

Res. 348, a resolution expressing support for the internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace.

S. RES. 372

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 372, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the Secondary School Student Athletes' Bill of Rights.

S. RES. 390

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 390, a resolution designating March 11, 2014, as "World Plumbing Day".

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 393—SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT TUBERCULOSIS

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 393

Whereas 1/3 of the population of the world is infected with the tuberculosis bacterium;

Whereas more than 9,500 tuberculosis cases were reported in the United States in 2013;

Whereas more than 1,300,000 individuals die from tuberculosis each year;

Whereas over 95 percent of tuberculosis deaths occur in low- and middle-income developing countries;

Whereas tuberculosis is the second leading global infectious disease killer, behind HIV/AIDS, and claims 1,800,000 lives each year;

Whereas tuberculosis is a leading killer of people living with HIV/AIDS, causing 1/5 of all deaths among people with HIV/AIDS;

Whereas tuberculosis is the third leading killer of adult women, and the stigma associated with tuberculosis disproportionately affects women, causing women to delay seeking care and interfering with treatment adherence;

Whereas the global tuberculosis pandemic and the spread of drug-resistant tuberculosis present a persistent public health threat to the United States;

Whereas according to 2009 data from the World Health Organization, 3.6 percent of all new tuberculosis cases are drug resistant;

Whereas multi-drug resistant tuberculosis (referred to in this preamble as "MDR-TB") is present in virtually all countries surveyed;

Whereas approximately 450,000 people around the world developed MDR-TB in 2012;

Whereas extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis (referred to in this preamble as "XDR-TB") is a strain of tuberculosis that is very difficult and expensive to treat and has high and rapid fatality rates, especially among HIV/AIDS patients;

Whereas there have been more than 63 cases of XDR-TB in the United States between 2004 and 2014;

Whereas as of September 2013, 92 countries have reported at least 1 case of XDR-TB;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated, in 2009, that the cost of hospitalizing a single patient with XDR-TB is \$483,000;

Whereas, between 2005 and 2007, the 373 XDR-TB cases in the United States collectively cost the health care system an estimated \$53,000,000;

Whereas the death rate of tuberculosis dropped 45 percent between 1990 and 2012;

Whereas the Institute of Medicine found that a decrease in tuberculosis control funding and the spread of HIV/AIDS caused the resurgence of tuberculosis between 1980 and 1992;

Whereas although the number of tuberculosis cases in the United States continues to decline, progress towards eliminating tuberculosis has slowed and the disease does not recognize borders;

Whereas African Americans are 8 times more likely to have tuberculosis than Caucasians, and significant disparities exist among other minorities in the United States, including Native Americans, Asian Americans, and Hispanic Americans;

Whereas over 530,000 children became infected with tuberculosis in 2012;

Whereas tobacco use greatly increases the risk of tuberculosis and death, and more than 20 percent of tuberculosis cases worldwide attribute to smoking;

Whereas diabetes is a major risk factor for tuberculosis, and people with diabetes are more likely to develop the disease and have a higher risk of death due to the disease;

Whereas a new technology, known as Xpert, developed in the United States, is able to diagnose cases of tuberculosis within 2 hours, and such technology can even diagnose cases that are difficult to detect, such as cases involving individuals living with HIV;

Whereas although drugs, diagnostics, and vaccines for tuberculosis exist, these technologies are antiquated and increasingly inadequate for controlling the global epidemic;

Whereas Xpert can quickly detect resistance to 1 of the primary tuberculosis drugs, but other tests to detect drug resistance take at least 1 month to complete and the medical community must develop even faster drug susceptibility tests to stop the spread of drug-resistant tuberculosis;

Whereas Bacillus Calmette-Guérin, a tuberculosis vaccine that is known as "BCG", provides some protection to children but has little or no efficacy in preventing pulmonary tuberculosis in adults;

Whereas there is a critical need for the development of tuberculosis drugs that individuals can safely take concurrently with antiretroviral therapy for HIV;

Whereas the Millennium Development Goal of the World Health Organization is to reverse the spread of tuberculosis by 2015;

Whereas the enactment of the Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-293; 122 Stat. 2918) and the Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-392; 122 Stat. 4195) provides an historic United States commitment to the global eradication of tuberculosis, including a commitment to successfully treating 4,500,000 tuberculosis patients and 90,000 MDR-TB patients between 2008 and 2013 and to providing additional treatment through coordinated multilateral efforts;

Whereas the United States Agency for International Development provides financial and technical assistance to nearly 40 highly burdened tuberculosis countries, supports the development of new diagnostic and treatment tools, and is authorized to support research to develop new vaccines to combat tuberculosis;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, partnering with the other entities of the United States and individual States and territories, directs the national

tuberculosis elimination program, directs essential national tuberculosis surveillance, technical assistance, and prevention activities, and supports the development of new diagnostic, treatment, and prevention tools to combat tuberculosis;

Whereas the National Institutes of Health, through its many institutes and centers, plays the leading role in basic and clinical research on the identification, treatment, and prevention of tuberculosis;

Whereas the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria provides 63 percent of all international financing for tuberculosis programs;

Whereas the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria finances—

(1) proposals worth \$3,200,000,000 in 112 countries;

(2) tuberculosis treatment for 6,000,000 people; and

(3) 1,800,000 HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis services;

Whereas the prevalence and mortality rates of tuberculosis are declining in many countries with programs supported by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; and

Whereas March 24, 2014, is World Tuberculosis Day, a day that commemorates the date in 1882 on which Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacteria that causes tuberculosis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals of World Tuberculosis Day to raise awareness about tuberculosis;

(2) commends the progress of anti-tuberculosis efforts by entities that include the United States Agency for International Development, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria; and

(3) reaffirms the commitment to global tuberculosis control set forth in section 4 of the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7603).

SENATE RESOLUTION 394—DESIGNATING APRIL 5, 2014, AS "GOLD STAR WIVES DAY"

Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 394

Whereas the Senate honors the sacrifices made by the spouses and families of the fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. represents the spouses and families of the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have died on active duty or as a result of a service-connected disability;

Whereas the primary mission of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. is to provide services, support, and friendship to the spouses of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas in 1945, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was organized with the help of Eleanor Roosevelt to assist the families left behind by the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the first meeting of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. was held on April 5, 1945;

Whereas April 5, 2014, marks the 69th anniversary of the first meeting of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.;

Whereas the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States bear the burden of protecting the freedom of the people of the United States; and

Whereas the sacrifices of the families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States should never be forgotten: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 5, 2014, as “Gold Star Wives Day”;

(2) honors and recognizes—

(A) the contributions of the members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; and

(B) the dedication of the members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe Gold Star Wives Day to promote awareness of—

(A) the contributions and dedication of the members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. to the members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(B) the important role that Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. plays in the lives of the spouses and families of the fallen members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2853. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2854. Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2124, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2855. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2124, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2853. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BURR, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 28, after line 25, add the following:

SEC. 12. EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF EXPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS TO UKRAINE AND NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION MEMBER COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended by inserting “, to Ukraine, or to a member country of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization” after “trade in natural gas”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to applications for the authorization to export natural gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) that are pending on, or filed on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 2854. Mr. COATS (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Insert after section 12 the following new section:

SEC. 13. PROHIBITION ON DIRECT OR INDIRECT USE OF FUNDS TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS WITH ROSOBORONEXPORT.

(a) PROHIBITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of an executive agency may not enter into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, or make a grant to, or provide a loan or loan agreement to Rosoboronexport, any subsidiary or affiliate of Rosoboronexport, or any domestic or foreign entity that has a business relationship with Rosoboronexport or any subsidiary or affiliate of Rosoboronexport related to the design, manufacture, or sale of military equipment.

(2) TERMINATION OF EXISTING CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS.—The head of each executive agency shall immediately terminate any contract, memorandum of understanding, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan agreement described in paragraph (1).

(b) REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The President may reprogram funds appropriated or otherwise made available for Economic Support Fund assistance or security assistance for the government of a country that, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, enters into a contract, memorandum of understanding, or cooperative agreement with, or makes a grant to, or provides a loan or loan agreement to Rosoboronexport, or any subsidiary or affiliate of Rosoboronexport, in an amount up to or equal to the total amount of each such contract, memorandum of understanding, cooperative agreement, loan, or loan agreement.

(2) NOTIFICATION.—The President shall notify Congress not later than 15 days before reprogramming funds under paragraph (1).

(c) EXECUTIVE AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “executive agency” has the meaning given the term in section 133 of title 41, United States Code.

SA 2855. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2124, to support sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 13.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The Committee will conduct a hearing entitled “Importing Energy, Exporting Jobs. Can It Be Reversed?”

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, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to todd_wooten@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Todd Wooten at (202) 224-3907, Abigail Campbell at (202) 224-4905, or John Assini at (202) 224-9313.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on March 25, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Teacher Preparation: Ensuring a Quality Teacher in Every Classroom.”

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Aissa Canchola of the committee staff on (202) 224-2009.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on March 27, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Strengthening the Federal Student Loan Program for Borrowers.”

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Aissa Canchola of the committee staff on (202) 224-2009.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has scheduled a hearing entitled, “Caterpillar’s Offshore Tax Strategy.” The Subcommittee will continue its examination of the structures and methods employed by multinational corporations to allocate income outside of the United States and how such activities are affected by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations. Witnesses will include representatives of Caterpillar Inc. and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, as well as tax experts. A witness list will be available Friday, March 28, 2014.

The Subcommittee hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at (202) 224-9505.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 2, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 1474, to encourage the State of Alaska to enter into intergovernmental agreements with Indian tribes in the State relating to the enforcement of certain State laws by Indian tribes, to improve the quality of life in