

the opportunity to see their abusers brought to justice.

“SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS.

“In this title—

“(1) the term ‘eligible State’ means a State or Indian tribe that, not later than September 30 of the preceding fiscal year does not have any statute of limitations applicable to laws involving child sexual abuse; and

“(2) the term ‘Indian tribe’ means a tribe identified in the list published by the Secretary of the Interior in the Federal Register pursuant to section 104 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 479a–1).

“SEC. 303. GRANT PROGRAM.

“The Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, is authorized to make grants to eligible States for the purpose of assisting eligible States in developing, establishing, and operating programs designed to improve—

“(1) the assessment and investigation of suspected child sexual abuse cases, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child and the family of the child;

“(2) the investigation and prosecution of cases of child sexual abuse; and

“(3) the assessment and investigation of cases involving children with disabilities or serious health-related problems who are suspected victims of child sexual abuse.

“SEC. 304. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this title \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2025.”

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to any violation of a law involving child sexual abuse committed before the date of the enactment of this Act if the statute of limitations applicable to that law had not run as of the date of enactment of this Act.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 333—TO DIRECT THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL TO APPEAR AS AMICUS CURIAE IN THE NAME OF THE SENATE IN BANK MARKAZI, THE CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN V. DEBORAH D. PETERSON, ET AL. (S. CT.)

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. REID of Nevada) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 333

Whereas, in the case of *Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al.*, No. 14–770, pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, the constitutionality of section 502 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, Pub. L. No. 112–158, 126 Stat. 1214, 1258 (2012), codified at 22 U.S.C. §8772, has been placed in issue;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(c), 706(a), and 713(a) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. 288b(c), 288e(a), and 288i(a), the Senate may direct its counsel to appear as amicus curiae in the name of the Senate in any legal action in which the powers and responsibilities of Congress under the Constitution are placed in issue: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is directed to appear as amicus curiae on behalf of the Senate in the case of *Bank Markazi, The Central Bank of Iran v. Deborah D. Peterson, et al.*, to defend the constitutionality of section 502 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2922. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2250, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

SA 2923. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2250, supra.

SA 2924. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 142, to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes.

SA 2925. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 142, supra.

SA 2926. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2922. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2250, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016 (Public Law 114–53) is amended by striking the date specified in section 106(3) and inserting “December 16, 2015”.

This Act may be cited as the “Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016”.

SA 2923. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2250, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; as follows:

To amend the title to read:

“Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2016”.

SA 2924. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 142, to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015”.

SEC. 2. SPECIAL PACKAGING FOR LIQUID NICOTINE CONTAINERS.

(a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Notwithstanding section 2(f)(2) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261(f)(2)) and section 3(a)(5) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5)), any nicotine provided in a liquid nicotine container sold, offered for sale, manufactured for sale, distributed in commerce, or imported into the United States shall be packaged in accordance with the standards provided in section 1700.15 of title 16, Code of Federal Regulations, as determined through testing in accordance with the method described in section 1700.20 of title 16, Code of Federal Regulations, and any subsequent changes to such sections adopted by the Commission.

(b) **SAVINGS CLAUSE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit or otherwise affect the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to regulate, issue guidance, or take action regarding the manufacture, marketing, sale, distribution, importation, or packaging, including child-resistant packaging, of nicotine, liquid nicotine, liquid nicotine containers, electronic cigarettes, electronic nicotine delivery systems or other similar products that contain or dispense liquid nicotine, or any other nicotine-related products, including—

(A) authority under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) and the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (Public Law 111–31) and the amendments made by such Act; and

(B) authority for the rulemaking entitled “Deeming Tobacco Products to Be Subject to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as Amended by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act; regulations on the Sale and Distribution of Tobacco Products and the Required Warning Statements for Tobacco Products” (April 2014) (FDA–2014–N–0189), the rulemaking entitled “Nicotine Exposure Warnings and Child-Resistant Packaging for Liquid Nicotine, Nicotine-Containing E-Liquid(s), and Other Tobacco Products” (June 2015) (FDA–2015–N–1514), and subsequent actions by the Secretary regarding packaging of liquid nicotine containers.

(2) **CONSULTATION.**—If the Secretary of Health and Human Services adopts, maintains, enforces, or imposes or continues in effect any packaging requirement for liquid nicotine containers, including a child-resistant packaging requirement, the Secretary shall consult with the Commission, taking into consideration the expertise of the Commission in implementing and enforcing this Act and the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.).

(c) **APPLICABILITY.**—Notwithstanding section 3(a)(5) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5)) and section 2(f)(2) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261(f)(2)), the requirement of subsection (a) shall be treated as a standard for the special packaging of a household substance established under section 3(a) of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1472(a)).

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission” means the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

(2) **LIQUID NICOTINE CONTAINER.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding section 2(f)(2) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261(f)(2)) and section 3(a)(5) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5)), the term “liquid nicotine container” means a package (as defined in section 2 of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471))—

(i) from which nicotine in a solution or other form is accessible through normal and foreseeable use by a consumer; and

(ii) that is used to hold soluble nicotine in any concentration.

(B) **EXCLUSION.**—The term “liquid nicotine container” does not include a sealed, pre-filled, and disposable container of nicotine in a solution or other form in which such container is inserted directly into an electronic cigarette, electronic nicotine delivery system, or other similar product, if the nicotine in the container is inaccessible through customary or reasonably foreseeable handling or use, including reasonably foreseeable ingestion or other contact by children.

(3) **NICOTINE.**—The term “nicotine” means any form of the chemical nicotine, including any salt or complex, regardless of whether the chemical is naturally or synthetically derived.

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 2925. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. NELSON (for himself and Ms. AYOTTE)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 142, to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to require special packaging for liquid nicotine containers, and for other purposes."

SA 2926. Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. FRANKEN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems; as follows:

On page 26, line 24, strike "\$30,000,000" and insert "\$18,000,000".

On page 27, line 2, strike "20 percent" and insert "28 percent".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CORNYN. 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 December 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Independent South Sudan: A Failure of Leadership."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGULATORY AFFAIRS AND FEDERAL MANAGEMENT

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-

mental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Implementing Solutions: The Importance of Following Through on GAO and OIG Recommendations."

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SASSE). The majority leader.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar Nos. 397 through 414 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the United States Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. John E. Wissler

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment as the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Surgeon General and for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 5137:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Clinton F. Faison, III

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment as The Surgeon General, United States Army, and for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 3036:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Nadja Y. West

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

To be brigadier general

Col. Edward E. Hildreth, III

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Army under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Colonel Jennifer G. Buckner
Colonel Sean A. Gainey

Colonel David T. Isaacson
Colonel Patrick B. Roberson

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Blake A. Gettys
Col. Karen E. Mansfield

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Todd M. Branden
Col. Mark A. Crosby
Col. Fermin A. Rubio

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. David M. Bakos
Col. Vance C. Bateman
Col. Sandra L. Best
Col. Jeffrey C. Bozard
Col. William D. Bunch
Col. Rafael Carrero
Col. Larry K. Clark
Col. Kevin D. Clotfelter
Col. Marshall C. Collins
Col. James N. Cox
Col. Jason R. Cripps
Col. Christopher S. Croxton
Col. Francis N. Detorie
Col. Ruben Fernandez-Vera
Col. John T. Ferry
Col. John E. Flowers
Col. Michael J. Francis
Col. Vincent R. Franklin
Col. Clay L. Garrison
Col. Kevin J. Heer
Col. Dana A. Hessheimer
Col. Gene W. Hughes, Jr.
Col. James T. Johnson
Col. Gregory F. Jones
Col. Marshall L. Kjellvik
Col. James R. Kriesel
Col. Ronald S. Lambe
Col. Andrew J. MacDonald
Col. Stephen J. Maher
Col. Matthew J. Manifold
Col. Maren McAvoey
Col. Gregory S. McCreary
Col. Stephen B. Mehring
Col. Jessica Meyeraan
Col. Billy M. Nabors
Col. Jeffrey L. Newton
Col. Peter Nezamis
Col. Patrick R. Renwick
Col. Stephen M. Ryan
Col. Peter R. Schneider
Col. Gregory N. Schnulo
Col. Greg A. Semmel
Col. Ray M. Shepard
Col. Marc A. Sicard
Col. Paul R. Silvestri
Col. Christopher A. Stratmann
Col. Peter F. Sullivan, Jr.
Col. Tami S. Thompson
Col. Joseph B. Wilson
Col. Gregory S. Woodrow

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Edward P. Maxwell