

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term “public transportation asset” means a transportation facility of any kind that was or is constructed, maintained, or upgraded before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act using Federal funds—

(i)(I) the fair market value of which is more than \$500,000,000, as determined by the Secretary; and

(II) that has received any Federal funding, as of the date on which the determination is made;

(ii) the fair market value of which is less than or equal to \$500,000,000, as determined by the Secretary; and

(I) that has received \$25,000,000 or more in Federal funding, as of the date on which the determination is made; or

(iii) in which a significant national public interest (such as interstate commerce, homeland security, public health, or the environment) is at stake, as determined by the Secretary.

(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term “public transportation asset” includes a transportation facility described in subparagraph (A) that is—

(i) a Federal-aid highway (as defined in section 101 of title 23, United States Code);

(ii) a highway or mass transit project constructed using amounts made available from the Highway Account or Mass Transit Account, respectively, of the Highway Trust Fund;

(iii) an air navigation facility (as defined in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code); or

(iv) a train station or multimodal station that receives a Federal grant, including any grant authorized under the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-432; 122 Stat. 4907) or an amendment made by that Act.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

SA 917. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 857 proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) to the amendment SA 738 proposed by Mr. INOUE to the bill H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 5, strike line 14 and insert the following:

2011” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

SEC. ____ REESTABLISHMENT OF MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT PERMITTED TO BE PROVIDED BY THE TAXPAYERS TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.

(a) MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF COMMITMENT.—No funds may be provided by the Department of the Treasury or any other agency or entity of the Federal Government to the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as part of the Amended and Restated Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, dated September 26, 2008, amended May 6, 2009, and further amended December 24, 2009 (as such agreement may be further amended), between the Department of the Treasury and the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as applicable, under any other agreement between the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Department of the Treasury, or otherwise, that exceed a maximum aggregate amount of \$200,000,000,000.

(b) PAYMENTS TO TREASURY.—Any dividend or interest payment made by the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to the Department of the Treasury pursuant to any applicable contract, agreement, or provision of law shall not be included in the calculation of the aggregate amount of a commitment under subsection (a).

(c) ENFORCEMENT.—The Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency shall take such actions as the Administrator determines are necessary to prevent the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation from requesting or receiving any funds that exceed the limit provided in subsection (a).

(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the terms “deficiency amount” and “surplus amount” have the meanings provided such terms in the applicable Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement described in subsection (a), as amended through December 24, 2009.

SA 918. Mr. INOUE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2112, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 197, strike line 9 and all that follows through page 209, line 2, and insert the following:

SEC. 541. The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading “COMMISSION ON WARTIME RELOCATION AND INTERNMENT OF LATIN AMERICANS OF JAPANESE DESCENT” is hereby reduced by \$1,700,000.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a field hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks. The hearing will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., at the CCC Recreation Hall, Mile Post 19, Mesa Verde National Park, CO.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine issues affecting management of archaeological, cultural, and historic resources at Mesa Verde National Park and other units of the National Park System.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Jake McCook@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact David Brooks (202) 224-9863 or Jake McCook (202) 224-9313.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Housing Finance Reform: Continuation of the 30-Year Fixed-Rate Mortgage.”

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, “U.S. Military Deployment to Central Africa.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Ms. MIKULSKI. 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 October 20, 2011, at 8 a.m. in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 20, 2011, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 20, 2011, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 20, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “Accountability at FEMA: Is Quality Job #1?”

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select

Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 20, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on October 20, 2011, at 2 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "The G20 and Global Economic and Financial Risks."

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

RECOGNIZING THE FESTIVAL OF
DIWALI

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 291, and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 291) recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any related statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 291) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 291

Whereas Diwali, a festival of great significance to Indian Americans and South Asian Americans, is celebrated annually by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains throughout India, the United States, and the world;

Whereas Diwali is a festival of lights, during which celebrants light small oil lamps, place the lamps around the home, and pray for health, knowledge, peace, wealth, and prosperity in the new year;

Whereas the lights symbolize the light of knowledge within the individual that overwhelms the darkness of ignorance, empowering each celebrant to do good deeds and show compassion to others;

Whereas Diwali falls on the last day of the last month in the lunar calendar and is celebrated as a day of thanksgiving for the homecoming of the Lord Rama and worship of Lord Ganesha, the remover of obstacles and bestower of blessings, at the beginning of the new year for many Hindus;

Whereas for Sikhs, Diwali is celebrated as Bandhi Chhor Diwas (The Celebration of Freedom), in honor of the release from prison of the sixth guru, Guru Hargobind; and

Whereas for Jains, Diwali marks the anniversary of the attainment of moksha, or liberation, by Mahavira, the last of the Tirthankaras (the great teachers of Jain dharma), at the end of his life in 527 B.C.: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; and

(2) in observance of Diwali, the festival of lights, expresses its deepest respect for Indian Americans and South Asian Americans, as well as fellow countrymen and diaspora throughout the world on this significant occasion.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration, en bloc, of the following resolutions which were submitted today: S. Res. 304, S. Res. 305, S. Res. 306, and S. Res. 307.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and that any related statements be printed in the RECORD, as if read.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 304, S. Res. 305, S. Res. 306, and S. Res. 307) were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

The resolutions, with their preambles, read as follows:

S. RES. 304

(Supporting "Lights On Afterschool," a national celebration of afterschool programs)

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs provide safe, challenging, engaging, and fun learning experiences that help children and youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs support working families by ensuring that the children in those families are safe and productive after the regular school day ends;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders, and adult volunteers in the lives of children in the United States, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families, and adults;

Whereas high-quality afterschool programs engage families, schools, and diverse community partners in advancing the well-being of children in the United States;

Whereas "Lights On Afterschool", a national celebration of afterschool programs held on October 20, 2011, highlights the critical importance of high-quality afterschool programs in the lives of children, their families, and their communities;

Whereas more than 28,000,000 children in the United States have parents who work outside the home and approximately 15,100,000 children in the United States have no place to go after school; and

Whereas many afterschool programs across the United States are struggling to keep their doors open and their lights on: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the goals and ideals of "Lights On Afterschool", a national celebration of afterschool programs.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, S. Res. 305 concerns representation by the Senate Legal Counsel of Senator CORNYN and Senator HUTCHISON, who have been subpoenaed to provide testimony and produce documents in a lawsuit be-

tween an individual and the Social Security Administration over the termination of the individual's benefits. That individual had requested that Senator CORNYN and Senator HUTCHISON assist him with his attempt to reverse the termination of his benefits by the Social Security Administration, and those Senators' offices had provided standard constituent service seeking an explanation regarding the matter from the agency for this individual. Neither Senator, however, has personal knowledge of the facts supporting the Social Security Administration's termination of plaintiff's benefits, nor were they involved in any way in that termination.

This resolution would authorize the Senate Legal Counsel to represent Senator CORNYN and Senator HUTCHISON, as well as any staff from either of their offices who may be subpoenaed in this lawsuit, in order to quash the subpoena.

S. RES. 305

(To authorize legal representation in *Edward Paul Celestine, Jr. v. Social Security Administration*)

Whereas, in the case of *Edward Paul Celestine, Jr. v. Social Security Administration*, No. 4:11-CV-3376, pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, the plaintiff has sent subpoenas for testimony and documents to Senator John Cornyn and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison; and,

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent Members, officers, and employees of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony or documents relating to their official responsibilities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Senator John Cornyn and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison in this matter as well as any employee in Senator Cornyn's or Senator Hutchison's offices who may be subpoenaed in this case.

S. RES. 306

(Supporting the goals and ideals of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month and raising awareness and enhancing the state of cybersecurity in the United States)

Whereas the use of the Internet in the United States to communicate, conduct business, and generate commerce that benefits the overall United States economy is ubiquitous;

Whereas the United States technological know-how, innovation, and entrepreneurship are all digitally connected;

Whereas as the pace of innovation has accelerated, so too have methods to attack the United States economic prosperity and security, spawning new, high-tech challenges, from identity theft to corporate hacking to cyberbullying;

Whereas many people use the Internet in the United States to communicate with family and friends, manage finances and pay bills, access educational opportunities, shop at home, participate in online entertainment and games, and stay informed of news and current events;

Whereas small businesses in the United States, which employ a significant portion of