

- “(2) State agencies;
- “(3) regional research consortia;
- “(4) academia;
- “(5) private industry; and
- “(6) nongovernmental organizations.

“(b) PLAN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013, the Task Force shall develop and submit to the Congress a plan, based on the integrated assessment under subsection (a), for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia and harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes.

“(2) CONTENTS.—The plan shall—

“(A) address the monitoring needs identified in the integrated assessment under subsection (a);

“(B) develop a timeline and budgetary requirements for deployment of future assets;

“(C) identify requirements for the development and verification of Great Lakes hypoxia and harmful algal bloom models, including—

“(i) all assumptions built into the models; and

“(ii) data quality methods used to ensure the best available data are utilized; and

“(D) describe efforts to improve the assessment of the impacts of hypoxia and harmful algal blooms by—

“(i) characterizing current and past biological conditions in ecosystems affected by hypoxia and harmful algal blooms; and

“(ii) quantifying effects, including economic effects, at the population and community levels.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing the plan, the Task Force shall—

“(A) consult with State and local governments and representatives from academic, agricultural, industry, and other stakeholder groups;

“(B) consult with relevant Canadian agencies;

“(C) ensure that the plan complements and does not duplicate activities conducted by other Federal or State agencies;

“(D) identify critical research for reducing, mitigating, and controlling hypoxia events and their effects;

“(E) evaluate cost-effective, incentive-based partnership approaches;

“(F) utilize existing research, assessments, reports, and program activities;

“(G) publish a summary of the proposed plan in the Federal Register at least 180 days prior to submitting the completed plan to Congress; and

“(H) after submitting the completed plan to Congress, provide biennial progress reports on the activities toward achieving the objectives of the plan.”

SEC. 9. APPLICATION WITH OTHER LAWS.

The Act is amended by adding after section 606 the following:

“SEC. 607. EFFECT ON OTHER FEDERAL AUTHORITY.

“Nothing in this title supersedes or limits the authority of any agency to carry out its responsibilities and missions under other laws.”

SEC. 10. DEFINITIONS; CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Act, as amended by section 9 of this Act, is further amended by adding after section 607 the following:

“SEC. 608. DEFINITIONS.

“In this title:

“(1) ACTION STRATEGY.—The term ‘Action Strategy’ means the comprehensive research plan and action strategy established under section 603B.

“(2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ‘Administrator’ means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

“(3) HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOM.—The term ‘harmful algal bloom’ means marine and freshwater phytoplankton that proliferate to high concentrations, resulting in nuisance conditions or harmful impacts on marine and aquatic ecosystems, coastal communities, and human health through the production of toxic compounds or other biological, chemical, and physical impacts of the algae outbreak.

“(4) HYPOXIA.—The term ‘hypoxia’ means a condition where low dissolved oxygen in aquatic systems causes stress or death to resident organisms.

“(5) PROGRAM.—The term ‘Program’ means the national harmful algal bloom and hypoxia program established under section 603A.

“(6) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, any other territory or possession of the United States, and any Indian tribe.

“(7) TASK FORCE.—The term ‘Task Force’ means the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia under section 603(a).

“(8) UNDER SECRETARY.—The term ‘Under Secretary’ means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

“(9) UNITED STATES COASTAL WATERS.—The term ‘United States coastal waters’ includes the Great Lakes.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 603(a) is amended by striking “(hereinafter referred to as the ‘Task Force’)”.

SEC. 11. INTERAGENCY FINANCING.

The Act, as amended by section 10 of this Act, is further amended by adding after section 608 the following:

“SEC. 609. INTERAGENCY FINANCING.

“The departments and agencies represented on the Task Force may participate in interagency financing and share, transfer, receive, obligate, and expend funds appropriated to any member of the Task Force for the purposes of carrying out any administrative or programmatic project or activity under this title, including support for the Program, a common infrastructure, information sharing, and system integration for harmful algal bloom and hypoxia research, monitoring, forecasting, prevention, and control. Funds may be transferred among the departments and agencies through an appropriate instrument that specifies the goods, services, or space being acquired from another Task Force member and the costs of the goods, services, and space. The amount of funds transferrable under this section for any fiscal year may not exceed 5 percent of the account from which the transfer was made.”

SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The Act, as amended by section 11 of this Act, is further amended by adding after section 609 the following:

“SEC. 610. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Under Secretary to carry out sections 603A and 603B \$20,500,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

“(b) EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.—The Under Secretary shall ensure that a substantial portion of funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) that are used for research purposes are allocated to extramural research activities. For each fiscal year, the Under Secretary shall publish a list of all grant recipients and the amounts for all of the funds allocated for research purposes, specifying those allocated for extramural research activities.”

PROVIDING A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 25

PROVIDING A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF S. 540

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 81 and H. Con. Res. 82 en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolutions by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 81) providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 25.

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 82) providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 540.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolutions en bloc.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolutions be agreed to en bloc and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolutions (H. Con. Res. 81 and H. Con. Res. 82) were agreed to en bloc.

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY FOR COMPASSIONATE PATIENT CARE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 350 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 350) designating February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Booker amendment to the resolution, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; the Booker amendment to the preamble, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 2742) was agreed to, as follows:

Beginning on page 2, line 9, strike “important” and all that follows through line 2 on page 3, and insert the following: “importance of both—

“(A) being humane and compassionate; and

“(B) providing technical expertise.”

The resolution (S. Res. 350), as amended, was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 2743) was agreed to, as follows:

In the first whereas clause of the preamble, strike "as reflected" and all that follows through "their families".

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 350

Whereas National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care promotes national awareness of the importance of compassionate and respectful relationships between health care professionals and their patients;

Whereas on February 14 of each year, medical professionals and students stand in solidarity to support compassion in health care as expressed by Dr. Randall Friese, triage physician at the University of Arizona Medical Center, who stated that the most important treatment he provided to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords after she was shot on January 8, 2011, was to hold her hand and reassure her that she was in the hospital and would be cared for;

Whereas physicians, nurses, and all other health care professionals are charged with practicing medicine as both an art and a science;

Whereas an awareness of the importance of compassion in health care encourages health care professionals to be mindful of the need to treat the patient rather than the disease;

Whereas scientific research reveals that when health care professionals practice humanistically and demonstrate the qualities of integrity, compassion, altruism, respect, empathy, and service, their patients have better medical outcomes; and

Whereas February 14th would be an appropriate day to designate as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care and for health care students and professionals to celebrate by performing humanistic acts of compassion and kindness toward patients, families of patients, and health care colleagues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates February 14, 2014, as National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care;

(2) recognizes the importance and value of a respectful relationship between health care professionals and their patients as a means of promoting better health outcomes; and

(3) encourages all health care professionals to be mindful of the importance of both—

(A) being humane and compassionate; and

(B) providing technical expertise.

COMMENDING THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS FOR WINNING SUPER BOWL XLVIII

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 358.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 358) commending the Seattle Seahawks for winning Super Bowl XLVIII and the 12th Man for their critical support.

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 considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 358) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MAJORITY PARTY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to S. Res. 359.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 359) to constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Thirteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 359) was agreed to.

(The resolution is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2024

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand S. 2024 is at the desk and due for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2024) to amend Chapter 1 of Title 1 United States Code with regard to the definition of marriage and spouse for Federal purposes and to ensure respect for State regulations of marriage.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask for a second reading of the bill, but for the purpose of placing the bill on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFERE—H.R. 3080

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator SANDERS be appointed as a conferee to H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

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

SIGNING AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment or recess of the Senate from

Thursday, February 13, through Monday, February 24, the majority leader and Senators WARNER and LEVIN be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that not withstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, boards, conferences or inter-parliamentary conferences authorized by law, concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the Senate.

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

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 113-76, the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the National Commission on Hunger: Ricki Barlow of Nevada, Cherie Jamason of Nevada, and Dr. Mariana Chilton of Pennsylvania.

UPON RETURN

Mr. REID. When the Senate returns, it will address a number of important nominations, the comprehensive veterans bill, extension of unemployment insurance benefits, sexual assault in the military, and others.

On unemployment insurance, I am going to be very clear. This issue is not going to go away. We are one Republican vote away from restoring this lifeline; 1.7 million Americans, including 22,200 Nevadans, depend on this lifeline, and we are not going to let them down.

ORDERS THROUGH MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn and convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted on the following dates and times; that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session on Friday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, at 10:30 a.m., and Friday, February 21, at 10:30 a.m.; and that the Senate adjourn on Friday, February 21, until 2 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2014; that on Monday, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that Senator KING of Maine be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address, under the previous order;