

SEC. 10. UPDATED REPORT REGARDING WATER FOR PEACE AND SECURITY.

Section 11(b) of the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005, as redesignated by section 7, is amended by adding at the end the following: "The report submitted under this subsection shall include an assessment of current and likely future political tensions over water sources and multidisciplinary assessment of the expected impacts of global climate change on water supplies and agricultural productivity in 10, 25, and 50 years."

SEC. 11. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—There are authorized to be appropriated for each of the 6 fiscal years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act and the amendments made by this Act, pursuant to the criteria set forth in the Senator Paul Simon Water for the Poor Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-121).

(b) *USE OF FUNDS.*—Any amounts appropriated to implement this Act shall be primarily allocated for activities related to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, with the passage of the Paul Simon Water for the World Act, the Senate will take an important step in fighting poverty and saving the lives of the world's poor by increasing access to the most fundamental human need—clean water.

I introduced this bill in honor of my friend and mentor, the man whose seat I now occupy in the Senate, the late Senator Paul Simon. Solving the global water crisis was his last great campaign and the topic of a book he authored called "Tapped Out: The Coming World Crisis in Water and What We Can Do About It."

If he were here today, he would be proud of the Senate's action.

I was joined in this effort by Senators BOB CORKER, PATTY MURRAY and 31 other cosponsors from both sides of the aisle—and would like to thank all of them for their support and commitment to addressing one of the defining challenges of the 21st century.

I would also like to thank Senator TOM COBURN for working constructively with me to advance legislation that we both could agree upon. And finally I would like to express my appreciation to Foreign Relations Committee Chairman JOHN KERRY and Ranking Member RICHARD LUGAR for their critical support of this bill.

While we have made progress in recent years on clean water and sanitation, tragically nearly 1 billion people around the world still lack access to clean, safe water. More than 2 billion people lack access to basic sanitation. Most of these people live on less than \$2 a day.

They are the voiceless and the powerless of the world, but today the U.S. Senate sent a clear message to them, "We hear you, we see what you're going through, and we want to help with this most basic of human needs."

We want to help because the global water crisis is not just a problem for Africa or the Middle East, but rather a problem for all of humanity.

Mr. President, competition for water is often at the heart of international

conflict—just look at the conflict in Darfur.

The burdens of water in the developing world fall most solidly on the women. So many thousands of women in Africa spend hours every day carrying water back and forth.

Young girls are often denied the opportunity to go to school because they have work to do. They have to carry water, often walking several hours both ways.

And sick children miss nearly 300 million school days a year from water-related causes. An estimated 320 million productive work days are lost to illness resulting from unsafe drinking water and lack of access to sanitation.

Quite simply, the global water crisis is a quiet killer. In the developing world, water-related diseases claim the lives of 5,000 children every day.

During my trips overseas, I have seen the hardships that befall populations without clean water and sanitation, and I've also seen the transformation that gaining access to these basic human needs creates.

Earlier this year I traveled to Africa with Senator SHERROD BROWN where we visited a number of countries, including Ethiopia. We visited a slum outside Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa, where we were greeted by two beautiful little girls who gave us flowers and invited us to a coffee ceremony.

The 380 inhabitants of this area lived without running water until a non-governmental organization called AMREF installed a simple but critical water kiosk that now provides safe drinking water, showers, toilet facilities, and even jobs to the community.

The same two girls who greeted us beamed with pride as we looked at the source of water and sanitation that did not exist before. What seems so ordinary to us in the developed world, access to water and sanitation, changed the lives of these two young girls living in squalor outside Addis Ababa.

But you do not have to travel halfway around the world to see the devastating consequences of a lack of clean water and sanitation—travel just 90 minutes from Miami to Haiti.

There are no public sewage treatment or disposal systems anywhere in the country. Even in the capital, Port-au-Prince, a city of 2 million people, the drainage canals are choked with garbage and sewage.

And this was before the earthquake.

It is no wonder that Haiti has the highest infant and child mortality rate in the Western Hemisphere. One-third of Haiti's children do not live to see the age of five.

The leading killer? Water-borne diseases: hepatitis, typhoid and diarrhea.

The goal of the bill passed today is to reach an additional 100 million of the world's poorest people with sustainable, first-time access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation over the next 6 years.

This would represent the largest single commitment of any donor country

to meeting the Millennium Development Goal on water, which is to reduce by half the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water and sanitation by 2015.

I believe American leadership in helping provide the world's poor with such a fundamental human need as clean water is not only the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do.

In fact, for every \$1 invested in safe drinking water and sanitation, an estimated \$8 is saved in work time, productivity and health care costs in poor countries.

Throughout history, civilized nations have put aside political differences to address compelling issues of life and survival. Today, on this issue, by passing the Paul Simon Water for the World Act, the Senate did just that.

I now urge my colleagues in the House to work with Representatives EARL BLUMENAUER and DONALD PAYNE, House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman HOWARD BERMAN and Ranking Member ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, and Speaker PELOSI to do the same.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported substitute amendment be considered; that a Durbin amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; that the substitute amendment, as amended, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 4620) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 624), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

FURNISHING NURSING HOME CARE TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO DIED WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4505 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will state the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4505) to enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be

read the third time and passed, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4505) was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

DRIVE SAFER SUNDAY

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 630, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 630) designating November 28, 2010, as "Drive Safer Sunday."

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

Mr. LEVIN. 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. 630) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 630

Whereas motor vehicle travel is the primary means of transportation in the United States;

Whereas every individual traveling on the roads and highways needs to drive in a safer manner in order to reduce deaths and injuries that result from motor vehicle accidents;

Whereas according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, wearing a seat belt saves more than 15,000 lives each year;

Whereas the Senate wants all people of the United States to understand the life-saving importance of wearing a seat belt and encourages motorists to drive safely, not just during the holiday season, but every time they get behind the wheel; and

Whereas the Sunday after Thanksgiving is the busiest highway traffic day of the year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) encourages—

(A) high schools, colleges, universities, administrators, teachers, primary schools, and secondary schools to launch campus-wide educational campaigns to urge students to be focused on safety when driving;

(B) national trucking firms to alert their drivers to be especially focused on driving safely on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, and to publicize the importance of the day through use of Citizen's Band ("CB") radios and truck stops across the Nation;

(C) clergy to remind their members to travel safely when attending services and gatherings;

(D) law enforcement personnel to remind drivers and passengers to drive safely, particularly on the Sunday after Thanksgiving; and

(E) all people of the United States to use the Sunday after Thanksgiving as an oppor-

tunity to educate themselves about highway safety; and

(2) designates November 28, 2010, as "Drive Safer Sunday".

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21; that following the prayer and 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 for the transaction of morning business until 11 a.m., with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and Republicans controlling the second half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3454, the Department of Defense authorization bill, as provided under the previous order; and finally, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, at 2:15 p.m., the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the Defense authorization bill. That will be the first vote of the day.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. 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 5:34 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

MARIO CORDERO, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2014, VICE HAROLD J. CREEL, JR., RESIGNED.

REBECCA F. DYE, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE A FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2015. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

STACIA A. HYLTON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE, VICE JOHN F. CLARK, RESIGNED.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C. SECTION 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPTAIN BRUCE D. BAFFER
CAPTAIN DAVID R. CALLAHAN
CAPTAIN RICHARD T. GROMLICH

CAPTAIN FREDERICK J. KENNEY
CAPTAIN MARSHALL B. LYTLE
CAPTAIN STEPHEN P. METRUCK
CAPTAIN FRED M. MIDGETTE

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN D. JOHNSON

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. BRIAN K. BALFE

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

To be brigadier general

COLONEL BRADLEY A. BECKER
COLONEL SCOTT D. BERRIER
COLONEL MICHAEL A. BILLS
COLONEL GWENDOLYN BINGHAM
COLONEL DAVID J. BISHOP
COLONEL MATTHEW L. BRAND
COLONEL JAMES B. BURTON
COLONEL DOMINIC J. CARACILLO
COLONEL JOHN W. CHARLTON
COLONEL GUY T. COSENTINO
COLONEL JAMES H. DICKINSON
COLONEL TIMOTHY J. EDENS
COLONEL CHARLES A. FLYNN
COLONEL GEORGE J. FRANZ III
COLONEL THEODORE C. HARRISON
COLONEL FREDERICK A. HENRY
COLONEL TERENCE J. HILDNER
COLONEL HENRY L. HUNTLEY
COLONEL PAUL C. HURLEY, JR.
COLONEL MARK S. INCH
COLONEL FERDINAND IRIZARRY II
COLONEL THOMAS S. JAMES, JR.
COLONEL OLE A. KNUDSON
COLONEL THOMAS W. KULA
COLONEL CLARK W. LEMASTERS, JR.
COLONEL THEODORE D. MARTIN
COLONEL BRIAN J. MCKIERNAN
COLONEL ROBIN L. MEALER
COLONEL JOHN B. MORRISON, JR.
COLONEL SEAN P. MULHOLLAND
COLONEL KEVIN G. O'CONNELL
COLONEL BARRY L. PRICE
COLONEL MARK R. QUANTOCK
COLONEL JAMES M. RICHARDSON
COLONEL DARSIE D. ROGERS, JR.
COLONEL MARTIN P. SCHWEITZER
COLONEL JEFFREY A. SINCLAIR
COLONEL RICHARD L. STEVENS
COLONEL PETER D. UTLEY
COLONEL GARY J. VOLSKY
COLONEL KIRK F. VOLLMECKE
COLONEL DARRYL A. WILLIAMS
COLONEL MICHAEL E. WILLIAMSON
COLONEL CEDRIC T. WINS

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

ERNEST J. PROCHAZKA

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

DAVID C. DECKER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

ELIZABETH S. MASON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY NURSE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 531 AND 3064:

To be major

YVONNE J. FLEISCHMAN
WENDY M. ROSS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

MARILYN S. CHIAFULLO
HOWARD D. REITZ, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203: