

Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve and as an instructor at the Naval Justice School in Newport; to his time as a member of the Rhode Island State senate; to his distinguished tenure on the Workers' Compensation Court, Bruce Morin has been a lifelong public servant.

After a long and successful career in Rhode Island, I know Judge Morin is looking forward to an enjoyable retirement, more hours on the links, and more time to share with his two wonderful children Jeffrey and Amy. I congratulate him on his many accomplishments and wish him great luck and happiness in all his future endeavors.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate announced that on today, November 14, 2011, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1280. An act to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of a sexual assault policy, the establishment of an Office of Victim Advocacy, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 296. A resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. COATS:

S. 1860. A bill to clarify prohibitions for any United Nations entity that admits Palestine as a member state; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 322. A resolution designating November 2011 as "COPD Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 381

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 381, a bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide that certain firearms listed as curios or relics may be imported into the United States by a licensed importer without obtaining authorization from the Department of State or the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 506

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 506, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to address and take action to prevent bullying and harassment of students.

S. 815

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 815, a bill to guarantee that military funerals are conducted with dignity and respect.

S. 1335

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1335, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes.

S. 1440

At the request of Mr. BENNET, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1440, a bill to reduce preterm labor and delivery and the risk of pregnancy-related deaths and complications due to pregnancy, and to reduce infant mortality caused by prematurity.

S. 1468

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1468, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by authorizing certified diabetes educators to provide diabetes self-management training services, including as part of telehealth services, under part B of the Medicare program.

S. 1616

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr.

THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1616, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt certain stock of real estate investment trusts from the tax on foreign investments in United States real property interests, and for other purposes.

S. 1703

At the request of Mr. PRYOR, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1703, a bill to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to require a Quadrennial Energy Review, and for other purposes.

S. 1824

At the request of Mr. TOOMEY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1824, a bill to amend the securities laws to establish certain thresholds for shareholder registration under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1848

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1848, a bill to promote transparency, accountability, and reform within the United Nations system, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 199

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 199, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of "Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week".

S. RES. 302

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 302, a resolution expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging the people of the United States to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

S. RES. 316

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 316, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Tunisia's peaceful Jasmine Revolution.

S. RES. 317

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 317, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the liberation of Libya from the dictatorship led by Muammar Qaddafi.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 322—DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2011 AS "COPD AWARENESS MONTH"

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

S. RES. 322

Whereas chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (referred to in this preamble as "COPD"), also known as chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the third leading cause of death in the United States and is the only 1 of the top 5 causes of death with a rising prevalence and death rate;

Whereas COPD is a chronic and progressive disease that affects over 24,000,000 people in the United States, ½ of whom have not been properly diagnosed;

Whereas COPD claims the lives of more than 120,000 people of the United States each year, with a person dying every 4 minutes from COPD;

Whereas COPD is considered to be the second leading cause of disability in the United States;

Whereas in 2011 COPD cost the United States approximately \$49,900,000,000 per year;

Whereas the major risk factor for COPD is smoking and other risk factors include exposure to air pollution, industrial irritants, and burned biomass fuels;

Whereas COPD can also result from genetic conditions, such as alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency;

Whereas many patients suffering with COPD are not diagnosed until they have reached an advanced stage of COPD;

Whereas a diagnostic test for COPD, known as spirometry, is available for office use, allowing early diagnosis of COPD;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of Veterans Affairs play a critical role in advancing the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and ultimately a cure for COPD;

Whereas primary care physicians are in a key position to provide optimal care to patients with COPD and need to be trained to diagnose and treat the disease;

Whereas individuals with COPD who are able to receive education from allied health professionals, such as respiratory therapists, have better health outcomes;

Whereas appropriately treating COPD with medication and health management can reduce hospital readmissions and costly exacerbations; and

Whereas increased public awareness, screening, early detection, and treatment of COPD are crucial in the prevention or slowing the progression of lung disease and can lead to reduced costs and better quality of life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates November 2011 as "COPD Awareness Month";

(2) encourages all people of the United States to become more informed about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (referred to in this resolution as "COPD") and get screened if they are at risk; and

(3) encourages further partnership between the Federal government and private entities to enhance patient education about COPD.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 945. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 946. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 947. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 948. Mr. COATS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill H.R. 2354, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 949. Mr. COATS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 945. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I of division A, add the following:

SEC. 1. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Corps of Engineers to implement or enforce section 327.13(a) of title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulation).

SA 946. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 480, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

VIETNAM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

SEC. 70. (a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of State may award 1 or more grants, using a transparent and competitive selection process, to institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))) and not-for-profit organizations in the United States engaged in promoting institutional innovation in Vietnamese higher education: *Provided*, That grant funds awarded under this subsection shall be used to support the establishment of 1 or more independent, not-for-profit academic institutions in Vietnam that meets standards comparable to those required for accreditation under section 101(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, with graduate level programs in public policy, management, and related fields, that support the equitable and sustainable socioeconomic development of Vietnam, feature teaching and research components, promote the development of institutional capacity and innovation in Vietnam, operate according to core principles of good governance, and are autonomous: *Provided further*, That each institution of higher education and not-for-profit organization desiring a grant under this subsection shall submit an application to the Secretary of State at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by such information as the Secretary may reasonably require: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of State may use amounts from the Vietnam Debt Repayment Fund made available under section 207(c) of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 2452 note) for grants authorized under this subsection: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of State shall submit an annual report to the appropriate congressional committees that summarizes the activities carried out under this subsection during the most recent fiscal year.

(b) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND ASSETS.—All functions and assets of the Vietnam Education Foundation, as of the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, are transferred to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—In addition to the purpose set forth in paragraph (2) of section

207(c) of the Vietnam Education Foundation Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 2452 note), during each of the fiscal years 2012 through 2018, the amounts deposited into the Vietnam Debt Repayment Fund pursuant to paragraph (1) of such section shall be made available by the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the request of the Secretary of State, to—

(1) institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))), selected by the Secretary of State through a transparent and competitive process, for the purpose of supporting the establishment of 1 or more independent, not-for-profit academic institutions in Vietnam that meets standards comparable to those required for accreditation under section 101(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, with graduate level programs in public policy, management, and related fields; and

(2) not-for-profit organizations in the United States, selected by the Secretary of State through a transparent and competitive process, for the purpose of supporting the establishment of a new, independent Vietnamese academic institution that meets standards comparable to those required for accreditation under section 101(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

SA 947. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title III, at the end of the sections under the heading "GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY", add the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of Energy to provide the cost of loan guarantees that, in any circumstances at the time of, or subsequent to, the issuance of a loan guarantee, make the Secretary subordinate to other financing.

SA 948. Mr. COATS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title III, at the end of the sections under the heading "GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY", add the following:

SEC. _____. (a) None of the funds made available by this Act to carry out the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program established under section 136 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17013) may be used by the Secretary to approve any loan for the design, manufacture, construction, or modification of any facility to produce advanced high-strength steel until the Inspector General completes and makes public the report described in subsection (b).

(b) The Inspector General shall—

(1) conduct an investigation of any conditional loan commitment issued by the Secretary for the design, manufacture, construction, or modification of any facility to produce advanced high-strength steel under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program; and