

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), U.S. SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP FOR TRAVEL FROM NOV. 10 TO NOV. 13, 2009

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Dianne Feinstein:									
Switzerland	Franc		1,303.00						1,303.00
Senator Jon Kyl:									
United States	Dollar				4,059.40				4,059.40
Switzerland	Franc		714.00						714.00
David Grannis:									
United States	Dollar				6,144.60				6,144.60
Switzerland	Franc		1,051.00						1,051.00
Timothy Morrison:									
United States	Dollar				6,144.60				6,144.60
Switzerland	Franc		1,173.00						1,173.00
Delegation Expenses*:									
Switzerland	Franc						1,905.00		1,905.00
Total			4,241.00		16,348.40		1,905.00		22,494.40

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State, under the authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR HARRY REID,
Jan. 26, 2010.
SENATOR MITCH McCONNELL,
Jan. 26, 2010.

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U.S.C. 1754(b), OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2009

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		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
James J. Tuite III:									
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		1,047.78						1,047.78
Afghanistan	Dollar		20.00						20.00
United States	Dollar				8,571.00				8,571.00
Total			1,067.78		8,571.00				9,638.78

SENATOR ROBERT BYRD,
President pro tempore, Feb. 1, 2010.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY APPLICANTS' ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION ACT OF 2010

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4532, received from the House and at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4532) to provide for permanent extension of the attorney fee withholding procedures under title II of the Social Security Act to title XVI of such Act, and to provide for permanent extension of such procedures under titles II and XVI of such Act to qualified non-attorney representatives.

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

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I urge the Senate to pass by unanimous consent H.R. 4532, the Social Security Disability Applicants' Access to Professional Representation Act of 2010, which was recently passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 412 to 6.

Claimants of Social Security disability benefits who want to appeal decisions on their cases face many complexities. Therefore, many wish to hire professionals to represent them in these appeals. These representatives can request to have their fees withheld by SSA from the retroactive benefits owed to the claimant. The withheld

fees are forwarded directly to the representatives by SSA. This fee arrangement makes it much more attractive for these representatives to take on these cases, which will provide claimants with easier access to professionals willing to represent them before SSA. Prior to enactment of the Social Security Protection Act of 2004, this direct payment of fees was only available to attorneys, not to nonattorneys, and only applied to Social Security claims, not to supplemental security income, SSI, claims.

The Social Security Protection Act authorized two nationwide demonstration projects for a period of 5 years each. One project extended the attorney fee withholding and payment procedures that existed for Social Security claims to supplemental security income claims. A second project allowed nonattorney representatives the option of fee withholding for both Social Security and supplemental security income claims. This second project also required that nonattorney representatives who wish to apply for the direct fee payment program must have passed an examination written and administered by the Commissioner of Social Security, have met certain educational and professional liability insurance requirements, and have passed a criminal background check.

The demonstration projects have been successful, but both sunset on March 1, 2010. H.R. 4532 eliminates the

sunsets of both of the demonstration projects. This bill unifies the attorney and nonattorney fee withholding process for both Social Security and supplemental security income. The bill is a commonsense reform to the Social Security Act and should be enacted.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the House of Representatives for the work they put into this bill. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to support H.R. 4532.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4532) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

DEPLORING THE RAPE AND ASSAULT OF WOMEN IN GUINEA AND THE KILLING OF POLITICAL PROTESTERS

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 213, S. Res. 345.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 345) deploring the rape and assault of women in Guinea and the killing of political protesters.

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Boxer amendment to the resolution be agreed to; the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; the Boxer amendment to the preamble be agreed to; the preamble be agreed to; a title amendment which is at the desk be agreed to; and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 3321) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the resolving clause)

In paragraph (1) of the resolving clause, strike "Guinea, and calls for an immediate cessation of violence, including gender-based violence and targeted killings by security forces" and insert "Guinea".

Strike paragraphs (2) through (5) of the resolving clause and insert the following:

(2) urges the prosecution, by the appropriate authorities, of those responsible for orchestrating or carrying out the violence in Guinea;

(3) urges the President, in coordination with leaders from the European Union and the African Union, to continue to consider punitive measures that could be taken against senior officials in Guinea found to be complicit in the violence, and in particular, the atrocities perpetrated against women and other gross human rights violations;

(4) encourages the President to remain actively engaged in the political situation in Guinea, and to continue to convey that the blatant abuse of women will not be tolerated;

(5) calls on President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso to ensure that Captain Camara does not return to Guinea in order to allow a peaceful transition to civilian rule;

(6) notes that the first steps set forth in the Joint Declaration of Ouagadougou have been initiated with the naming of a prime minister and urges all parties to continue to adhere to the agreement to see the process through free, fair, and timely elections; and

(7) recognizes the importance of the multilateral observer mission to help ensure peace and security in Guinea during the period of transition.

The resolution (S. Res. 345), as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3322) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the preamble)

Strike the 2nd whereas clause of the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas, on September 28, 2009, authorities of the Government of Guinea opened fire on a crowd of thousands of unarmed opposition protesters who were gathered in and around an outdoor stadium to protest statements made by Captain Camara that he may run for president, after he said that he would not;

Strike the 3rd whereas clause of the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas, on September 29, 2009, the United States Department of State condemned the brazen and inappropriate use of force by the military against civilians in Guinea, and de-

manded the immediate release of opposition leaders and a return to civilian rule as soon as possible;

Whereas, according to the United Nations Security Council Report of the International Commission of Inquiry Mandated to Establish the Facts and Circumstances of the Events of 28 September 2009 in Guinea, 156 people were killed or disappeared and at least 109 women and girls "were subjected to rape and other sexual violence, including sexual mutilation and sexual slavery";

Strike the 5th whereas clause of the preamble.

Strike the 6th whereas clause of the preamble.

Insert between the 7th and 8th whereas clauses of the preamble, the following:

Whereas, according to the humanitarian organization CARE, "What happened in Guinea is an outrage—and a stark reminder of a larger epidemic of violence against women and girls around the world.";

In the 8th whereas clause of the preamble, strike the "and" at the end.

Strike the 9th whereas clause of the preamble, and insert the following:

Whereas the International Commission of Inquiry of the United Nations concluded that "the crimes perpetrated on 28 September 2009 and in the immediate aftermath can be described as crimes against humanity" and that there is sufficient evidence that Captain Camara "incurred individual criminal liability and command responsibility for the events that occurred during the attack and related events in their immediate aftermath";

Whereas, on January 15, 2010, General Sékouba Konate and Captain Camara of the Republic of Guinea and President Blaise Compaoré of Burkina Faso signed the Joint Declaration of Ouagadougou pledging to form a transitional government of national unity in Guinea, to hold elections within six months without the participation of candidates from the military junta, and to permit the entry of an international observer mission from the Economic Community of West African States; and

Whereas, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of Ouagadougou, a prime minister from the coalition of opposition forces, Forces Vives, has been named to the transitional government: Now, therefore, be it

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3323) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: "A resolution deploring the rape and assault of women in Guinea and the killing of political protesters on September 28, 2009."

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

(The resolution will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

ORDERS

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 23; 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 the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein 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 half and the majority controlling the final half; that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of the House message with respect to H.R. 2847, the legislative vehicle for the jobs bill; that time during any period of morning business, recess, or adjournment count posteloture; finally, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:48 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LARRY ROBINSON, OF FLORIDA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR OCEANS AND ATMOSPHERE, VICE WILLIAM J. BRENNAN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ROBERT STEPHEN FORD, OF MARYLAND, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER—COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

JONATHAN ANDREW HATFIELD, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, VICE GERALD WALPIN, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be lieutenant commander

SCOTT J. PRICE
AMELIA A. EBHARDT
RYAN C. KIDDER
MARK VAN WAES
RICHARD E. HESTER, JR.
JENNIFER E. PRALGO
SEAN D. CIMILLUCA
CHARLES J. YOOS III
KEITH A. GOLDEN
DOUGLAS E. MACINTYRE
SARAH L. DUNSFORD
SARAH K. MROZEK

SUBJECT TO QUALIFICATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE FOLLOWING FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

To be lieutenant (junior grade)

HEATHER L. MOE
RUSSELL D. PATE
KYLE A. SANDERS
LINDSAY H. CLOVIS
JON D. ANDVICK
CHRISTOPHER J. BRIAND
MICHAEL D. ROBBIE
ERIK S. NORRIS
KURT S. KARPOV

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED LIMITED DUTY OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

HENRY C. BODDEN