

include written examination, oral examination, work performance history review, observation of job performance, on the job training, simulations, or other forms of assessment.”

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 601 is amended by adding at the end the following: “60129. Pipeline personnel qualification plans.”

(2) TIME FOR INITIAL SUBMITTAL.—Each entity operating a pipeline facility (within the meaning of section 60101(18) of title 49, United States Code) shall first submit a personnel qualification plan under section 60129 of such title (as added by subsection (a)) not later than April 21, 2001.

(b) TESTING AND CERTIFICATION.—Section 60102(a)(1)(C) is amended to read as follows:

“(C) shall include requirements that all individuals responsible for the operation and maintenance of pipeline facilities be tested for qualification to perform such functions and be certified by the Secretary as qualified to perform such functions, and may include a requirement that those individuals obtain additional education and training to qualify to perform such functions.”

(c) SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATION.—Section 60102(a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) SUSPENSION OF CERTIFICATION.—

“(A) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may suspend or revoke the certification of an individual under paragraph (1)(C) if the Secretary determines, after providing the individual with notice and opportunity for hearing, that the individual—

“(i) has contributed to a violation of any provision of this chapter or any regulation issued under this chapter; or

“(ii) willfully refuses to cooperate with the investigation of any such violation.

“(B) LIMITATION.—A certification of an individual may be suspended or revoked under subparagraph (A) only in a manner that is not inconsistent with the constitutional rights of the individual.”

CORZINE AMENDMENT NO. 9

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CORZINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 235, to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of section 10(c), add the following:

(3) Section 60122(a) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) A person who is the owner, operator, or person in charge of a hazardous liquid pipeline facility from which a hazardous liquid is discharged is liable to the Government for a civil penalty of at least \$1,000 per barrel of oil or other hazardous liquid discharged, except that a person may not be liable for a civil penalty under this subsection for a discharge if the person has been assessed a civil penalty under section 309 or 311(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319; 1321(b)) for the discharge. A person may be liable for a civil penalty under this paragraph and paragraph (1) with respect to the same discharge.”

CORZINE AND OTHERS AMENDMENT NO. 10

Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 235, to pro-

vide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes; as follows:

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The assessment period shall be no less than every 5 years unless the DOT IG, after consultation with the Secretary determines—

There is not a sufficient capability or it is deemed unnecessary because of more technically appropriate monitoring or creates undue interruption of necessary supply to fulfill the requirements under this paragraph.

NICKLES AND MCCONNELL AMENDMENT NO. 11

Mr. NICKLES (for Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 14, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust; as follows:

The first section of the resolution is amended by striking “April 18, 2001” and inserting “April 19, 2001”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 9:30 a.m., in open session, to receive testimony on the Secretary's priorities and plans for Department of Energy National Security Programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on: Making Patient Privacy A Reality: Does The Final HHS Regulation Get The Job Done? during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Thursday, February 8, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., in Dirksen 226.

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

A TRIBUTE TO LORETTA SYMMS

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I want to add my voice to the chorus of those singing the praises of Loretta Symms. Much as I hate to say it, Loretta will be retiring as Deputy Sergeant of Arms at the end of this week.

We hear a lot of talk about bipartisanship these days—and that's good. But Loretta Symms was the walking,

breathing personification of bipartisanship before bipartisanship was cool.

She is a consummate professional. As Deputy Sergeant at Arms, one of Loretta's many responsibilities is greeting visiting dignitaries. Over the years, she has escorted Presidents, Vice Presidents, foreign heads of state, and other visiting dignitaries through these hallways. In fact, she has probably met more foreign leaders than most Senators. She is a good and gracious ambassador for this institution.

When it comes to the Senate, no chore is too big for Loretta—or too small. I understand she even put on rubber gloves once to show her staff how to clean. Her reverence for this building is something I share, and one of the many reasons I like her. Loretta feels strongly that the Capitol is the People's House. When visitors come here, she wants them to be treated with respect, and she wants them to be able to learn something they may not have known before. That is why she works so closely with the staff who work directly with the public.

Loretta has also made a difference in the lives of people in this building whom the public never sees. In her 14 years in the Sergeant at Arms office, she started a broad array of training programs to help employees sharpen their skills and advance their careers.

Beyond her considerable professional strengths, what I admire most about Loretta are her personal qualities: her kindness, and her generosity of spirit.

She has given her time—and in some cases, her own financial resources—to help other members of our Senate family through difficult times.

Between them, Loretta and her husband, our former colleague Steve Symms, share seven children. Many parents of seven would not have time for anyone else's children. But not Loretta. She is a surrogate Mom and confidante to many of our Senate pages.

Senators on both sides of the aisle also know they can count on Loretta to tell us honestly if she thinks we are wrong, and to encourage us when she thinks we are right. We will miss her good advice, her kind smile—and much more. As Loretta and Steve begin this next chapter in their lives, we wish them good luck and good health. We hope they have many great adventures, and we hope Loretta will come back to visit often.

I yield the floor and suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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