

under section 101(a)(2) that is the subject of the project.

(d) APPLICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible for a grant under this section, an entity shall prepare and submit an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the President may reasonably require.

(2) CONTENT.—Each application submitted under paragraph (1) should be consistent with the findings of the 2007 United States Agency for International Development report entitled, “Environmental Vulnerability in Haiti: Findings and Recommendations”, and shall include—

(A) a description of the objectives to be attained;

(B) a description of the manner in which the grant funds will be used;

(C) a plan for evaluating the success of the project based on verifiable evidence; and

(D) to the extent that the applicant intends to use nonnative species in afforestation efforts, an explanation of the benefit of the use of nonnative species over native species and verification that the species to be used are not invasive.

(3) PREFERENCE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.—In awarding grants under this section, preference shall be given to applicants that propose—

(A) to develop market-based solutions to the difficulty of reforestation in Haiti, including the use of conditional cash transfers and similar financial incentives to protect reforestation efforts;

(B) to partner with local communities and cooperatives; and

(C) to focus on efforts that build local capacity to sustain growth after the completion of the underlying grant project.

(e) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The President shall collect and widely disseminate information about the effectiveness of the demonstration projects assisted under this section.

SEC. 202. FOREST PROTECTION GRANTS.

Chapter 7 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2281 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 466 the following new section:

“SEC. 467. PILOT PROGRAM FOR HAITI.

“(a) SUBMISSION OF LIST OF AREAS OF SEVERELY DEGRADED NATURAL RESOURCES.—The President, in cooperation with non-governmental conservation organizations, shall invite the Government of Haiti to submit a list of areas within the territory of Haiti in which tropical forests are seriously degraded or threatened.

“(b) REVIEW OF LIST.—The President shall assess the list submitted by the Government of Haiti under subsection (a) and shall seek to reach agreement with the Government of Haiti for the restoration and future sustainable use of those areas.

“(c) GRANT PROGRAM.—

“(1) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The President is authorized to make grants on such terms and conditions as may be necessary to non-governmental organizations for the purchase on the open market of discounted debt of the Government of Haiti, if a market is determined to be viable, in exchange for commitments by the Government of Haiti to restore tropical forests identified by the Government under subsection (a) or for commitments to develop plans for sustainable use of such tropical forests.

“(2) MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS.—Each recipient of a grant under this subsection shall participate in the ongoing management of the area or areas protected pursuant to such grant.

“(3) RETENTION OF PROCEEDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a grant-

ee (or any subgrantee) of the grants referred to in section (a) may retain, without deposit in the Treasury of the United States and without further appropriation by Congress, interest earned on the proceeds of any resulting debt-for-nature exchange pending the disbursements of such proceeds and interest for approved program purposes, which may include the establishment of an endowment, the income of which is used for such purposes.

“(4) TERMINATION OF PROGRAM.—The authority to make grants under the pilot program shall terminate five years after the date of the enactment of this Act. The authority may be renewed for one additional five-year period during the 30-year reforestation period targeted by this Act if the President determines and certifies to Congress that the pilot program is effective in meeting the goals of the Act and the commitment of the Government of Haiti to returning land in Haiti to long-term sustainable forests. The cumulative duration of the pilot program may not exceed ten total years.”.

TITLE III—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 301. DELEGATION.

The President (or the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development or the Secretary of State as the President's delegate) may draw, as appropriate, on the expertise of the United States Forest Service in designing and implementing programs pursuant to this Act relating to reforestation, watershed restoration, and monitoring of land use change.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 188—OPPOSING STATE BAILOUTS BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. KIRK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

S. RES. 188

Whereas each State of the Union is a sovereign entity with a constitution and authority to issue sovereign debt;

Whereas the legislature of each State of the Union has the authority to reduce spending or raise taxes to pay the obligations to which the State has committed itself;

Whereas the officials of each State of the Union have the legal obligation to fully disclose the financial condition of the State to investors who purchase the debt of such State;

Whereas Congress has rejected prior requests from State creditors for payment of defaulted State debt; and

Whereas during the financial crisis in 1842, the Senate requested that the Secretary of State report any negotiations with State creditors to assume or guaranty State debts, to ensure that no promises of Federal Government support were proffered: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Federal Government should take no action to redeem, assume, or guarantee State debt; and

(2) the Secretary of the Treasury should report to Congress negotiations to engage in actions that would result in an outlay of Federal funds on behalf of creditors to a State.

SENATE RESOLUTION 189—RECOGNIZING AND HONORING HARMON KILLEBREW AND EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS DEATH

Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 189

Whereas Harmon Clayton Killebrew was born on June 29, 1936, in Payette, Idaho;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew earned multiple awards as an athlete in baseball, basketball, and football while at Payette High School;

Whereas at the age of 17, Harmon Killebrew signed his first professional baseball contract with the Washington Senators;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew credits then-United States Senator from the State of Idaho, Herman Welker, with recommending to the Griffith family, then-Washington Senators owners, that the Washington Senators sign Killebrew;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew played his first 7 seasons of professional baseball in Washington, D.C. before moving with the Washington Senators franchise to the State of Minnesota in 1961, where the team was renamed the Minnesota Twins;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew played 14 seasons with the Minnesota Twins;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew hit the longest home run in the history of Metropolitan Stadium, which hit a seat located 520 feet from home plate that the Twins later painted red in honor of that historic shot;

Whereas while with the Minnesota Twins, Harmon Killebrew made the All-Star Team in 10 different seasons and competed in the 1965 World Series, where the Minnesota Twins fell in 7 games to the Los Angeles Dodgers;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew earned the American League's Most Valuable Player award in 1969 when he led the league in both home runs and runs batted in;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew retired from professional baseball in 1975, after playing 1 season with the Kansas City Royals;

Whereas uniform number 3, which Harmon Killebrew wore while with the Minnesota Twins, has been retired by the Minnesota Twins;

Whereas as of 2011, Harmon Killebrew, with 573 career home runs, ranks 11th highest on the all-time career home run list of Major League Baseball;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984;

Whereas Harmon Killebrew remained active in many important charitable efforts following the conclusion of his playing career;

Whereas in 1977, Harmon Killebrew joined with Ralph Harding, a former United States Representative from the State of Idaho, in founding the Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament, in honor of Danny Thompson, Harmon Killebrew's former Minnesota Twins teammate who died as a result of leukemia in 1976; and

Whereas the efforts of Harmon Killebrew in support of the annual Danny Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament in the State of Idaho generated more than \$25,000,000 for leukemia and cancer research at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute in Boise, Idaho and the University of Minnesota Cancer Research Center: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes Harmon Killebrew as one of the greatest professional baseball players of all time;

(2) honors Harmon Killebrew for his charitable efforts to support leukemia and cancer research; and

(3) extends the deepest condolences of the Senate to the family of Harmon Killebrew.

SENATE RESOLUTION 190—RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDIANAPOLIS 500 MILE RACE

Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. COATS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 190

Whereas the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is the largest spectator sporting facility in the world, with more than 250,000 permanent seats;

Whereas founders Carl G. Fisher, Arthur C. Newby, Frank H. Wheeler, and James A. Allison pooled their resources in 1909 to build the Indianapolis Motor Speedway 5 miles from downtown Indianapolis as a testing ground to support the growing automotive industry of Indiana;

Whereas on August 14, 1909, the first motorized races, using motorcycles, took place on the recently completed 2.5-mile oval, which had a racing surface composed of crushed stone and tar;

Whereas on August 19, 1909, the first 4-wheeled automobile races at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway took place;

Whereas for 63 days in late 1909, 3,200,000 paving bricks, each weighing 9.5 pounds, were laid on top of the crushed stone and tar surface to upgrade the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, leading the facility to be nicknamed "The Brickyard";

Whereas a 3-foot horizontal strip of that original brick remains exposed at the start and finish line, known as the "Yard of Bricks";

Whereas on May 30, 1911, the first Indianapolis 500 Mile Race took place and was won by Ray Harroun at an average speed of 74.602 miles per hour;

Whereas the Indianapolis 500, the largest single-day spectator sporting event in the world, has occurred on every Memorial Day weekend since 1911, except during the involvement of the United States in world wars from 1917 through 1918 and 1942 through 1945;

Whereas in 1977, Janet Guthrie became the first woman to compete in the Indianapolis 500;

Whereas in 1991, Willy T. Ribbs became the first African-American driver to compete in the Indianapolis 500;

Whereas the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, by hosting the IZOD IndyCar Series, the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, the MotoGP Series, and the Formula One Series, is the only facility in the world that has played host to these 4 elite worldwide racing series;

Whereas every May since 1981 the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has served as the backdrop for the annual Armed Forces Induction Ceremony, in which citizens of Indiana who have volunteered to serve in the Armed Forces are administered the oath of enlistment;

Whereas in 1987, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway was officially listed on the National Park Service list of National Historic Landmarks as the oldest continuously operated automobile racecourse; and

Whereas the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race has played an enormous part in shaping and defining the City of Indianapolis, the State of

Indiana, United States motorsports, and the United States automobile industry, and is a great source of pride to all citizens of Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the 100th anniversary of the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 320. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 174, expressing the sense of the Senate that effective sharing of passenger information from inbound international flight manifests is a crucial component of our national security and that the Department of Homeland Security must maintain the information sharing standards required under the 2007 Passenger Name Record Agreement between the United States and the European Union.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 320. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 174, expressing the sense of the Senate that effective sharing of passenger information from inbound international flight manifests is a crucial component of our national security and that the Department of Homeland Security must maintain the information sharing standards required under the 2007 Passenger Name Record Agreement between the United States and the European Union; as follows:

In the 5th whereas clause of the preamble, strike "an agreement to exchange passenger information" and insert "information sharing agreements".

In the 6th whereas clause of the preamble, strike "international law and treaties have recognized" and insert "security and intelligence experts recognize".

NOTICE OF HEARING

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has scheduled a hearing entitled, "Stimulus Contractors Who Cheat on Their Taxes: What Happened?" The Subcommittee hearing will focus on the findings of the forthcoming Government Accountability Office Report entitled Thousands of Recovery Act Contract and Grant Recipients Owe Hundreds of Millions in Federal Taxes to examine how contractors with tax delinquencies received payments under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ARRA. The hearing will also examine solutions to the problem, including denying Federal contract dollars to subcontractors with serious tax delinquencies. Witnesses for the hearing will include Mr. Gregory D. Kutz, Director of Forensic Audits and Investigative Services of the Government Accountability Office and The Honorable Daniel I. Gordon, Administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Pol-

icy at the Office of Management and Budget.

The Subcommittee hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at (202) 224-9505.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 18, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a European Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Administration Priorities for Europe in the 112th Congress."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2011, at 2:20 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 18, 2011, at 9:45 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Efficiency and Ensuring Justice in the Immigration Court System."

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 18, 2011. The committee will meet in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building beginning at 10 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 18, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.