

Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to prohibit the confiscation of firearms during certain national emergencies.

S. 2990

At the request of Mr. VITTER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2990, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

S. 3275

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3275, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a State may carry concealed firearms in the State.

S. 3487

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3487, a bill to amend the Small Business Act to reauthorize and improve the disaster loan program, and for other purposes.

S. 3503

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 3503, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the financing of the Superfund.

S. CON. RES. 84

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 84, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding a free trade agreement between the United States and Taiwan.

S. CON. RES. 96

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 96, a concurrent resolution to commemorate, celebrate, and reaffirm the national motto of the United States on the 50th anniversary of its formal adoption.

S. RES. 507

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 507, a resolution designating the week of November 5 through November 11, 2006, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country.

S. RES. 508

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 508, a resolution designating October 20, 2006 as "National Mammography Day".

AMENDMENT NO. 4231

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4231 intended to be proposed to S. 2766, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4245

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4245 intended to be proposed to S. 2766, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4246

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4246 intended to be proposed to S. 2766, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 4259

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 4259 intended to be proposed to S. 2766, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 3534. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for a YouthBuild program; read the first time.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the YouthBuild Transfer Act. I am pleased to be joined in this important effort by Senator KENNEDY, the ranking member of the Health,

Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, and Senators DEWINE, KERRY, and MURRAY.

This bill transfers the YouthBuild program from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, the Department of Labor, DOL, as an amendment to the Workforce Investment Act, WIA. YouthBuild was enacted in 1992. It provides programs for young adults aged 16 to 24 to build or rehabilitate housing for homeless or low-income individuals in their communities while they study to earn their own high school diploma or GED. These youth gain occupational and technical skills while building their knowledge to help them become and remain productive participants in the workplace.

By transferring YouthBuild to DOL, the program will be more closely aligned with and benefit from collaboration with the larger workforce system at the State and local levels. It will continue to serve those young adults most in need of these services, and enable them to serve their communities by building affordable housing, and assists them in transforming their own lives and roles in society.

YouthBuild assists young adults not currently enrolled in school gain needed education, skills and knowledge. The skill and literacy requirements of today's and tomorrow's workplace cannot be met if we do not provide everyone access to lifelong education, training and retraining.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I am pleased to cosponsor and express my strong support for the YouthBuild Transfer Act which will preserve and extend the YouthBuild Program by transferring its operations from Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, to the Department of Labor, DOL.

Last year, President Bush's budget request recommended transferring the operations of the YouthBuild Program from HUD to DOL. In November 2005, I introduced the YouthBuild Transfer Act of 2005, S. 1999, to authorize that transfer, and it is very similar to this legislation being introduced today.

I express my appreciation to Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Chairman ENZI and the ranking member, Senator KENNEDY, for their work in developing this consensus legislation. I also thank Senator DEWINE for his efforts in both developing this legislation and for his efforts to obtain funding for YouthBuild for many years. I believe this bill continues the bipartisan spirit which has been the hallmark of the YouthBuild Program.

Poverty, neglect, abuse, and deprivation of all kinds can prevent people

from reaching their true potential. Many of those who have fallen off track, suffered losses, and made mistakes can recover. If given the opportunity, they can learn to cope with obstacles and care effectively about themselves, their families, and their communities. YouthBuild helps young people who have lost their way to turn their lives around.

YouthBuild is a uniquely comprehensive program that offers at-risk youth an immediate productive role rebuilding their communities. While attending basic education classes for 50 percent of program time, students also receive job skills training in the construction field, personal counseling from respected mentors, a supportive peer group with positive values, and experience in civic engagement. They build houses for homeless and low-income people while earning their own GED or high school diploma.

YouthBuild is built on success. During the 1960s, YouthBuild's future founder, Dorothy Stoneman, formed the Youth Action Program to rebuild homes in New York City. The successful renovation of an East Harlem tenement led to a citywide coalition and in 1990, led to YouthBuild USA, an organization created to replicate this program around the Nation.

After visiting a YouthBuild site, I introduced legislation in 1992 authorizing Federal funding for YouthBuild through the Department of Housing and Urban Development which was enacted into law as part of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act. Since then, I have led a coalition of Senators in support of Federal funding for this important program. The \$600 million that has been appropriated through HUD since fiscal year 1993 has leveraged over \$1.5 billion of additional public and private investment at the local level due to the resourcefulness of local leaders and the high demand for YouthBuild programs.

The results have been dramatic. Since 1994, YouthBuild has helped more than 60,000 disadvantaged youth into productive employment, higher education, and civic engagement across the Nation. At the same time, YouthBuild has helped rebuild low- and moderate-income communities by creating more than 15,000 units of affordable housing. Over 1,000 local organizations, in every State, have applied for HUD funds to bring YouthBuild to their communities.

Research on 900 YouthBuild graduates, several years after they had completed the program showed that more than 75 percent of them were either employed at an average wage of \$10 an hour or attending college and were positively contributing to their communities. Of those who had committed felonies, the recidivism rate was a strikingly low 15 percent and all studies to date have shown a recidivism rate below 20 percent strikingly lower than the 60 percent recidivism rate for most prison systems.

Today there are over 226 YouthBuild programs in 43 States engaging 8,000 young adults, and the number of programs could easily be expanded. Last year alone, 260 communities were denied YouthBuild funding. The demand is equally great from young people—in 2003 local programs turned away over 10,000 applicants solely for lack of funds, and in 2004 they turned away 12,000. The 20 percent cut suffered for fiscal year 2006 could cause the closing of 25 local programs; if the funds are restored and expanded, some of these closings can be averted. I am hopeful that the YouthBuild Transfer Act will be enacted into law. However, YouthBuild must continue to receive Federal funds in fiscal year 2007 in order to remain a successful program. President Bush included \$50 million for YouthBuild in his fiscal year 2007 budget request to Congress. Senator DEWINE and I have sent a letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee in support of \$90 million for the program. I look forward to working with the members of the Appropriations Committee to insure that this critical program receives an increase in Federal funding next year.

Increasing Federal funding for YouthBuild will help address critical national problems that cost society dearly. Over 32 percent of America's youth are dropping out of high school with no prospect of becoming gainfully employed, contributing members of society, taxpayers, and in inner-city communities, that percentage rises toward 50. States are spending \$36,000 per year per person to house 365,000 16 to 24 year olds, 65 percent of whom have dropped out of high school. In addition, the construction industry is short 80,000 workers. Furthermore, in the aftermath of Katrina, the need for construction workers is increasing, and YouthBuild programs are a resource in the gulf, sending trained crews to Mississippi to rebuild homes as part of their service to the Nation.

YouthBuild is also on the cutting edge of education reform for dropouts and effective re-entry for offenders. Forty YouthBuild programs have now been chartered by their States or authorized by their superintendent of schools to provide high school diplomas and to receive public funds as successful public schools reclaiming high school dropouts. In several States, the criminal justice departments are now supplementing HUD funds to expand capacity of YouthBuild programs as successful re-entry programs for ex-offenders. To maximize the investment already made in YouthBuild as a resource for education of dropouts and reentry of ex-offenders, it is imperative to keep the foundation of its Federal funding strong.

I ask all of my colleagues to support the YouthBuild Transfer Act to allow the YouthBuild Program to expand this unique comprehensive program to provide at-risk youth an immediately productive role rebuilding their communities.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 514—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN CITY OF EUGENE V. PETER VINCENT CHABAREK

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

S. RES. 514

Whereas, in the case of City of Eugene v. Peter Vincent Chabarek, Citation No. 06-05546, pending in Municipal Court for the City of Eugene, testimony has been requested from Juine Chada, an employee in the office of Senator Ron Wyden;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(2) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(2), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent an employee of the Senate with respect to any subpoena, order, or request for testimony relating to their official responsibilities;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that Juine Chada is authorized to testify in the case of City of Eugene v. Peter Vincent Chabarek, except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

SEC. 2. The Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent Juine Chada in connection with the testimony authorized in section one of this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4292. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. HARKIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

SA 4293. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4294. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4295. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. SESSIONS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, supra.

SA 4296. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, supra.

SA 4297. Mr. WARNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, supra.

SA 4298. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mrs. DOLE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4299. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S.