

WYDEN) submitted the following resolution; which was submitted and read:

S. RES. 159

Whereas, on May 1, 2011, United States personnel killed terrorist leader Osama bin Laden during the course of a targeted strike against his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan;

Whereas Osama bin Laden was the leader of the al Qaeda terrorist organization, the most significant terrorism threat to the United States and the international community;

Whereas Osama bin Laden was the architect of terrorist attacks which killed nearly 3,000 civilians on September 11, 2001, the most deadly terrorist attack against our Nation, in which al Qaeda terrorists hijacked four airplanes and crashed them into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and, due to heroic efforts by civilian passengers to disrupt the terrorists, near Shanksville, Pennsylvania;

Whereas Osama bin Laden planned or supported numerous other deadly terrorist attacks against the United States and its allies, including the 1998 bombings of United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania and the 2000 attack on the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen, and against innocent civilians in countries around the world, including the 2004 attack on commuter trains in Madrid, Spain and the 2005 bombings of the mass transit system in London, England;

Whereas, following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the United States, under President George W. Bush, led an international coalition into Afghanistan to dismantle al Qaeda, deny them a safe haven in Afghanistan and ungoverned areas along the Pakistani border, and bring Osama bin Laden to justice;

Whereas President Barack Obama in 2009 committed additional forces and resources to efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan as “the central front in our enduring struggle against terrorism and extremism”;

Whereas the valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have courageously and vigorously pursued al Qaeda and its affiliates in Afghanistan and around the world;

Whereas the anonymous, unsung heroes of the intelligence community have pursued al Qaeda and affiliates in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and around the world with tremendous dedication, sacrifice, and professionalism;

Whereas the close collaboration between the Armed Forces and the intelligence community prompted the Director of National Intelligence, General James Clapper, to state, “Never have I seen a more remarkable example of focused integration, seamless collaboration, and sheer professional magnificence as was demonstrated by the Intelligence Community in the ultimate demise of Osama bin Laden.”;

Whereas, while the death of Osama bin Laden represents a significant blow to the al Qaeda organization and its affiliates and to terrorist organizations around the world, terrorism remains a critical threat to United States national security; and

Whereas President Obama said, “For over two decades, bin Laden has been al Qaeda’s leader and symbol, and has continued to plot attacks against our country and our friends and allies. The death of bin Laden marks the most significant achievement to date in our Nation’s effort to defeat al Qaeda.”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) declares that the death of Osama bin Laden represents a measure of justice and relief for the families and friends of the nearly 3,000 men and women who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, the men and women in

the United States and around the world who have been killed by other al Qaeda-sponsored attacks, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and the intelligence community who have sacrificed their lives pursuing Osama bin Laden and al Qaeda;

(2) commends the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and the United States intelligence community for the tremendous commitment, perseverance, professionalism, and sacrifice they displayed in bringing Osama bin Laden to justice;

(3) commends the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and the United States intelligence community for committing themselves to defeating, disrupting, and dismantling al Qaeda;

(4) commends the President for ordering the successful operations to locate and eliminate Osama bin Laden; and

(5) reaffirms its commitment to disrupting, dismantling, and defeating al Qaeda and affiliated organizations around the world that threaten United States national security, eliminating a safe haven for terrorists in Afghanistan and Pakistan, and bringing terrorists to justice.

SENATE RESOLUTION 160—DESIGNATING MAY 6, 2011, AS “MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY”

Mr. BURR (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 160

Whereas the month of May marks “National Military Appreciation Month”;

Whereas military spouses provide vital support to men and women in the Armed Forces and help to make the service of such men and women in the Armed Forces possible;

Whereas military spouses have been separated from loved ones because of deployment in support of overseas contingency operations and other military missions carried out by the Armed Forces;

Whereas the establishment of “Military Spouse Appreciation Day” is an appropriate way to honor the spouses of members of the Armed Forces; and

Whereas May 6, 2011, would be an appropriate date to establish as “Military Spouse Appreciation Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 6, 2011, as “Military Spouse Appreciation Day”;

(2) honors and recognizes the contributions made by spouses of members of the Armed Forces; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe “Military Spouse Appreciation Day” to promote awareness of the contributions of spouses of members of the Armed Forces and the importance of the role of military spouses in the lives of members of the Armed Forces and veterans.

SENATE RESOLUTION 161—DESIGNATING MAY 2011, AS “NATIONAL INVENTORS MONTH”

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 161

Whereas the first United States patent was issued in 1790 to Samuel Hopkins of the State of Vermont for a process to make better fertilizer;

Whereas American inventors have contributed to advances in life sciences, technology, and manufacturing;

Whereas the Constitution specifically provides for the granting of exclusive rights to inventors for their discoveries;

Whereas the United States patent system is intended to implement that constitutional imperative and incentivize inventions;

Whereas American inventors benefit from an up-to-date and efficient patent system and the economy, jobs, and consumers of the United States benefit from the inventions;

Whereas the next great American invention could be among the 700,000 patent applications pending as of the date of approval of this resolution in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

Whereas the last changes to the United States patent system were made nearly 60 years ago;

Whereas an updated patent system will unleash innovation and create jobs in the United States without adding to the deficit;

Whereas every May, a new class of inventors is inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame;

Whereas in the 112th Congress, a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives entitled the “America Invents Act” (H.R. 1249) to make reforms to the United States patent system; and

Whereas the Senate on March 8, 2011, passed the bill entitled the “America Invents Act” (S. 23), which will make the first comprehensive reforms to the United States patent system in nearly 60 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates May 2011, as “National Inventors Month”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 303. Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. DEMINT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 304. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 305. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 309. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. WEBB, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 310. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 311. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 312. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 313. Mr. McCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 314. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 316. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 317. Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 303. Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. DEMINT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROTECTION OF RIGHT TO WORK.

(a) **APPLICABILITY OF NLRA TO STATE RIGHT TO WORK LAWS.**—Section 14 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 164) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the application of any State law that prohibits, or otherwise places restraints upon, agreements between labor organizations and employers that make membership in the labor organization, or that require the payment of dues or fees to such organization, a condition of employment either before or after hiring.”.

(b) **APPLICABILITY OF RAILWAY LABOR ACT TO STATE RIGHT TO WORK LAWS.**—Title II of the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 209. EFFECT ON STATE RIGHT TO WORK LAWS.

“Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the application of any State law that prohibits, or otherwise places restraints upon, agreements between labor organizations and carriers that make membership in the labor organization, or that require the payment of dues or fees to such organization, a condition of employment either before or after hiring.”.

SA 304. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 49, line 16, strike “and” and all that follows through line 18 and insert the following:

(B) by striking “SBIR projects” and inserting “SBIR or STTR projects”;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at the end;

(D) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(E) by adding at the end the following: “(E) developing and manufacturing in the United States new commercial products and processes resulting from such projects.”;

SA 305. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 83, line 15, strike “and” and all that follows through line 22 and insert the following:

“(viii) the Federal agency to which the application is made, and contact information for the person or office within the Federal agency that is responsible for reviewing applications and making awards under the SBIR program or the STTR program; and

“(ix) whether the small business concern—

“(I) has a product, process, technology, or service that received funding under the SBIR or STTR program of a Federal agency and that is produced or delivered for sale to or use by the Federal Government or commercial markets; and

“(II) for each product, process, technology, or service described in subclause (I), is testing or producing the product, process, technology, or service in the United States.”;

SA 306. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 90, line 10, strike “and” and all that follows through line 13 and insert the following:

“(C) estimate, to the extent practicable, the number of jobs created by the SBIR program or STTR program of the agency;

“(D) estimate, to the extent practicable, the amount of production and manufacturing in the United States that resulted from awards under the SBIR program or STTR program of the agency; and

“(E) make recommendations, if any, for changes to the SBIR program or STTR program of the agency that would increase production and manufacturing in the United States.

SA 307. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 91, line 20, strike “and” and all that follows through line 22 and insert the following:

“(3) the dollar amount of the Phase III award; and

“(4) whether the small business concern or individual receiving the Phase III award is

developing, testing, producing, or manufacturing the product or service that is the subject of the Phase III award in the United States.”.

SA 308. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 115, line 8, insert after “programs” the following: “, including the impact on production and manufacturing in the United States”.

SA 309. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. WEBB, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

SEC. ____ . REPEAL OF VEETC.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Ethanol Subsidy and Tariff Repeal Act”.

(b) **ELIMINATION OF EXCISE TAX CREDIT OR PAYMENT.**—

(1) Section 6426(b)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “the later of June 30, 2011, or the date of the enactment of the Ethanol Subsidy and Tariff Repeal Act”.

(2) Section 6427(e)(6)(A) of such Code is amended by striking “December 31, 2011” and inserting “the later of June 30, 2011, or the date of the enactment the Ethanol Subsidy and Tariff Repeal Act”.

(c) **ELIMINATION OF INCOME TAX CREDIT.**—The table contained in section 40(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “2011” and inserting “the later of June 30, 2011, or the date of the enactment of the Ethanol Subsidy and Tariff Repeal Act”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“After such date zero zero”.

(d) **REPEAL OF DEADWOOD.**—

(1) Section 40(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(2) Section 6426(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking subparagraph (C).

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to any sale, use, or removal for any period after the later of June 30, 2011, or the date of the enactment of the Act.

SEC. ____ . REMOVAL OF TARIFFS ON ETHANOL.

(a) **DUTY-FREE TREATMENT.**—Chapter 98 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by adding at the end the following new subchapter: