

S. 3036

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 3036, a bill to establish the Office of the National Alzheimer's Project.

S. 3043

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 3043, a bill to award planning grants and implementation grants to State educational agencies to enable the State educational agencies to complete comprehensive planning to carry out activities designed to integrate engineering education into K-12 instruction and curriculum and to provide evaluation grants to measure efficacy of K-12 engineering education.

S. RES. 372

At the request of Mr. LEVIN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 372, a resolution designating March 2010 as "National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of autoimmune diseases and increase funding for autoimmune disease research.

S. RES. 409

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 409, a resolution calling on members of the Parliament in Uganda to reject the proposed "Anti-Homosexuality Bill", and for other purposes.

S. RES. 414

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 414, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti following the humanitarian crisis caused by the January 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 3053. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to permit the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to be used for transportation and use of dredged materials for abandoned mine reclamation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I have sought recognition to introduce legislation concerning the beneficial use of materials derived from river dredging activities. This concept was the subject of a Committee Resolution passed by the Committee on Environment and Public Works on October 26, 2005.

This legislation relates directly to the deepening of the Delaware River, which was authorized in the 1992 Water

Resources Development Act. The project deepens from 40 to 45 feet the main shipping channel of the Delaware River from Philadelphia and Camden, NJ, to the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Deepening the river will help sustain and grow the maritime economy of the Delaware Valley region, as the river's current depth, which has remained stagnant since 1941, does not accommodate the size of most modern ships.

Despite the tremendous benefit the deepening will have on the region, some concerns have been raised regarding the disposal of the dredge material that will be produced during the deepening process. Currently, the Army Corps of Engineers dredges the river every year to maintain the 40-foot depth and deposits materials in Corps-owned sites along the river. While capacity remains at these sites, there are compelling questions about whether dredge material may have other useful purposes.

On October 26, 2005, the Committee on Environment and Public Works passed a Resolution requesting the Army Corps of Engineers to study the beneficial uses of dredge material from the Delaware River, including the potential for use in coal and other mine restoration areas. The Corps has undertaken this study with funding I secured for the past several years and intend to request this year and in the future. The outcome of this study could yield tremendous benefits for the Nation, including in the Delaware Valley region and in Pennsylvania, where there are already proposals to use the dredge materials.

One such proposal involves using dredge material from the Delaware River Deepening project to reclaim abandoned mine lands in northeast Pennsylvania. One likely benefit would be stream quality improvement in the Pocono Mountains due to a reduction in acid mine flows. This proposal would also help advance an economic development project in Hazleton, PA, which could potentially create thousands of jobs and contribute to the economic development of a region still impacted by the decline of the coal industry. The use of dredge material for these purposes has been endorsed by numerous local elected officials, state legislators and members of the community.

The legislation I have introduced would authorize the use of funding under the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund for the transportation and use of dredge material in the reclamation of abandoned mines. Specifically, an eligible use of this funding would be for dredging material from the Delaware River for use in abandoned mines around the State of Pennsylvania. This use could significantly reduce the amount of additional dredge material deposited along the river as well as advance the mine cleanup effort which has been ongoing for decades in Pennsylvania.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 427—DESIGNATING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL 2010 AS "NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK"

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 427

Whereas dangerous asbestos fibers are invisible and cannot be smelled or tasted;

Whereas the inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers can cause significant damage;

Whereas asbestos fibers can cause mesothelioma, asbestosis, and other health problems;

Whereas asbestos-related diseases can take 10 to 50 years to present themselves;

Whereas the expected survival time for those diagnosed with mesothelioma is between 6 and 24 months;

Whereas generally, little is known about late-stage treatment of asbestos-related diseases, and there is no cure for such diseases;

Whereas early detection of asbestos-related diseases may give some patients increased treatment options and might improve their prognoses;

Whereas the World Health Organization, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Surgeon General currently state that there is no safe level of exposure to asbestos;

Whereas the United States has reduced its consumption of asbestos substantially, yet continues to consume almost 2,000 metric tons of the fibrous mineral for use in certain products throughout the Nation;

Whereas asbestos-related diseases have killed thousands of people in the United States;

Whereas exposure to asbestos continues, but safety and prevention of asbestos exposure already has significantly reduced the incidence of asbestos-related diseases and can further reduce the incidence of such diseases;

Whereas asbestos has been a cause of occupational cancer;

Whereas thousands of workers in the United States face significant asbestos exposure;

Whereas thousands of people in the United States die from asbestos-related diseases every year;

Whereas a significant percentage of all asbestos-related disease victims were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of a significant number of office buildings and public facilities built before 1975;

Whereas people in the small community of Libby, Montana have asbestos-related diseases at a significantly higher rate than the national average and suffer from mesothelioma at a significantly higher rate than the national average; and

Whereas the establishment of a "National Asbestos Awareness Week" will raise public awareness about the prevalence of asbestos-related diseases and the dangers of asbestos exposure: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the first week of April 2010 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week";

(2) urges the Surgeon General to warn and educate people about the public health issue of asbestos exposure, which may be hazardous to their health; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Surgeon General.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 428—EX-
PRESSING CONCERN ABOUT VIO-
LATIONS OF CIVIL LIBERTIES
TAKING PLACE IN VENEZUELA
AND COMMENDING THE PEOPLE
OF VENEZUELA FOR THEIR
STEADFAST SUPPORT OF DE-
MOCRACY**

Mr. LEMIEUX (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 428

Whereas since his election as the President of Venezuela in 1998, Hugo Chávez has systematically weakened democratic institutions in Venezuela by restricting individual rights and the activities of political parties, discouraging the free exchange of ideas, and centralizing and expanding the powers of the Executive over the other branches of government and the people of Venezuela;

Whereas Article 57 of the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela guarantees the right of all citizens to freely express their thoughts and opinions;

Whereas Article 68 of the Constitution of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela guarantees the right of all citizens to peacefully demonstrate and prohibits the use of firearms or toxic substances to control peaceful demonstrations;

Whereas on May 24, 2007, the Senate approved by unanimous consent Senate Resolution 211, 110th Congress, expressing profound concern about the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that was being carried out in Venezuela by the refusal of President Chávez to renew the broadcasting license of "Radio Caracas Televisión", also known as RCTV;

Whereas on May 24, 2007, the European Parliament adopted a Resolution criticizing the non-renewal of the RCTV license for undermining the right of the press to hold the authorities to account;

Whereas Venezuela and Cuba are the only 2 Western Hemisphere countries listed in the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom "Watch List" as countries requiring close monitoring due to the nature and extent of violation of religious freedom engaged in or tolerated by their governments;

Whereas the 2009 Report of the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom states that in Venezuela, "religious communities and leaders viewed as political opponents are routinely targeted and harassed by government officials;

Whereas several international human rights organizations have consistently expressed serious concerns regarding weakening of respect for human rights in Venezuela;

Whereas on January 24, 2010, President Chávez ordered what amounted to a shutdown of "Radio Caracas Televisión Internacional" due to its failure to air one of his speeches;

Whereas on the night of January 25, 2010, 2 students were killed and 5 others were injured by gunfire during peaceful demonstrations against the order by President Chávez to shutdown RCTV Internacional;

Whereas the Government of Venezuela has increasingly failed to address the legitimate needs of its people for greater economic, political, and social opportunities and has aggravated political divisions in Venezuela; and

Whereas the Government of Venezuela has engaged in a military build-up that goes beyond the reasonable security concerns of the Venezuelan state and threatens to launch a

destabilizing regional arms race: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the recurring and ongoing repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela by security forces and government-affiliated groups;

(2) mourns the loss of life resulting from actions taken by authorities in Venezuela to violently disband peaceful protestors, including the students killed on January 25, 2010, during demonstrations against President Chávez's decision to shutdown "Radio Caracas Televisión Internacional";

(3) urges both the people and the Government of Venezuela to choose a path towards democracy, transparency, and tolerance in order to begin the process of achieving national reconciliation and a rebuilding of democratic institutions in their country;

(4) urges the people of Venezuela to remain vigilant against further encroachments on their constitutional and internationally-recognized civil and human rights;

(5) urges President Barack Obama to clearly reject and call attention to the violent measures taken by authorities in Venezuela against citizens who are exercising their constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties;

(6) urges the United States Ambassador to the Organization of American States to call on the member states of the Organization of American States to investigate events taking place in Venezuela and adopt the necessary measures to ensure the Government of Venezuela abides by its commitments under the Inter-American Democratic Charter; and

(7) urges President Obama to provide robust support for peaceful civil society groups in Venezuela and to take measures that protect the flow of uncensored information among the people of Venezuela.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND
PROPOSED**

SA 3335. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. COCHRAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3336. Mr. BAUCUS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4213, supra.

SA 3337. Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra.

SA 3338. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra.

SA 3339. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3340. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3341. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3342. Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3343. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3344. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an

amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3345. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3336 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3335. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 185, insert the following:

**SEC. 186. EXTENSION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING
CREDIT RULES FOR BUILDINGS IN
GO ZONES.**

Section 1400N(c)(5) is amended by striking "January 1, 2011" and inserting "January 1, 2013".

SA 3336. Mr. BAUCUS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; AMENDMENT OF 1986
CODE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the "American Workers, State, and Business Relief Act of 2010".

(b) **AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; amendment of 1986 Code; table of contents.

**TITLE I—EXTENSION OF EXPIRING
PROVISIONS**

Subtitle A—Energy

Sec. 101. Alternative motor vehicle credit for new qualified hybrid motor vehicles other than passenger automobiles and light trucks.

Sec. 102. Incentives for biodiesel and renewable diesel.

Sec. 103. Credit for electricity produced at certain open-loop biomass facilities.

Sec. 104. Credit for refined coal facilities.

Sec. 105. Credit for production of low sulfur diesel fuel.

Sec. 106. Credit for producing fuel from coke or coke gas.

Sec. 107. New energy efficient home credit.

Sec. 108. Excise tax credits and outlay payments for alternative fuel and alternative fuel mixtures.

Sec. 109. Special rule for sales or dispositions to implement FERC or State electric restructuring policy for qualified electric utilities.

Sec. 110. Suspension of limitation on percentage depletion for oil and gas from marginal wells.