

may be evaluated on a periodic basis, including evaluation of mechanisms for the effective transition of research to operations and the application of research results for reducing hurricane losses and related public benefits; and

(C) identifies opportunities to leverage the results of the research carried out under section 4 with other Federal and non-Federal hurricane research, coordination, and loss-reduction initiatives, such as—

(i) the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program established by section 204(a) of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Act of 2004 (15 U.S.C. 15703);

(ii) the National Flood Insurance Program established under chapter 1 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4011 et seq.);

(iii) the initiatives of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.);

(iv) wind hazard mitigation initiatives carried out by a State;

(v) the Science Advisory Board, Social Science Working Group, and Hurricane Forecast Improvement Project of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

(vi) the Working Group for Tropical Cyclone Research of the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research.

(2) REVIEW.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall make the implementation plan required by paragraph (1) available for review by the following:

(A) The Director of the National Science Foundation.

(B) The Secretary of Homeland Security.

(C) The Director of the National Institute for Standards and Technology.

(D) The Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

(E) The Commander of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command.

(F) The Associate Administrator for Science Mission Directorate of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(G) The Director of the U.S. Geological Survey.

(H) The Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

(I) The Director of the National Economic Council.

(3) REVISIONS.—The Under Secretary shall revise the implementation plan required by paragraph (1) not less frequently than once every 5 years.

(c) RESEARCH.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH OBJECTIVES.—The Under Secretary shall, in consultation with the Director of the National Science Foundation, establish objectives for research carried out pursuant to section 4 that are—

(A) consistent with the purposes described in subsection (a)(2); and

(B) based on the findings of the expert assessments and strategies published in the following:

(i) The June 2005 publication entitled, “Grand Challenges for Disaster Reduction”, and the related 2008 implementation plans for hurricane and coastal inundation hazards of the Subcommittee on Disaster Reduction of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources of the National Science and Technology Council.

(ii) The January 2007 report by the National Science Board entitled, “Hurricane Warning: The Critical Need for a National Hurricane Initiative”.

(iii) The February 2007 report by the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research enti-

tled, “Interagency Strategic Research Plan for Tropical Cyclones: The Way Ahead”.

(iv) Reports from the Hurricane Intensity Working Group of the National Science Advisory Board of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(2) AREAS OF CONCENTRATION.—The objectives required by paragraph (1) shall provide for 3 areas of concentration as follows:

(A) Fundamental hurricane research, which may include research to support continued development and maintenance of community weather research and forecast models, including advanced methods of observing storm structure and assimilating observations into the models, in which the agency or institution hosting the models ensures broad access and use of the model by the civilian research community.

(B) Technology assessment and development.

(C) Research on integration, transition, and application of research results.

(d) NATIONAL WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES.—The Under Secretary may, in coordination with the Director of the National Science Foundation, carry out a series of national workshops and conferences that assemble a broad collection of scientific disciplines—

(1) to address hurricane-related research questions; and

(2) to encourage researchers to work collaboratively to carry out the purposes described in subsection (a)(2).

(e) PUBLIC INTERNET WEBSITE.—The Under Secretary shall facilitate the establishment of a public Internet website for the Initiative—

(1) to foster collaboration and interactive dialogues among the Under Secretary, the Director of the National Science Foundation, and the public;

(2) to enhance public access to Initiative documents and products, including—

(A) reports and publications of the Initiative;

(B) the most recent 5-year implementation plan developed under subsection (b); and

(C) each annual cross-cut budget and report submitted to Congress under subsection (f); and

(3) that includes a publicly accessible clearinghouse of Federal research and development centers engaged in research and development efforts that are complementary to the Initiative.

(f) ANNUAL CROSS-CUT BUDGET AND REPORT.—

(1) REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL CROSS-CUT BUDGET AND REPORT.—Beginning with the first fiscal year beginning after the date the Under Secretary completes the implementation plan required by subsection (b), the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall, in conjunction with the Under Secretary, the Director of the National Science Foundation, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, submit to Congress each year, together with documents submitted to Congress in support of the budget of the President for the fiscal year beginning in such year (as submitted pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code)—

(A) a coordinated annual report for the Initiative for the last fiscal year ending before the date on which the report is submitted; and

(B) a cross-cut budget for the Initiative for the first fiscal year beginning after the date on which the report is submitted.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1)(A) shall—

(A) document the grants and contracts awarded to eligible entities under section 4;

(B) for each eligible entity that receives a grant or contract under section 4, identify

what major activities were undertaken with such funds, grants, and contracts; and

(C) for each research activity or group of activities in an area of concentration described in subsection (c)(2), as appropriate, identify any accomplishments, which may include full or partial achievement of any strategic goals, benchmarks, milestones, or systematic criteria and performance metrics established for the implementation plan under subsection (b)(1)(B).

SEC. 4. NATIONAL HURRICANE RESEARCH.

(a) NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION COMPETITIVE GRANT RESEARCH PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National Science Foundation shall, in coordination with the Under Secretary, establish a program to award grants to eligible entities to carry out research that is consistent with the research objectives established under section 3(c)(1).

(2) SELECTION.—The National Science Foundation shall select grant recipients under this section through its merit review process.

(b) NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary shall, in coordination with the Director of the National Science Foundation, carry out a program of research that is consistent with the research objectives established under section 3(c)(1).

(2) RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.—Research carried out under paragraph (1) may be carried out through—

(A) intramural research;

(B) awarding grants to eligible entities to carry out research;

(C) contracting with eligible entities to carry out research; or

(D) entering into cooperative agreements to carry out research.

(3) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AUTHORIZED.—Research carried out under this subsection may include demonstration projects.

(c) COLLABORATION.—To the maximum extent practicable, each entity carrying out research under this section shall collaborate with existing Federal and Federally funded research centers operating in related fields, for-profit organizations, and international, regional, State, local, and tribal governments—

(1) to gather and share experiential information; and

(2) to advance scientific and engineering knowledge, technology transfer, and technology commercialization in the course of conduct of hurricane-related research and its application to mitigating the impacts of hurricanes and other tropical storms on society.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 115—DESIGNATING JULY 8, 2011, AS “COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY” AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE COLLECTION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC AND CLASSIC CARS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF PRESERVING THE TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 115

Whereas many people in the United States maintain classic automobiles as a pastime

and do so with great passion and as a means of individual expression;

Whereas the Senate recognizes the effect that the more than 100-year history of the automobile has had on the economic progress of the Nation and supports wholeheartedly all activities involved in the restoration and exhibition of classic automobiles;

Whereas collection, restoration, and preservation of automobiles is an activity shared across generations and across all segments of society;

Whereas thousands of local car clubs and related businesses have been instrumental in preserving a historic part of the heritage of this Nation by encouraging the restoration and exhibition of such vintage works of art;

Whereas automotive restoration provides well-paying, high-skilled jobs for people in all 50 States; and

Whereas automobiles have provided the inspiration for music, photography, cinema, fashion, and other artistic pursuits that have become part of the popular culture of the United States: Now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 8, 2011, as “Collector Car Appreciation Day”;

(2) recognizes that the collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States;

(3) encourages the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation, and other Federal agencies to support events and commemorations of “Collector Car Appreciation Day”, including exhibitions and educational and cultural activities for young people; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to engage in events and commemorations of “Collector Car Appreciation Day” that create opportunities for collector car owners to educate young people on the importance of preserving the cultural heritage of the United States, including through the collection and restoration of collector cars.

SENATE RESOLUTION 116—TO PROVIDE FOR EXPEDITED SENATE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS SUBJECT TO ADVICE AND CONSENT

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. REID of Nevada, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. REED of Rhode Island, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. CARPER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. KYL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration:

S. RES. 116

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION.

(a) **PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS; INFORMATION REQUESTED.**—Upon receipt by the Senate of a nomination described in section 2, the nomination shall—

(1) be placed on the Executive Calendar under the heading “Privileged Nominations—Information Requested”; and

(2) remain on the Executive Calendar under such heading until the Executive Clerk receives a written certification from the Chairman of the committee of jurisdiction under subsection (b).

(b) **QUESTIONNAIRES.**—The Chairman of the committee of jurisdiction shall notify the

Executive Clerk in writing when the appropriate biographical and financial questionnaires have been received from an individual nominated for a position described in section 2.

(c) **PRIVILEGED NOMINATIONS; INFORMATION RECEIVED.**—Upon receipt of the certification under subsection (b), the nomination shall—

(1) be placed on the Executive Calendar under the heading “Privileged Nomination—Information Received” and remain on the Executive Calendar under such heading for 10 session days; and

(2) after the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (1), be placed on the “Nominations” section of the Executive Calendar.

(d) **REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION.**—During the period when a nomination described in subsection (a) is listed under the “Privileged Nomination—Information Requested” section of the Executive Calendar described in section (a)(1) or the “Privileged Nomination—Information Received” section of the Executive Calendar described in section (c)(1)—

(1) any Senator may request on his or her own behalf, or on the behalf of any identified Senator that the nomination be referred to the appropriate committee of jurisdiction; and

(2) if a Senator makes a request described in paragraph (1), the nomination shall be referred to the appropriate committee of jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. NOMINATIONS COVERED.

The following nominations for the positions described (including total number of individuals to be appointed for the position) shall be considered under the provisions of this resolution:

(1) The Chairman and the Members of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting (9 Members including Chairman).

(2) The Chairman and the Members of the Corporation for National and Community Service (15 Members including Chairman).

(3) The Chairman and the Members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Boards (5 Members including Chairman).

(4) The Members of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board (7 Members).

(5) The Members of the Board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (4 Members).

(6) The Members of the National Council on the Arts (18 Members).

(7) The Members of the National Council for the Humanities (26 Members).

(8) The Members of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (8 Members).

(9) The Members of the Peace Corps. National Advisory Council (15 Members).

(10) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and the Members of the Board of Directors for the United States Institute of Peace (12 Members including Chairman and Vice Chairman).

(11) The Members of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (5 Members).

(12) The Members of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank (3 Members).

(13) The Members of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences (15 to 21 Members).

(14) The Members of the Board of Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (5 Members).

(15) The Members of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority (3 Members).

(16) The Members of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Advisory Board (5 Members).

(17) The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Ex-

cellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation (9 Members).

(18) The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund (2 Members).

(19) The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund and Disability Insurance Trust Fund (2 Members).

(20) The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund (2 Members).

(21) The Members of the Social Security Advisory Board (3 Members).

(22) The Members of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation (7 Members).

(23) The Members of the Board of Directors of the Inter American Foundation (9 Members).

(24) The Commissioners of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy (7 Members).

(25) The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation (8 Members).

(26) The Members of the Board of Trustees of the Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation (8 Members).

(27) The Members of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation (6 Members).

(28) The Members of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation (11 Members).

(29) The Members of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission (2 Members).

(30) The Members of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute (11 Members).

SEC. 3. EXECUTIVE CALENDAR.

The Secretary of the Senate shall create the appropriate sections on the Executive Calendar to reflect and effectuate the requirements of this resolution.

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution shall take effect 60 days after the date of adoption of this resolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 117—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. RES. 117

Whereas social work is a profession of hope, grounded in practical problem-solving expertise;

Whereas social workers are positive change agents who dedicate their careers to helping people transform their lives and improving environments to make that transformation possible;

Whereas more than 640,000 trained social work professionals in the United States work tirelessly to provide resources and guidance that support social functioning in agencies, hospitals, hospices, schools, universities, legislatures, private practices, corporations, and the military;

Whereas social workers have education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices;

Whereas social workers stand up for others to make sure that everyone has access to the