

any action that will endanger United States military forces in the field, including the elimination or reduction of funds for troops in the field, as such action with respect to funding would undermine their safety or harm their effectiveness in pursuing their assigned missions.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 459. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 460. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 214, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 461. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 9, to revise United States policy on Iraq; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 462. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes.

SA 463. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 20, calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 459. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, strike line 1 and all that follows and insert the following:

SEC. 2. PROMPT NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS.

Section 541 of title 28, United States Code is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b)(1) Not later than 120 days after the date on which a vacancy occurs in the office of United States attorney for a judicial district, the President shall submit an appointment for that office to the Senate.

“(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), not later than 120 days after the date of the submission of an appointment under paragraph (1), the Senate shall vote on that appointment.

“(3) If the President fails to comply with paragraph (1) with regard to the submission of any appointment for the office of United States attorney, paragraph (2) of this subsection shall have no force or effect with regard to any appointment to the office of United States attorney during the remainder of the term of office of that President.”

SEC. 3. REPEAL OF INTERIM APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY.

Section 546 of title 28, United States Code, is repealed.

SA 460. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, line 23, strike the quotation marks and the second period and insert the following:

“(e)(1) A district court appointing a United States attorney under subsection (d) shall not appoint a candidate—

“(A) unless that candidate is an employee of the Department of Justice or is a Federal law enforcement officer (as that term is defined in section 115 of title 18); or

“(B) if the court learns that candidate is under investigation or has been sanctioned by the Department of Justice or another Federal agency.

“(2) Not less than 7 days before making an appointment under subsection (d), a district court shall confidentially inform the Attorney General of identity of the candidate for that appointment.”

SA 461. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 9, to revise United States policy on Iraq; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 2, line 11, strike “to the limited purposes set forth” and all that follows through page 3, line 20, and insert the following: “to the following purposes:

(1) Protecting United States and coalition personnel and infrastructure.

(2) Training and equipping Iraqi forces.

(3) Conducting targeted counter-terrorism operations.

(b) COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY.—Subsection (a) shall be implemented as part of a comprehensive diplomatic, political, and economic strategy that includes sustained engagement with Iraq’s neighbors and the international community for the purpose of working collectively to bring stability to Iraq.

(c) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the President shall submit to Congress a classified report on the progress made in transitioning the mission of the United States forces in Iraq and achieving the benchmarks established pursuant to subsection (d).

(d) CLASSIFIED CAMPAIGN PLAN.—The President shall create a classified campaign plan for Iraq, including strategic and operation benchmarks and redeployment dates of United States forces from Iraq as those benchmarks are met.

SA 462. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 494, to endorse further enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and to facilitate the timely admission of new members to NATO, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 5, line 19, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 12, line 22, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 14, line 7, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 14, line 9, insert “(FYROM)” after “MACEDONIA”.

On page 15, line 6, insert “(FYROM)” after “MACEDONIA”.

On page 15, line 6, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 15, line 20, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

On page 17, line 3, insert “(FYROM)” after “Macedonia”.

SA 463. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 20, calling on the Government of the United Kingdom to immediately establish a full, independent, and public judicial inquiry into the murder of Northern Ireland defense attorney Patrick Finucane, as recommended by Judge Peter Cory as part of the Weston Park Agreement, in order to move forward on the Northern Ireland peace process; as follows:

In the ninth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “Dial” and insert “Dail”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Indian Housing.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the posture of the United States Army in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to review the U.S. Coast Guard budget.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the