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Claire Verschraegen, M.D., Director, Hematology Oncology Unit, Director, FAHC Cancer Service Line, Director, Vermont Cancer Center; Society of Gynecologic Oncology; University of Colorado Cancer Center; National Brain Tumor Society; National Patient Advocate Foundation; Women Against Prostate Cancer; Intercultural Cancer Council Caucus; Dario Altieri, M.D., Director, Cancer Center, The Wistar Institute Cancer Center; American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer; CureSearch for Children's Cancer; Fight Colorectal Cancer; Huntsman Cancer Institute at the University of Utah; Oncology Nursing Society; Bill Bell, President, Spencer Bell Legacy Project; National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship; Prevent Cancer Foundation; National Comprehensive Cancer Network; The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; Ovarian Cancer National Alliance; One Voice Against Cancer Coalition; Deadly Cancer Coalition; Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum; Howard Ozer, M.D. PhD., Director, University of Illinois Cancer Center; Cancer Clinics of Excellence; The Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation; The International Myeloma Foundation; Manish Agrawal, M.D., Associates in Oncology/Hematology; Chordoma Foundation; Research!America; Frederick Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Therapy Center; Prevent Cancer Foundation; National Coalition for Cancer Research; Melanoma Research Alliance; National Association of Chronic Disease Directors; The Lymphoma Research Foundation; American Society of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology; International Cancer Advocacy Network.

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; Oregon Health and Science University's Knight Cancer Institute; Robert Mannel, M.D., Director, Peggy and Charles Stephenson Cancer Center, University of Oklahoma; The University of Virginia Medical Center; Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center; City of Hope National Medical Center; Oncology Nursing Society; American Institute for Cancer Research; University of Puerto Rico Comprehensive Cancer Center; Roswell Park Cancer Institute; Moffitt Cancer Center; American Society of Clinical Oncology; Lymphoma Foundation of America; University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center; New York University Cancer Institute; Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute; Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute; Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center; Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. It includes scientists and physicians working together on cancer research everywhere from the James in Columbus, to Case and UH and the clinic in Cleveland.

Ohio's universities and medical schools, teaching hospitals, Cincinnati Children's Research, small businesses, and other research institutions help bring cutting-edge cancer research to urban cities and small towns alike.

For the last 40 years, our Nation's commitment to cancer research has seen a tremendous return on invest-

ment in the millions of lives and the billions of dollars saved.

We have increased survival rates. We have advanced understanding of the diseases and the tools needed to cure them. We have better understood the connection between environmental factors and public health and diseases. We have realized the importance of prevention. We also know challenges remain—from finding more treatments to learning more and carrying out prevention better than we have, from dealing with environmental factors that we know cause large numbers of cancers and reducing costs for patients, to reducing disease burdens for different population groups.

Today's bipartisan cancer resolution on the 40th anniversary of the National Cancer Act reaffirms a commitment to address this national priority, to make sure cancer is a thing of the past.

Senator Kennedy said in those days, 40 years ago, when his legislation began to move forward:

There are few better investments in our future than the investment we make in health research.

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, earlier today, I submitted a resolution with my colleagues from Ohio and Massachusetts, Senators BROWN and KERRY, to recognize the 40th anniversary of the signing of the National Cancer Act of 1971 and to reaffirm our Nation's strong, bipartisan commitment to cancer research and the more than 12 million cancer survivors alive today because of that research.

This commitment to cancer research is supported by 40 Senators from both sides of the aisle who cosponsored this resolution. Additionally, this resolution is endorsed by more than 105 cancer institutes and hospitals, medical schools, and patient groups, including the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

Forty years ago this month, President Nixon signed the National Cancer Act into law. The creation of this law marked a turning point in our Nation's efforts to prevent and cure cancer and set in motion a coordinated and focused approach to cancer research.

The return on our commitment to cancer research is measured in lives saved, a better quality of life for cancer survivors, and an enormous economic benefit to our country and world.

Since the National Cancer Act became law in 1971, the 5-year survival rate for all cancers combined has risen consistently—this rate is now at 68 percent for adults and 80 percent for children and adolescents, up from 50 percent and 52 percent, respectively, in 1971.

It is estimated that every one percent decline in cancer mortality saves the U.S. economy \$500 billion annually.

Our country has made significant progress in combating this devastating disease, but more work remains. This year, more than 1.5 million Americans are expected to be diagnosed with cancer. Of those individuals, many will

face a very serious, life-changing diagnosis.

Today, I am proud to help submit a resolution that reaffirms our sustained, strong commitment to cancer research that will help improve the entire spectrum of care for patients, from prevention to early detection and diagnosis, to treatment and long-term survivorship, and most importantly—cures.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1459. Mr. UDALL, of Colorado proposed an amendment to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 24, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

SA 1460. Mr. HATCH proposed an amendment to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 10, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

SA 1461. Mr. REID (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2867, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1459. Mr. UDALL of Colorado proposed an amendment to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 24, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; as follows:

To amend the title so as to read:
“Joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States”

SA 1460. Mr. HATCH proposed an amendment to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 10, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; as follows:

To amend the title so as to read:
“Joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States”

SA 1461. Mr. REID (for Mr. DURBIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2867, to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 2, strike line 6 and all that follows through “(3)” on page 4, line 18, and insert the following:

(a) TERMS.—Section 201(c) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be 2 years. An individual, including any member appointed to the Commission prior to the date of the enactment of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom Reform and Reauthorization Act of 2011, shall not serve more than 2 terms as a member of the Commission under any circumstance. For any member serving on the Commission on such date who has completed at least 2 full terms on the Commission, such member's term shall expire 90 days after such date. A member of the Commission may not serve after the expiration of that member's term.”; and

(2)

On page 5, line 3, strike “(c)” and insert “(b)”.

On page 5, strike lines 9 through 19 and insert the following:

(c) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATION AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE STANDARDIZED REGULATIONS TO THE COMMISSION.—Section 201(i) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431(i)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “Members of the Commission are subject to the requirements set forth in chapters 300 through 304 of title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (commonly known as the ‘Federal Travel Regulation’) and the Department of State Standardized Regulations governing authorized travel at government expense, including regulations concerning the mode of travel, lodging and per diem expenditures, reimbursement payments, and expense reporting and documentation requirements.”.

On page 5, strike line 21 and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 204 of the International Religious Freedom

On page 6, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(b) PENDING CLAIMS.—Any administrative or judicial claim or action pending on the date of the enactment of this Act may be maintained under section 204(g) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, as added by subsection (a).

On page 6, line 21, strike “and 2013” and insert “through 2014”.

On page 7, line 9, strike “2013” and insert “2014”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2011, at 10 a.m. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. SANDERS. 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, to conduct a hearing entitled “Breaking the Silence on Child Abuse: Protection, Prevention, Intervention, and Deterrence” on December 13, 2011, at 10:15 a.m., in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized

to meet during the session of the Senate, on December 13, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs’ Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Helping Homeowners Harmed by Foreclosures: Ensuring Accountability and Transparency in Foreclosure Reviews.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 13, 2011, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, “Our Nation’s Water Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities.”

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

PIPELINE SAFETY, REGULATORY CERTAINTY, AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2011

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to H.R. 2845.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2845) to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation’s energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2845) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

REAUTHORIZING THE INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT OF 1998

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2867.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2867) to reauthorize the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a Durbin amendment which is at the desk be agreed to and the bill, as amended, be read a third time.

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

The amendment (No. 1461) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To limit appointments to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom to 2 2-year terms, to authorize employees of the Commission who have filed a discrimination complaint under section 717 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to complete such proceedings, and to clarify that travel by members of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom is subject to the Federal Travel Regulation and the Department of State Standardized Regulations)

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