

STATE OF TENNESSEE

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATORS TRACY, BURKS, OVERBEY AND
REPRESENTATIVES MARSH, EVANS

A Resolution commending United States Senator Lamar Alexander for his efforts to prevent the United States Army Corps of Engineers from restricting fishing access to sections of the Cumberland River near dams.

Whereas, the members of this General Assembly commend United States Senator Lamar Alexander for his efforts to introduce federal legislation preventing the United States Army Corps of Engineers from constructing physical barriers to restrict fishing access to sections of the Cumberland River located near United States Army Corps of Engineers dams; and

Whereas, the members of this General Assembly encourage Senator Alexander to offer his legislation as soon as possible; and

Whereas, the members of this General Assembly encourage the United States Army Corps of Engineers to work with Senator Alexander and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency on implementing a solution that addresses the concerns of Tennesseans and recognizes the dire economic impact the United States Army Corps of Engineers restrictions would have on the State of Tennessee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the one hundred eighth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, The House of Representatives Concurring, that we commend United States Senator Lamar Alexander for his efforts to prevent the United States Army Corps of Engineers from restricting fishing access to sections of the Cumberland River near dams and protecting the traditions of Tennessee anglers and their economic impact on the State of Tennessee. Be it further

Resolved, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 114

Adopted: March 25, 2013

RON RAMSEY,

Speaker of the Senate.

BETH HARWELL,

Speaker, House of Representatives.

Approved this 27th day of March 2013

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING BARBARA GELLER

• Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to a strong community leader, dedicated public servant, and advocate from the State of Washington, Barbara Geller.

I first met Barbara early in my political career and I would not be where I am today without her support and encouragement.

She was always willing to pitch in to do whatever was needed. Her strong commitment to her community showed in everything she did. She was a State committeewoman, chair of the 41st LD Democrats, and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention too many times to count.

But more importantly, she was a dedicated mother, grandmother, wife, and friend to many.

You could always count on Barb helping out. She never hesitated to pick up a phone, plan the Annual

Eastside Democrats Annual Dinner, and to do every task in between. No matter how small the task, Barb would make it fun.

As a longtime Mercer Island resident, her kindness and grace inspired all who were around her.

Barb passed away on March 17, 2013, from pancreatic cancer at the age of 71.

Barb is survived by her husband Art, her two children, Randy and Betsy Geller, daughter-in-law Jennifer Hubbard Geller, and her two grandchildren, Rachel and Lucy Geller.

She will be missed by many, but her legacy of service will live on with all she has touched.

I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in paying homage to Barbara Geller. She lived a full life and our thoughts are with her loved ones at this time of great loss.●

OBSERVING PURPLE UP DAY

• Mr. BEGICH. Mr. President, I would like to call attention to Purple Up! for Military Kids Day in Alaska celebrated on April 19th as part of the Month of the Military Child. Every April since 1986, to honor the unique contributions and sacrifices military children make in support of their parents, the Department of Defense names April as the Month of the Military Child.

On a designated day in April, people across the United States and in Alaska come together by wearing purple in honor of our servicemembers' children. Nationwide, more than two million kids have a parent or parents serving in either an Active Duty or Reserve role for the U.S. Armed Forces. In my home State of Alaska, more than 13,000 children have one or more parents on full-time duty status in the military.

Purple Up! is a fun way to show our support and is an opportunity to call attention to these special challenges faced by military kids.

The frequent moves and multiple deployments faced by these families add even more strain to the difficult task of growing up. These children bravely face the uncertainty of their parent's safety when they are away, as well as the difficult reintegration when they return.

It is important for these military-connected youth to know that their Nation and community stand by them in support, and that we recognize their strength and the sacrifices they have made. I ask Alaskans to join me in wearing something purple on Purple Up! Day and participate in events during the Month of the Military Child to show our gratitude, such as conducted by the University of Alaska's Cooperative Extension Service and Alaska Operation Military Kids.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the order of the Senate of January 3, 2013, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 25, 2013, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 11. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DURING
ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 23, 2013, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 5, 2013:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany S. 54, A bill to increase public safety by punishing and deterring firearms trafficking (Rept. No. 113-9).

By Mr. LEVIN, from the Committee on Armed Services, under the authority of the order of the Senate of 03/23/2013 (legislative day, 03/22/2013):

Special Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services, 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-10).

By Mr. SCHUMER, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, under the authority of the order of the Senate of 03/23/2013 (legislative day, 03/22/2013):

Special Report entitled "Review of Legislative Activity During the 112th Congress" (Rept. No. 113-11).

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 92. A resolution authorizing the expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND
SENATE RESOLUTIONS DURING
ADJOURNMENT

On April 5, 2013, under the authority of the order of the Senate of March 23, 2013, the following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. Res. 92. A resolution authorizing the expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary; from the Committee on the Judiciary; placed on the calendar.

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. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 666. A bill to prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 667. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to allow the rebuilding, without elevation, of certain structures that are located in areas having special flood hazards and are substantially damaged by fire, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND:

S. 668. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 Main Street in Brockport, New York, as the "Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Reid Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 93. A resolution designating April 4, 2013, as "National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 141

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to make supplemental agricultural disaster assistance available for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

S. 146

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to enhance the safety of America's schools.

S. 150

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 150, a bill to regulate assault weapons, to ensure that the right to keep and bear arms is not unlimited, and for other purposes.

S. 153

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 153, a bill to amend section 520J of the Public Health Service Act to authorize grants for mental health first aid training programs.

S. 169

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 169, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize

additional visas for well-educated aliens to live and work in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 204

At the request of Mr. MCCONNELL, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 204, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 289

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 289, a bill to extend the low-interest refinancing provisions under the Local Development Business Loan Program of the Small Business Administration.

S. 308

At the request of Mr. BEGICH, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 308, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make improvements in the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program, to provide for cash relief for years for which annual COLAs do not take effect under certain cash benefit programs, and to provide for Social Security benefit protection.

S. 316

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 316, a bill to recalculate and restore retirement annuity obligations of the United States Postal Service, to eliminate the requirement that the United States Postal Service prefund the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund, to place restrictions on the closure of postal facilities, to create incentives for innovation for the United States Postal Service, to maintain levels of postal service, and for other purposes.

S. 321

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 321, a bill to reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers.

S. 326

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 326, a bill to reauthorize 21st century community learning centers, and for other purposes.

S. 330

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 330, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish safeguards and standards of quality for research and transplantation of organs infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

S. 338

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 338, a bill to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide consistent and reliable authority for, and for the funding of, the land and water conservation fund to maximize the effectiveness of the fund for future generations, and for other purposes.

S. 346

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 346, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit veterans who have a service-connected, permanent disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and to the same extent as retired members of the Armed Forces entitled to such travel.

S. 377

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 377, a bill to add the 9/11 Health and Compensation Programs to the list of exempt programs under PAYGO.

S. 409

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 409, a bill to add Vietnam Veterans Day as a patriotic and national observance.

S. 424

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 424, a bill to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to provide for a National Pediatric Research Network, including with respect to pediatric rare diseases or conditions.

S. 425

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 425, a bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to improve the quality, health outcomes, and value of maternity care under the Medicaid and CHIP programs by developing maternity care quality measures and supporting maternity care quality collaboratives.

S. 429

At the request of Mr. NELSON, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) were added as cosponsors of S. 429, a bill to enable concrete masonry products manufacturers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

S. 452

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from New York