFFIRMATION OF PROHIBITION.—The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall comply with the provisions of the first proviso under the heading “EXPLORATION” under the heading “NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION” in the Science Appropriations Act (title III of division B of Public Law 111–117; 123 Stat. 3147), relating to a prohibition on the use of funds for the termination or elimination of any program, project, or activity of the architecture of the Constellation Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(b) LIMITATION.—The provisions of section 1341 of title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Anti-Deficiency Act”), may not be utilized as a basis for the termination or elimination of any contract, program, project, or activity of the Constellation Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the Constellation Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The report shall set forth a description and assessment by the Comptroller General of the contracts, programs, projects, or activities of the Constellation Program, if any, that are contrary to law or are experiencing waste, fraud, or abuse.

(d) CURRENT SHUTTLE MANIFEST FLIGHT ASSURANCE.—The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall take all actions necessary to ensure shuttle launch capability, including not terminating any contractor support that will limit or impair the launching of, at a minimum, the payloads manifested for the shuttle as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 3552. Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON of Florida) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 54, recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba; as follows:

Insert after the 15th whereas clause in the preamble the following:

Whereas the Department of State reports that the Government of Cuba has not granted prison visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International, or Human Rights Watch since 1988;

NOTICE OF HEARING

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a business meeting has been scheduled before Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The business meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Lane to be an Assistant Secretary

of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs) and cleared legislative agenda items.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler or Amanda Kelly.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DORGAN. 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 March 18, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, 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. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 18, 2010, 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. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010. The Committee will meet in room SDG-50 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND SPACE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ORLANDO ZAPATA TAMAYO

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 54.

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

The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 54) recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; a Nelson of Florida amendment to the preamble, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; the motion to reconsider be laid on the table with no intervening action or debate; and any statements related to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 54) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3552) was agreed to, as follows:

Insert after the 15th whereas clause in the preamble the following:

Whereas, the Department of State reports that the Government of Cuba has not granted prison visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International, or Human Rights Watch since 1988;

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 54

Whereas Orlando Zapata Tamayo (referred to in this preamble as “Zapata”), a 42-year-old plumber and bricklayer and a member of the Alternative Republican Movement and the National Civic Resistance Committee, died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba after conducting a hunger strike for more than 80 days;

Whereas, on February 24, 2010, the Foreign Ministry of Cuba issued a rare statement on the death of Zapata, stating, “Raul Castro laments the death of Cuban prisoner Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died after conducting a hunger strike.”;