

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 306—DESIGNATING MARCH 2, 2004, AS “READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY”

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 306

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas the people of the United States must be able to read if the United States is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) and the new Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 40 national associations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to use March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2, 2004, as “Read Across America Day”;

(2) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to discover the joy of reading;

(3) encourages parents to read with their children for at least 30 minutes on Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss and in celebration of reading; and

(4) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2631. Mr. LEVIN proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; as follows:

On page 11, after line 19, add the following:
SEC. 5. GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR RECKLESS CONDUCT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the provisions in the Act shall be construed to prohibit a civil liability action from being brought or continued against a person if that person's own gross negligence or reckless conduct was a proximate cause of death or injury.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

(1) the term “gross negligence” has the meaning given the term in subsection (b)(7) of the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act (42 U.S.C. 1791(b)(7)); and

(2) the term “reckless” has the meaning given the term in the application notes under section 2A1.4 of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines Manual.

SA 2632. Mr. LAUTENBERG proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . AMENDMENTS TO BRADY HANDGUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Terrorist Apprehension Act”.

(b) AMENDMENTS.—Section 103 of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (18 U.S.C. 922 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (i), by striking “No department” and inserting “Except as provided in subsection (j), no department”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (j) and (k) as subsections (k) and (l), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (i) the following:

“(j) TERRORIST APPREHENSION.—

“(1) INITIAL NOTIFICATION.—If the system established under this section determines that a prospective transferee is listed in the Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization file or a similar terrorist watch list, regardless of the eligibility of such person to purchase a firearm, the system shall provide this information to the employee at the Criminal Justice Information Services Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that is accessing the national instant criminal background check system (referred to in this subsection as the ‘NICS operator’).

“(2) NOTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Upon receiving information under paragraph (1), the NICS operator shall immediately provide the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Homeland Security, the terrorist task force, and State and local law enforcement in the jurisdiction in which the firearm purchase is being attempted with—

“(A) the name, date of birth, and any other identifying information reported by the prospective transferee;

“(B) the time and place of the attempted firearm purchase; and

“(C) the type of weapon, if known, that the prospective transferee attempted to purchase.

“(3) NOTIFICATION OF ORIGINATING AGENCY.—In addition to the notifications under paragraph (2), the NICS operator shall immediately provide the agency that placed the name of the suspected terrorist on the terrorist watch list with the information described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (2).”.

SA 2633. Mr. LAUTENBERG proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others; as follows:

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(vi) any action involving injury to children.”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar No. 555, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the above listed nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be

notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen Douglas V. O'Dell, Jr., 0212

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1046 Air Force nominations (21) beginning MICHEL L. BUNNING, and ending DEBRA M. NIEMEYER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2003.

PN1052 Air Force nominations (1277) beginning RAAN R. AALGAARD, and ending STEVEN R. ZWICKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2003.

PN1276 Air Force nominations of Lindsey O. Graham, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2004.

PN1277 Air Force nominations (7) beginning DONALD L. BUEGE, and ending SAMUEL R. WEINSTEIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2004.

PN1278 Air Force nominations (7) beginning ALAN C. DICKERSON, and ending CAMILLE PHILLIPS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2004.

PN1279 Air Force nominations (12) beginning WALTER F. BURGHARDT, JR., and ending PHILLIP Y. YOSHIMURA, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2004.

PN1280 Air Force nominations (22) beginning MONICA M. ALLISONCERUTI, and ending MARK J. YOST, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2004.

PN1281 Air Force nominations (25) beginning PATRICIA S. ANGELLILAMB, and ending KATHLEEN L. ZYGOWICZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2004.

PN1284 Air Force nominations (21) beginning MICHAEL A. ALDAY, and ending DAVID J. SNELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 28, 2004.

PN1344 Air Force nominations of Virginia A. Schneider, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2004.

PN1345 Air Force nominations (2) beginning PERRY L. AMERINE, and ending JAMES R. PATTERSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2004.

PN1346 Air Force nominations (5) beginning STEWART J. HAZEL, and ending WILLIAM W. POND, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2004.

PN1347 Air Force nominations (5) beginning WILLIAM E. ENRIGHT, JR., and ending MICHAEL F. VANHOOMISSEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2004.

PN1348 Air Force nomination of Collen B. Hough, which was received by the Senate