

current law assumes people with disabilities lack the requisite capacity to create such trusts for their long-term care needs, so these individuals must turn to others to create such a trust. This creates an unnecessary and sometimes costly burden on the individual and additional caseloads in our over-worked courts.

I also am pleased to have the support of the American Association of People with Disabilities and Easter Seals as well as the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys, the Academy of Special Needs Planners, and the Florida Joint Public Policy Task Force for the Elderly and Disabled.

I urge my colleagues to support me in this legislation so that we can finally correct this flaw.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that letters of support be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES,
Washington, DC, October 31, 2013.

Hon. BILL NELSON,
U.S. Senate, Senate Hart Office Building,
Washington, DC.

Hon. CHARLES GRASSLEY,
U.S. Senate, Senate Hart Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR NELSON AND SENATOR GRASSLEY: I am pleased to support the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2013 (H.R. 2123 in the House) on behalf of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD). I commend your bipartisan effort to empower people with disabilities by introducing this legislation. The Special Needs Trust Fairness Act will allow people with disabilities to set up a special needs trust for themselves.

AAPD is the nation's largest disability rights organization. We promote equal opportunity, economic power, independent living and political participation for people with disabilities. Our members, including people with disabilities and our family, friends, and supporters, represent a powerful force for change.

A special needs trust allows assets to be held in a trust and protects against the risk of complete impoverishment. As you know, due to a glitch in the current law, a capable, competent person with a disability is prohibited from creating her or his own special needs trust. We are in the position of having to ask a parent, grandparent, guardian, or the court to do so for us. This legislation not only eradicates this discrimination against people with disabilities, but also promotes self-sufficiency and independence.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. AAPD looks forward to working with you on passage of the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2013. Please feel free to contact Colin Schwartz if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

HENRY CLAYPOOL,
Executive Vice President.

EASTER SEALS,

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, October 31, 2013.

Hon. BILL NELSON,
Chairman, Special Committee on Aging, U.S.
Senate, Dirksen Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN NELSON: Easter Seals is pleased to support your efforts to introduce the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2013 in the United States Senate. This legislation would empower individuals with disabilities to help plan and save for their future daily living expenses by allowing them to set up a special needs trust for themselves, which is prevented under current law.

Easter Seals is a national nonprofit organization that provides individualized services and supports to help people with disabilities or special needs and their families reach their potential. Through our network of 72 community-based affiliates, including the four that serve the state of Florida, Easter Seals assisted more than 1.4 million individuals and their families last year through community-based services, including medical rehabilitation, employment, child care, adult and senior services, caregiving, and camping and recreation.

Easter Seals understands how important access to quality services and long-term supports are for individuals with disabilities. One tool to help ensure individuals with disabilities have access to these essential services and support beyond what is available through the government is through a special needs trust. Currently, a special needs trust can be created for a person with a disability by family members, a guardian or the court. Unfortunately, current law prevents people with disabilities from creating their own special needs trust for their asset, which can later be used to supplement living expenses and care when government benefits alone are insufficient. This legislation would remove this barrier, giving individuals with disabilities direct access to a current tool that can help them live independently and improve their health and well-being.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Easter Seals looks forward to working with you following your introduction of the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2013 to help ensure the legislation receives consideration and approval during the 113th Congress.

Sincerely,

KATY BEH NEAS,
Senior Vice President,
Government Relations.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ELDER
LAW ATTORNEYS, INC.,
Vienna, VA, November 7, 2013.

Hon. BILL NELSON,
Senate Hart Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR NELSON: We congratulate you for your leadership in protecting individuals with disabilities from unjust and discriminatory laws and we applaud your introduction of the Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2013. As you know, currently under the law, individuals with disabilities who have the requisite mental capacity are prevented from creating their own special needs trusts, which Congress has already authorized. They must have a parent, grandparent, guardian, or the court create their special needs trust even though they have the mental capacity to do it themselves.

As elder law attorneys, NAELA members' clients experience this injustice on a regular basis. Not all individuals have a parent, grandparent or guardian who can create their special needs trusts for them, and many of these individuals are forced to petition a court and pay additional fees to have

a special needs trust. The Special Needs Trust Fairness Act of 2013 will remove the current barriers that prevent an individual with disabilities from creating his or her own special needs trust.

NAELA is a professional association consisting of more than 4,300 attorneys who advocate for the rights of seniors and people with disabilities. Elder law attorneys are specialized and trained in a variety of areas in the law that address an individual's long-term care needs.

NAELA has made your legislation a top priority and stands ready to assist you in securing passage of the Fairness Act and eliminating this unjustified discrimination in the law.

Sincerely,

PETER G. WACHT, CAE,
Executive Director.
HOWARD S. KROOKS, CELA,
CAP,
President.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 289—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT AMBUSH MARKETING ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC TEAMS AND SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED

Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

S. RES. 289

Whereas the 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Games will occur on February 7 through February 23, 2014, and March 7 through March 16, 2014, respectively, in Sochi, Russia;

Whereas more than 5,500 athletes from 80 nations will compete in 7 Olympic sports and 1,350 Paralympic athletes will compete in 5 sports;

Whereas American athletes have spent countless days, months, and years training to earn a spot on the United States Olympic or Paralympic teams;

Whereas the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act (36 U.S.C. 220501 et seq.)—

(1) established the United States Olympic Committee as the coordinating body for all Olympic and Paralympic athletic activity in the United States;

(2) gave the United States Olympic Committee the exclusive right in the United States to use the words "Olympic", "Olympiad", "Paralympic", and "Paralympiad", the emblem of the United States Olympic Committee, and the symbols of the International Olympic Committee and the International Paralympic Committee; and

(3) empowered the United States Olympic Committee to authorize sponsors that contribute to the United States Olympic or Paralympic teams to use any trademark, symbol, insignia, or emblem of the International Olympic Committee, International Paralympic Committee, the Pan-American Sports Organization, or the United States Olympic Committee;

Whereas Team USA is significantly funded by 31 sponsors who assure that the United States has the best Olympic teams possible;

Whereas, in recent years, a number of entities in the United States have engaged in ambush marketing as a marketing strategy, affiliating themselves with the Olympic and Paralympic Games without becoming sponsors of Team USA;

Whereas ambush marketing harms the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams, undermines sponsorship activities, and gives ambush marketers an unfair and unethical advantage over entities that officially sponsor and provide funding for the elite athletes of the United States; and

Whereas efforts to prevent ambush marketing have enjoyed limited success as the strategies used by ambush marketers continue to multiply: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) ambush marketing adversely affects the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams and their ability to attract and retain the sponsorships necessary to be successful at the 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia; and

(2) entities in the United States should cease all ambush marketing efforts related to the United States Olympic and Paralympic teams.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a business meeting has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. This business meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, prior to the already scheduled nominations hearing.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider pending military land withdrawal bills.

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, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Abigail_Campbell@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Abigail Campbell at (202) 224-4905.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on November 14, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to consider the following legislation: S. 1352, A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, and for other purposes; S. 1448, A bill to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam, and for other purposes; and S. 434, A bill to authorize and implement the water rights compact among the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation and the State of Montana, and for other purposes.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at (202) 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 14, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct an oversight hearing entitled "Contract Support Costs and Sequestration: Fiscal Crisis in Indian Country."

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at (202) 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct an oversight hearing to receive testimony on "Carrier: Bringing Certainty to Trust Land Acquisitions."

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at (202) 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HARKIN. 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 November 7, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Housing Finance Reform: Essential Elements To Provide Affordable Options for Housing."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. HARKIN. 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 November 7, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 7, 2013, at 11 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection,

Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 7, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Demand Letters and Consumer Protection: Examining Deceptive Practices by Patent Assertion Entities."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND AGENCY ACTION

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Federal Rights, and Agency Action, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 7, 2013, at 1:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Justice Denied: Rules Delayed on Auto Safety and Mental Health."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Zachary Kachevas and Nicole DuBois, of my staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during the remainder of today's session.

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

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 280.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 280) recognizing the 40th anniversary of the withdrawal of United States combat troops from the Vietnam War and expressing renewed support for United States veterans of that conflict.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 280) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of October 31, 2013, under "Submitted Resolutions.")