

Bingaman, Richard Durbin, Mark L. Pryor, Carl Levin, Edward M. Kennedy, Patrick J. Leahy, Bernard Sanders, Debbie Stabenow, Byron L. Dorgan.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote not occur prior to the aforementioned cloture votes, and that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

Mr. REID. I now withdraw the motion, Mr. President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida.

CAMERON GULBRANSEN KIDS AND CARS SAFETY ACT OF 2007

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator CLINTON, Senator SUNUNU, and myself, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1216, the Kids and Cars Safety Act, otherwise known as the Cameron Gulbransen Kids and Cars Safety Act.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1216) to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to reduce the incidence of child injury and death occurring inside and outside of light motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. SUNUNU. Reserving the right to object, and I certainly will not, given that the Senator from Florida has offered the consent on my behalf, I thank him for stepping forward and offering his request.

This is legislation that I coauthored with Senator CLINTON. On the House side, there were Representatives JAN SCHAKOWSKY and PETER KING who introduced companion legislation. It addresses the issue of known traffic accidents. There were 230 children killed last year in nontraffic auto accidents. We worked very cooperatively with Senator NELSON and others on the Commerce Committee to put together a package that could be implemented quickly and effectively to help reduce this unnecessary loss of life.

I thank Senator NELSON for his work on the committee and certainly offer my praise for the work done on the other side. I am pleased to see that this legislation is going to be passed and sent to the President and become law. Again, I thank the Senator from Florida.

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

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 1216) was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida. Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I just want to say this has been a long time coming. There was a hiccup back in December. We tried to get it cleared then. This is the backover bill, the horror of any parents that their child is behind the car, and they cannot see the child or a neighbor is backing from their garage down their driveway, and they cannot see the child.

So what this bill will require is a device that can be either a sensor or a viewer. It will require that in future vehicles. It will also require that when automatic windows go up, if they hit an object, such as a child's neck and head, automatically that window goes down.

This is much-needed legislation. We are very appreciative that the Senate has cleared this action, and we can get it over to the House and try to get it passed.

I yield the floor.

ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 444 and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 444) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the strong alliance that has been forged between the United States and the Republic of Korea and congratulating Myung-Bak Lee on his election to the presidency of the Republic of Korea.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 444) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 4084) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the description of the economic relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea)

On page 2, strike "the Republic of Korea is the United States seventh largest training partner and the United States is the third largest trading partner of the Republic of Korea, with nearly \$80,000,000,000 in goods and services passing between the 2 countries each year" and insert "the economic relationship between the United States and the

Republic of Korea is deep and growing and has been mutually beneficial to both countries".

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, as amended, reads as follows:

S. RES. 444

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Korea enjoy a comprehensive alliance partnership founded in shared strategic interests and cemented by a commitment to democratic values;

Whereas the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea has been forged in blood and honed by struggles against common adversaries;

Whereas on December 19, 2007, the Senate passed S. Res. 279, marking the 125th anniversary of the 1882 Treaty of Peace, Amity, Commerce and Navigation between the Kingdom of Chosun (Korea) and the United States, and recognizing that "the strength and endurance of the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea should be acknowledged and celebrated";

Whereas during the 60 years since the founding of the Republic of Korea on August 15, 1948, the Republic of Korea, with unwavering commitment and support from the United States, has accomplished a remarkable economic and political transformation, rising from poverty to become the 11th largest economy in the world and a thriving multi-party democracy;

Whereas the economic relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea is deep and growing and has been mutually beneficial to both countries;

Whereas there are deep cultural and personal ties between the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Korea, as exemplified by the large flow of visitors and exchanges each year between the 2 countries and the nearly 2,000,000 Korean Americans who currently reside in the United States;

Whereas the United States and the Republic of Korea are working together to address the threat posed by North Korea's nuclear weapons program and to build a lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula;

Whereas this alliance is promoting international peace and security, economic prosperity, human rights and the rule of law, not only on the Korean Peninsula, but also throughout the world; and

Whereas Myung-Bak Lee, who won election to become the next President of the Republic of Korea, has affirmed his deep commitment to further strengthening the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea, by expanding areas of cooperation and realizing the full potential of our mutually beneficial partnership: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates Myung-Bak Lee on his election to the presidency of the Republic of Korea and wishes him and the Korean people well on his inauguration on February 25, 2008.

EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT OF SENATE FOR NATO TO ENTER INTO A MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN WITH GEORGIA AND UKRAINE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 574, S. Res. 439.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.