

Whereas teaching children about physical activity and sports not only ensures that they are physically active during the school day, but also educates them on how to be physically active and the importance of being physically active;

Whereas, according to a 2006 survey by the Department of Health and Human Services, 3.8 percent of elementary schools, 7.9 percent of middle schools, and 2.1 percent of high schools provide daily physical education classes or the equivalent for the entire school year, and 22 percent of schools do not require students to take any physical education classes at all;

Whereas, according to that survey, 13.7 percent of elementary schools, 15.2 percent of middle schools, and 3.0 percent of high schools provided physical education at least 3 days per week, or the equivalent thereof, for the entire school year for students in all grades in the school;

Whereas research shows that fit and active children are more likely to thrive academically;

Whereas increased time in physical education classes can improve children's attention and concentration and result in higher test scores;

Whereas participation in sports teams and physical activity clubs, which are often organized by schools and run outside the regular school day, can improve students' grade point averages, attachment to schools, educational aspirations, and the likelihood of graduating;

Whereas participation in sports and other physical activities also improves self-esteem and body image in children and adults;

Whereas children and youth who take part in physical activity and sports programs develop improved motor skills, healthy lifestyles, improved social skills, a sense of fair play, strong teamwork skills, and self-discipline and avoid risky behaviors;

Whereas the social and environmental factors affecting children are in the control of the adults and the communities in which children live, and therefore the Nation shares a collective responsibility in reversing the childhood obesity trend;

Whereas efforts to improve the fitness level of children who are not physically fit may also result in improvements in academic performance; and

Whereas the Senate strongly supports efforts to increase physical activity and participation of youth in sports: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning May 2, 2010, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week";

(2) recognizes the central role of physical education and sports in creating healthy lifestyles for all children and youth;

(3) encourages school districts to implement local wellness policies, as described in section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (42 U.S.C. 1751 note), that include ambitious goals for physical education, physical activity, and other activities addressing the childhood obesity epidemic and promoting child wellness; and

(4) encourages schools to offer physical education classes to students and to work with community partners to provide opportunities and safe spaces for physical activities before and after school and during the summer months for all children and youth.

SENATE RESOLUTION 516—RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS TO THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 516

Whereas, since its inception in 1994, the AmeriCorps national service program has proven to be a highly effective way to engage the people of the United States in meeting a wide range of local and national needs and promoting the ethic of service and volunteering;

Whereas, each year, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for approximately 85,000 individuals across the United States to give back in an intensive way to their communities, their States, and the Nation;

Whereas those individuals improve the lives of the Nation's most vulnerable citizens, protect the environment, contribute to public safety, respond to disasters, and strengthen the educational system;

Whereas AmeriCorps members serve thousands of nonprofit organizations, schools, and faith-based and community organizations each year;

Whereas AmeriCorps members, after their terms of service end, are more likely to remain engaged in their communities as volunteers, teachers, and nonprofit professionals than the average individual;

Whereas, on April 21, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460) into law, which was passed by bipartisan majorities in both the House of Representatives and the Senate and reauthorized AmeriCorps and will expand AmeriCorps programs to incorporate 250,000 members each year;

Whereas national service programs have engaged millions of people in the United States in results-driven service in the Nation's most vulnerable communities, providing hope and help to people facing economic and social needs;

Whereas, in 2010, as the economic downturn puts millions of people in the United States at risk, national service and volunteering are more important than ever; and

Whereas AmeriCorps Week, observed in 2010 from May 8 through May 15, provides the perfect opportunity for AmeriCorps members, alumni, grantees, program partners, and friends to shine a spotlight on the work done by AmeriCorps members and to motivate more people in the United States to serve their communities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the contributions of AmeriCorps members to the lives of the people of the United States;

(2) acknowledges the significant accomplishments of AmeriCorps members, alumni, and community partners; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to join in a national effort to salute AmeriCorps members and alumni and raise awareness about the importance of national and community service.

SENATE RESOLUTION 517—IN SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TRAIN DAY, MAY 8, 2010

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DORGAN,

Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BAYH, AND Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 517

Whereas on May 10, 1869, the "golden spike" was driven into the final tie at Promontory Summit, Utah, to join the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific Railroads, ceremonially completing the first transcontinental railroad and therefore connecting both coasts of the United States;

Whereas in highly populated regions Amtrak trains and infrastructure carry intercity passengers and commuters to and from work in congested metropolitan areas, providing a reliable rail option while reducing congestion on roads and in the skies;

Whereas Amtrak ridership in Fiscal Year 2009 reached 27.1 million passengers from 46 states;

Whereas, for many rural Americans, Amtrak represents the only major intercity transportation link to the rest of the country;

Whereas passenger rail provides a fuel-efficient transportation system, thereby providing clean transportation alternatives and energy security;

Whereas, when combined with all modes of transportation, passenger railroads emit only 0.2 percent of the travel industry's total greenhouse gases and one freight train can move a ton of freight 480 miles on one gallon of fuel;

Whereas developing this pipeline of national high-speed and intercity passenger rail projects will revitalize the domestic manufacturing industry and create additional American jobs building on the one million good-paying, middle-class-creating American jobs that can never be off-shored that are already supported by the rail industry;

Whereas ridership on Amtrak grew every year from 2000 through 2008, and is currently on track for 2010 to be its best ridership year ever, further demonstrating the increased demand for intercity passenger rail services; and

Whereas our railroad system is a source of civic pride, the gateway to our communities and a tool for economic growth that creates transportation-oriented development and livable communities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the goals and ideals of National Train Day, as designated by Amtrak.

SENATE RESOLUTION 518—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 9, 2010, AS "NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK"

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 518

Whereas more than 1,500,000 elderly and disabled individuals live in the nearly 16,000 nursing facilities in the United States;

Whereas the annual celebration of National Nursing Home Week invites people in communities nationwide to recognize nursing home residents and staff for their contributions to their communities;

Whereas the theme for National Nursing Home Week in 2010 is "Enriching Every Day", honoring caregivers who are "enriching every day" for elderly and disabled individuals, adding value to their lives and helping them to overcome many of the infirmities of age and disability;

Whereas nursing homes are intimate communities where acts of caring, kindness, and respect are the norm;

Whereas, when the positive bond that naturally develops between patients and their caregivers is established, patients experience not only better physical care and healing, but also enrichment of the mind, heart, and spirit and an affirmation of their value; and

Whereas National Nursing Home Week recognizes the people who provide care to the Nation's most vulnerable population: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning May 9, 2010, as “National Nursing Home Week”;

(2) recognizes that a majority of people in the United States, because of social needs, disability, trauma, or illness, will require long-term care services at some point in their lives;

(3) honors nursing home residents and the people who care for them each day, including family members, volunteers, and dedicated long-term care professionals, for their contributions to their communities and the United States; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Nursing Home Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3910. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3911. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3912. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3619, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes.

SA 3913. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Mr. GREGG) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 480, condemning the continued detention of Burmese democracy leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and calling on the military regime in Burma to permit a credible and fair election process and the transition to civilian, democratic rule.

SA 3914. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3915. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3916. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to

amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3917. Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3918. Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3919. Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ENZI, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3920. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. JOHANNES, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3921. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3910. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1013, line 18, strike “and” and all that follows through line 20 and insert the following:

“(ii) a description of any internal review of rating procedures and methodologies conducted by the nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and

“(iii) an evaluation of how well the nationally recognized statistical rating organization adheres to the rating procedures and methodologies of the nationally recognized statistical rating organization;

“(iv) a narrative response agreeing or disagreeing with the results of the most recent annual examination of the nationally recognized statistical rating organization carried out by the Commission under subsection (p)(3); and

“(v) a certification that the report is accurate and complete.

On page 1016, line 18, strike “and” and all that follows through line 23 and insert the following:

“(viii) the policies of the nationally recognized statistical rating organization governing the post-employment activities of former staff of the nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and

“(ix) whether the nationally recognized statistical rating organization fully complies with the public disclosure requirements under this section regarding rating procedures and methodologies.

SA 3911. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 40, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

(5) DISCLOSURE OF REASONS FOR DETERMINATION.—

(A) STATEMENT.—Following an affirmative determination by the Council with respect to any nonbank financial company that is registered pursuant to the Investment Company Act of 1940, the primary financial regulatory agency may request the Council to provide a detailed statement of—

(i) reasons for the determination by the Council that material financial distress at that particular company would pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States; and

(ii) why prudential regulation by the primary financial regulatory agency would be inadequate to prevent such a threat.

(B) REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION.—If the primary financial regulatory agency disagrees with the detailed statement of reasons provided under subparagraph (A), the agency may request the Council to reconsider its determination, or may propose its own prudential standards to address the concerns identified in the statement of reasons in lieu of prudential standards imposed by the Board of Governors, which prudential standards the Council shall accept, unless it determines, by a vote of not fewer than 2/3 of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, that such prudential standards would be inadequate to prevent such a threat.

On page 40, line 23, insert after “company,” the following: “including all procedures under subsection (e)(5).”

SA 3912. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3619, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011”.

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

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TITLE I—AUTHORIZATIONS

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

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