

scheduled a hearing entitled, "Social Security Disability Fraud: Case Studies in Federal Employees and Commercial Drivers Licenses." The Subcommittee hearing will focus on the findings of a Government Accountability Office Report, "Social Security Administration: Cases of Federal Employees and Transportation Drivers and Owners Who Fraudulently and/or Improperly Received SSA Disability Payments." Witnesses for the hearing will include The Honorable Michael J. Astrue, the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, and Mr. Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director of Forensic Audits and Special Investigations at the Government Accountability Office.

The Subcommittee hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2010, at 9 a.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 20, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CASEY. 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 July 20, 2010, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Continuing Oversight on International Cooperation to Modernize Financial Regulation."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 20, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on July 20, 2010, at 10 a.m., in SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 20, 2010, at 2 p.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 20, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following members of my staff be given floor privileges during the consideration of the small business jobs bill: Jamie Bedwell, Drew Colling, Emily Freeman, Chris Goble, Michael Grant, Nicole Marchman, Lindsay Novis, and Jim Zadick.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Gabriela McCall Delgado, Jacob Sheahan, Conor McRitchie, Tom Stanley-Becker, and Anthony Tucci of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

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

FEDERAL BUILDINGS PERSONNEL TRAINING ACT OF 2010

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 437, S. 3250.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant editor of the Daily Digest read as follows:

A bill (S. 3250) to provide for the training of Federal building personnel, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 3250) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3250

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. TRAINING OF FEDERAL BUILDING PERSONNEL.

(a) IDENTIFICATION OF CORE COMPETENCIES.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Administrator of General Services, in consultation with representatives of relevant professional societies, industry associations, and apprenticeship training providers, and after providing notice and an opportunity for comment, shall

identify the core competencies necessary for Federal personnel performing building operations and maintenance, energy management, safety, and design functions to comply with requirements under Federal law. The core competencies identified shall include competencies relating to building operations and maintenance, energy management, sustainability, water efficiency, safety (including electrical safety), and building performance measures.

(b) DESIGNATION OF RELEVANT COURSES, CERTIFICATIONS, DEGREES, LICENSES, AND REGISTRATIONS.—The Administrator, in consultation with representatives of relevant professional societies, industry associations, and apprenticeship training providers, shall identify a course, certification, degree, license, or registration to demonstrate each core competency, and for ongoing training with respect to each core competency, identified for a category of personnel specified in subsection (a).

(c) IDENTIFIED COMPETENCIES.—An individual shall demonstrate each core competency identified by the Administrator under subsection (a) for the category of personnel that includes such individual. An individual shall demonstrate each core competency through the means identified under subsection (b) not later than one year after the date on which such core competency is identified under subsection (a) or, if the date of hire of such individual occurs after the date of such identification, not later than one year after such date of hire. In the case of an individual hired for an employment period not to exceed one year, such individual shall demonstrate each core competency at the start of the employment period.

(d) CONTINUING EDUCATION.—The Administrator, in consultation with representatives of relevant professional societies, industry associations, and apprenticeship training providers, shall develop or identify comprehensive continuing education courses to ensure the operation of Federal buildings in accordance with industry best practices and standards.

(e) CURRICULUM WITH RESPECT TO FACILITY MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF HIGH-PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Administrator, acting through the head of the Office of Federal High-Performance Green Buildings, and the Secretary of Energy, acting through the head of the Office of Commercial High-Performance Green Buildings, in consultation with the heads of other appropriate Federal departments and agencies and representatives of relevant professional societies, industry associations, and apprenticeship training providers, shall develop a recommended curriculum relating to facility management and the operation of high-performance buildings.

(f) APPLICABILITY OF THIS SECTION TO FUNCTIONS PERFORMED UNDER CONTRACT.—Training requirements under this section shall apply to non-Federal personnel performing building operations and maintenance, energy management, safety, and design functions under a contract with a Federal department or agency. A contractor shall provide training to, and certify the demonstration of core competencies for, non-Federal personnel in a manner that is approved by the Administrator.

COMMEMORATING THE 2010 SPECIAL OLYMPICS USA NATIONAL GAMES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further

consideration and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 584.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant editor of the Daily Digest read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 584) commemorating the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 584) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 584

Whereas the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, from July 18 to July 23, 2010;

Whereas nearly 4,000 athletes and coaches from 49 State delegations will participate in the Games;

Whereas approximately 30,000 people, including families and friends of the athletes, and enthusiastic supporters, are expected to visit or attend the Games;

Whereas more than 8,500 volunteers will contribute time and talent to make the Games a success;

Whereas, for decades, the Special Olympics has provided athletes with a unique opportunity to participate in athletic competition while developing confidence, skill, and determination;

Whereas the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games continues the great tradition begun by Eunice Shriver in 1968, and proves the belief of Ms. Shriver that through sports, people with intellectual disabilities "can realize their potential for growth";

Whereas 70 Nebraska communities are participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, in which law enforcement officials from the State of Nebraska and across the United States carry the "Flame of Hope" through Nebraska; and

Whereas the State of Nebraska, the city of Lincoln, and more than 100 State and local businesses and organizations have made major contributions and opened their doors so that people from across the United States can participate in and enjoy the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) applauds the participants and coaches of the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games, as well as the volunteers and law enforcement officers who support the Games; and

(2) thanks all the people who contributed to the Games for their generous efforts and gifts to make the Games a reality.

RECOGNIZING IMPACTS OF THE BRITISH PETROLEUM OIL SPILL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 588.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant editor of the Daily Digest read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 588) recognizing the economic and environmental impacts of the British Petroleum oil spill on the people of the Gulf Coast and their way of life and urging British Petroleum to give all due consideration to offers of assistance, products, or services from the States directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table) with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 588) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 588

Whereas on April 20, 2010, the Mobile Drilling Unit Deepwater Horizon experienced a tragic explosion, resulting in the loss of 11 men;

Whereas the explosion resulted in the sinking of the Mobile Drilling Unit Deepwater Horizon and a discharge of hydrocarbons from the Macondo well;

Whereas since the tragic day of April 20, 2010, a significant amount of oil has flowed into the Gulf of Mexico;

Whereas resources such as fishing, tourism, shipping, and energy exploration in the Gulf of Mexico generally account for over \$200,000,000,000 in economic activity each year;

Whereas the release of oil has caused a Federal fishery closure since May 2, 2010, which has encompassed up to 37 percent of the Gulf of Mexico exclusive economic zone;

Whereas the impact on the Gulf Coast economy has amounted to over \$175,000,000 in reported claims to date;

Whereas tourism is down significantly on the Gulf Coast as a result of the oil spill;

Whereas the workforce in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas has been negatively impacted as a result of the oil spill; and

Whereas Federal disaster response procurement law recognizes a preference for local firms in the award of contracts for disaster relief activities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on the way of life, economy, and natural resources of the Gulf Coast States;

(2) supports the continued public and private efforts to stop the oil spill, mitigate further damage to our treasured Gulf Coast, and clean up of this environmental disaster; and

(3) urges British Petroleum (BP) to give all due consideration to individuals, businesses, and organizations of the States directly impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill where practicable, as BP considers services or products related to ongoing efforts in the Gulf of Mexico associated with this tragic oil spill.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate

completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that following any leader remarks the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the majority controlling the final 30 minutes; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the House message on H.R. 4213; finally, I ask that the time during any recess, adjournment, and morning business count postcloture.

Before the Chair rules, I want everyone who is watching these proceedings tonight to understand again what the Republicans are doing. We just passed badly needed legislation to help 2.5 million unemployed people. To show the lack of understanding and feeling and compassion of the Republicans, they are making us waste 30 hours. There are people who are desperate for this money—desperate—and they are making us wait because that is what the rule of the Senate is.

I hope the American people understand how callous this is. People are desperate. They can't make house payments or car payments. They can't pay for their kids' food, and they are having us wait for 30 hours. Cloture has been invoked. We only need a simple majority to pass this bill now, but they are making us wait. I can't articulate in strong enough feelings how unfair this is to 2.5 million people.

So would the Chair rule on my unanimous consent request.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, earlier today the Senate invoked cloture on the legislation to extend unemployment insurance benefits. As a result, debate on the measure is limited to 30 hours. We can finish this 30 hours after this passes, sometime around 9 o'clock tomorrow night. If that gives these people over here some feeling that 2.5 million people deserve this, then let them do it. I hope we come in, in the morning, and get this thing done so this bill can go on to the House—the House has to pass it—and then to the President. Every hour that is delayed is more misery for 2.5 million people.

The debate over whether it is paid for is over. It is clear; all experts say this money that is spent will return to us—CBO says twofold. JOHN MCCAIN's chief economic adviser says \$1.61 will come back for every \$1 we spend. So if they think they are getting even—with whom, 2.5 million people—because it passed?