

S. RES. 355

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 355, a resolution calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to cease the extra-judicial release of Afghan detainees, carry out its commitments pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding governing the transfer of Afghan detainees from the United States custody to Afghan control and to uphold the Afghan Rule of Law with respect to the referral and disposition of detainees.

S. RES. 365

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 365, a resolution deploring the violent repression of peaceful demonstrators in Venezuela, calling for full accountability for human rights violations taking place in Venezuela, and supporting the right of the Venezuelan people to the free and peaceful exercise of representative democracy.

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 365, *supra*.

S. RES. 377

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 377, a resolution recognizing the 193rd anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States.

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 377, *supra*.

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 377, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 2812

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2812 proposed to S. 1086, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2814

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2814 proposed to S. 1086, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 2818

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2818 proposed to S. 1086, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. CASEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of

amendment No. 2818 proposed to S. 1086, *supra*.

AMENDMENT NO. 2819

At the request of Mr. SCOTT, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 2819 intended to be proposed to S. 1086, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 2111. A bill to reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I am please to introduce legislation that would reauthorize the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area located in Yuma, AZ. A companion bill is being introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman RAÚL GRIJALVA and Congressman ED PASTOR from Arizona.

The Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area is a unique success story in the National Heritage Areas, NHA, system. It was first authorized in 2000 under legislation sponsored by myself and former Senator Jon Kyl, P.L. 106-319. Yuma Crossing NHA has proven to be a central component in a collaborative effort by local, tribal and federal partners to transform the City of Yuma downtown riverfront area and restore riparian habitat along the banks of the Colorado River. Like many other NHAs, it was established as a means of encouraging historic preservation at a local level without assigning large federal resources for the management of land as a National Park. The Yuma Crossing NHA model continues to involve a broad coalition of local businesses, farmers, and the Quechan Tribe of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation among others.

Yuma Crossing NHA was the first NHA to be established west of the Mississippi River. Its purpose is to preserve and share the history of the Yuma Crossing, which is a narrow granite outcropping on the Colorado River that for centuries served as the only transportation gateway for those traveling west to California, including Spanish missionaries, American pioneers, and gold rush prospectors. Prior to the completion of the transcontinental railroad in the 1860's, if you wanted to trade or travel to California, you had to go through Yuma Crossing.

The NHA designation has enabled the City of Yuma to develop plans to leverage about \$80 million in private investments, not Federal funding, for the revitalization of downtown Yuma and the historic landmark. The Yuma Crossing NHA also played a critical role in saving a former Arizona State Park unit, the historic Yuma Quartermaster Depot, which had closed and fallen into

disrepair due to state budget cuts. Moreover, the Yuma Crossing NHA has led the way in a remarkable environmental project along the Colorado River known as the Yuma East Wetlands project, which aims to remove 1,400 acres of non-native, water-guzzling salt cedar thickets and re-vegetate the area with native willows, cottonwood, and mesquite trees. The 400 acres completed thus far has aided in the initial recovery of a number of endangered and migratory bird species, including the Yuma clapper rail, the yellow-billed cuckoo, and the southwestern willow flycatcher.

As a testament to its successes, the National Park Service has downgraded the Yuma Crossing historic landmark from Threatened to Watch status. However, more work remains to be done. For example, the Yuma East Wetlands project has secured a funding commitment from non-federal parties for the next fifty years. Because NHA's have an authorization period of 15 years, it's critical that Congress reauthorize the Yuma Crossing NHA before the end of Fiscal Year 2015 so that this effort continues uninterrupted. I understand there may be a need to offset the federal spending that's authorized by this legislation, and I hope to address this concern as the bill advances through the legislative process. I encourage my colleagues to support the passage of this bill.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. HAGAN):

S. 2115. A bill to provide for the establishment of a fund to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 2115

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "American Cures Act".

#### SEC. 2. BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FUND.

(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to establish a Biomedical Research Fund (referred to in this section as the "Fund"), to be administered by the Secretary of the Treasury, to provide for an expanded and sustained national investment in biomedical research through the programs and agencies described in subsection (b)(2).

(b) USE OF FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year, amounts shall be transferred from the Fund to the accounts related to the programs and agencies described in paragraph (2) to ensure that funding for such programs and agencies for such fiscal year does not fall below 105 percent of the level of funding provided for the fiscal year immediately preceding the

fiscal year for which the determination is being made and an additional amount to account for any increases in the Gross Domestic Product for the year involved.

(2) AGENCIES.—The programs and agencies described in this paragraph are the following:

(A) The National Institutes of Health.  
(B) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

(C) The Department of Defense health program.

(D) The medical and prosthetics research program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(C) MINIMUM CONTINUED FUNDING REQUIREMENT.—Amounts appropriated for each of the programs and agencies described in subsection (b)(2) for a fiscal year shall not be less than the amounts appropriated for such programs and agencies for fiscal year 2014.

(d) FUNDING.—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, and appropriated, to the Fund, out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary in each fiscal year to enable the transfers to be made in accordance with subsection (b)(1).

(e) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—The Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives may provide for the transfer of funds in the Fund to eligible programs and agencies under this section, subject to subsection (b).

(f) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS FROM SEQUESTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 255(g)(1)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act (2 U.S.C. 905(g)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting after “Advances to the Unemployment Trust Fund and Other Funds (16-0327-0-1-600):” the following:

“Biomedical Research Fund.”

(2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to any sequestration order issued under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.) on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 382—TO AMEND THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE TO MODIFY THE PROVISION RELATING TO TIMING FOR FILING OF CLOTURE MOTIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. COATS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. LEE, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BURR, Mr. VITTER, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.:

S. RES. 382

*Resolved,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This resolution may be cited as the “Stop Cloture Abuse Resolution”.

#### SEC. 2. TIME PRE-CLOTURE.

Paragraph 2 of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended in the first undesignated subparagraph—

(1) by inserting “after the end of the 24-hour period beginning at the time the Senate

proceeds to consideration of a measure, motion, or other matter” after “at any time”; and

(2) by striking “any measure” and inserting “the measure”.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2820. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2821. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra.

SA 2822. Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra.

SA 2823. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2824. Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. KIRK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra.

SA 2825. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2826. Mr. PORTMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2827. Mr. PORTMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2828. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2829. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2830. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2831. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2832. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2833. Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2834. Mr. TESTER (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2835. Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2836. Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2837. Mr. SCOTT (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra.

SA 2838. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2839. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2840. Mr. MANCHIN (for himself and Mr. TOOMEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2841. Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2842. Ms. WARREN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2843. Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2820. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 98, strike line 15 and insert the following:

view.

“(U) IDENTIFICATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The plan shall contain an assurance that the State will—

“(I) require each parent, who applies for assistance for child care services for a child under this subchapter, to include the name and valid identification number of the child on the application; and

“(II) check the number before providing the assistance.

“(ii) DEFINITION.—In this subparagraph, the term ‘valid identification number’ means a social security number issued to an individual by the Social Security Administration. Such term shall not include a taxpayer identification number issued by the Internal Revenue Service.”;

SA 2821. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 136, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(e) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—Section 658K(a)(1) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858i(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(D) PROHIBITION.—Reports submitted to the Secretary under subparagraph (C) shall not contain individually identifiable information.”.

SA 2822. Mr. FRANKEN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, and Mr. HEINRICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care