

SEC. 1272. REPORT ON USE OF CERTAIN IRANIAN SEAPORTS BY FOREIGN VESSELS AND USE OF FOREIGN AIRPORTS BY SANCTIONED IRANIAN AIR CARRIERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains—

(1) a list of vessels that have entered seaports in Iran controlled by the Tidewater Middle East Company during the period specified in subsection (b) and the owners and operators of those vessels; and

(2) a list of all airports at which aircraft owned or controlled by an Iranian air carrier on which sanctions have been imposed by the United States have landed during the period specified in subsection (b).

(b) PERIOD SPECIFIED.—The period specified in this subsection is—

(1) in the case of the first report submitted under subsection (a), the 180-day period preceding the submission of the report; and

(2) in the case of any subsequent report submitted under that subsection, the year preceding the submission of the report.

(c) FORM OF REPORT.—Each report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

SEC. 1273. IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.

(a) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this subtitle.

(b) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to a person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of this subtitle or regulations prescribed under this subtitle to the same extent that such penalties apply to a person that commits an unlawful act described in section 206(a) of that Act.

SEC. 1274. APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN NATURAL GAS PROJECTS.

Nothing in this subtitle or the amendments made by this subtitle shall apply with respect to any activity relating to a project described in subsection (a) of section 603 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (22 U.S.C. 8783) to which the exception under that section applies at the time of the activity.

SEC. 1275. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this subtitle or the amendments made by this subtitle shall be construed to limit sanctions imposed with respect to Iran under any other provision of law or to limit the authority of the President to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran.

SA 3334. Mr. COONS (for Mr. RUBIO) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3783, to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

On page 11, strike lines 17–19 and insert the following:

(d) FORM.—The strategy in this section may be submitted in classified form, but shall include an unclassified summary of policy recommendations to address the growing Iranian threat in the Western Hemisphere.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on December 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Judicial Nominations."

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 12, 2012. The Committees will meet in SR-418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, beginning at 10 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on December 12, 2012, at 2 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Ending the School-to-Prison Pipeline."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure of the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on December 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Reform and Federal Energy Policy: Incentives to Promote Energy Efficiency."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Chair grant privileges of the floor to my intern, Mark Suzuki, for the remainder of the day.

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

COUNTERING IRAN IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE ACT OF 2012

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3783, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3783) to provide a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. COONS. I ask unanimous consent that the Rubio amendment No. 3334 at the desk be agreed to.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide that the comprehensive strategy may be submitted in classified form, but shall include an unclassified summary of policy recommendations to address the growing Iranian threat in the Western Hemisphere)

On page 11, strike lines 17–19 and insert the following:

(d) FORM.—The strategy in this section may be submitted in classified form, but shall include an unclassified summary of policy recommendations to address the growing Iranian threat in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. COONS. I know of no further debate on this measure and ask that the bill be read for a third time and that the Senate proceed to a vote.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on the passage of the bill, as amended.

The bill (H.R. 3783), as amended, was passed, as follows:

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3783) entitled "An Act to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes," do pass with the following amendment:

On page 11, strike lines 17–19 and insert the following:

(d) FORM.—The strategy in this section may be submitted in classified form, but shall include an unclassified summary of policy recommendations to address the growing Iranian threat in the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. COONS. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT OF 1973 CORRECTION

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. 3677, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3677) to make a technical correction to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

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

Mr. COONS. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening

action or debate, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 3677) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3677

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Section 102(d)(1)(A) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4012a(d)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting "residential" before "improved real estate" each place that term appears.

CELEBRATING THE WORLD PEACE CORPS MISSION AND THE WORLD PEACE PRIZE

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 614, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 614) celebrating the World Peace Corps Mission and the World Peace Prize.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 614) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 614

Whereas the World Peace Corps Mission is an international organization that operates according to the core spirit of advancing peace, justice, and inter-religious collaborations;

Whereas the World Peace Prize is a prestigious award presented by the World Peace Corps Mission that celebrates individuals who have contributed tremendously to peace and enlightenment for humanity;

Whereas past recipients of the World Peace Prize include President Ronald Reagan of the United States, President Abdurrahman Wahid of Indonesia, and President Nakamura of Palau;

Whereas in 2010, the World Peace Prize Awarding Council recognized His Holiness Dorje Chang Buddha III (referred to in this preamble as "H.H. Dorje Change Buddha III") for his devotion to an immensely wide scope of humanitarian activities directed at individuals from different communities throughout the world;

Whereas H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III has received numerous awards, including the United States Presidential Gold Award, which the Chairman of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders presented on behalf of President George W. Bush to H.H. Dorje

Chang Buddha III for the outstanding contributions of H.H. Dorje Chang Buddha III to the arts, medicine, ethics, Buddhism, spiritual leadership, and United States society; and

Whereas in 2010, the World Peace Prize Awarding Council also recognized the Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman for being a lifelong champion of human rights who has fought world hunger, narcotics abuse, and narcotics trafficking; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the World Peace Corps Mission for advancing peace, justice, and inter-religious collaborations; and

(2) celebrates the World Peace Award and the recipients of the World Peace Award.

CONGRATULATING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2012 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 615, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 615) congratulating the recipients of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

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

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 615) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 615

Whereas the Nobel Prize is an international award administered by the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm, Sweden;

Whereas the Nobel Prize has been awarded for outstanding achievements in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace since 1901;

Whereas the Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, Sweden to recognize scientific advancements that have increased our understanding of chemical processes and their molecular basis;

Whereas the 2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded jointly to Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator and James B. Duke Professor of Medicine and Biochemistry at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, and Brian K. Kobilka, M.D., Professor and Chair of Molecular and Cellular Physiology at the Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, California, for their studies on G-protein-coupled receptors;

Whereas G-protein-coupled receptors are a class of cell surface receptors that catch chemical signals from the outside and transmit their messages into the cell, providing the cell with information about changes occurring within the body;

Whereas the studies completed by Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., and Brian K. Kobilka, M.D., have significantly advanced our scientific understanding of G-protein-coupled receptors and their functions;

Whereas the groundbreaking discoveries made by Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., and Brian K. Kobilka, M.D., have made it possible to target and treat diseases more precisely and effectively, as nearly half of all medicines used in the world are aimed at G-protein-coupled receptors;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health supported the work done by Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., and Brian K. Kobilka, M.D., through research grants with the goal of advancing scientific knowledge and improving public health; and

Whereas the accomplishments and discoveries of Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., and Brian K. Kobilka, M.D., are significant achievements in the field of scientific and medical research and further promote the United States as a world leader in science: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the recipients of the 2012 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, which is awarded for their outstanding scientific achievements and discoveries; and

(2) recognizes Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina, and the Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, California for their leadership role in advancing medical research.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 3637

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, December 13, the Senate resume consideration of S. 3637, the FDIC TAG Program extension bill; that it be in order for the Republican leader or his designee to raise a budget point of order against the bill; that if a point of order is so raised, the majority leader or his designee be recognized to move to waive the point of order; that the time until 12 noon be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that at 12 noon the Senate vote on the motion to waive the budget point of order, if such a motion is made; that if the motion is successful, the Senate then proceed to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 3637; further, that if the motion to waive is not successful, the cloture motion be vitiated and the majority leader be recognized.

Finally, if a budget point of order is not raised, the time until 12 noon be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that at 12 noon the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 3637.

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