

SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE NEED FOR A NEW DIRECTION IN IRAQ POLICY AND IN THE CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Findings

(1) U.S. forces have served honorably and courageously in Iraq, with over 2,600 brave Americans having made the ultimate sacrifice and over 20,000 wounded.

(2) The current "stay the course" policy in Iraq has made America less secure, reduced the readiness of our troops, and burdened America's taxpayers with over \$300 billion in additional debt.

(3) With weekly attacks against American and Iraqi troops at their highest levels since the start of the war, and sectarian violence intensifying, it is clear that staying the course in Iraq is not a strategy for success.

Therefore it is the Sense of the Senate that:

(1) Our troops deserve and the American people expect the Bush Administration to provide competent civilian leadership and a true strategy for success in Iraq.

(2) President Bush needs to change course in Iraq to provide a strategy for success. One indication of a change of course would be to replace the current Secretary of Defense.

SA 4905. Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2066, to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the bill add the following:

SECTION 6. DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY TO HISTORIC LIGHT STATIONS.

Section 549(c)(3)(B) of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (vii), by striking "or" after the semicolon;

(2) in clause (viii), by striking the period and inserting "or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(ix) a historic light station as defined under section 308(e)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470w-7(e)(2)), including a historic light station conveyed under subsection (b) of that section, notwithstanding the number of hours that the historic light station is open to the public."

SA 4906. Mr. ROCKEFELLER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 206, strike lines 10 through 16.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at 10 a.m., to receive a briefing on the Army Field Manual on Interrogation.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 6, 2006, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Stock Options Backdating."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal renewable fuels programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony at a hearing entitled, "Executive Compensation: Backdating to the Future/Oversight of current issues regarding executive compensation including backdating of stock options; and tax treatment of executive compensation, retirement and benefits."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Examining Competition in Group Health Care" on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at 11 a.m., in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Tom Coburn, United States Senator, R-OK.

Panel II: Mr. Bruce McDonald, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC; Mr. David Wales, Deputy Director, Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC; Dr. Mark Piasio, President, Pennsylvania Medical Society, Harrisburg, PA; Ms. Stephanie Kanwit, American Association of Health Plans, Washington, DC; Dr. Edward Langston, Chair-Elect, Board of Trustees, American Medical Association, Chicago, IL; Professor David Hyman, Professor of Law, Gallowich-Huizenga Faculty Scholar, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, at 2 p.m., in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 6, 2006, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a closed briefing.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Brianna Rodriguez of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 3861

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, S. 3861, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 3861) to facilitate bringing justice to terrorists and other unlawful enemy combatants through full and fair trials by military commissions, and for other purposes.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will receive its second reading on the next legislative day.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION MODERNIZATION ACT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 449, H.R. 2066.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2066) to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments, as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italic.)

H.R. 2066

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "General Services Administration Modernization Act".

SEC. 2. FEDERAL ACQUISITION SERVICE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of title 40, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: