

markets by Air France and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines; and

(2) such increased access would be in the United States public interest.

SA 4741. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AIRLINE MERGERS.

In reviewing the proposed merger of Northwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines announced April 14, 2008, the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice shall consider whether Northwest Airlines or Delta Air Lines would be able to continue business operations if such proposed merger does not occur.

SA 4742. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . STUDY OF THE IMPACT THAT AIRLINE MERGERS HAVE HAD ON RURAL AREAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall conduct a study on the impact that airline mergers have had on rural areas since deregulation of the airline industry in 1978.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit the findings from the study required by subsection (a) to Congress.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “rural areas” means areas having fewer than 50,000 residents.

SA 4743. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AIRLINE MERGERS.

The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of, and submit a report to Congress regarding, the effect of the proposed merger of Northwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines announced April 14, 2008, on—

(1) the compensation of executives of such companies; and

(2) the liabilities of the employee pension benefit plans of such companies relating to employees that are not executive-level employees.

SA 4744. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AIRLINE MERGERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For any covered airline merger, the waiting period described in section 7A(b)(1) of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a(b)(1)) for that covered airline merger shall expire on the latter of—

(1) the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) the date that such waiting period otherwise expires under section 7A(b)(1) of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a(b)(1)) (including such later date as may be set under subsection (e)(2) or (g)(2) of such section).

(b) DEFINITION OF COVERED AIRLINE MERGER.—In this section, the term “covered airline merger” means any acquisition of voting securities or assets of a person in the air transport services industry—

(1) relating to which—

(A) a notice is filed pursuant to the rules under section 7A(d)(1) of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a(d)(1)) during the 1-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(B) the waiting period described in section 7A(b)(1) of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 18a(b)(1)) has not expired on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) that the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice determines is likely to result in layoffs in, or reductions in air transport services to, rural areas.

SA 4745. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . STUDY OF THE IMPACT THAT AIRLINE MERGERS HAVE HAD ON NEW COMMERCIAL AIRLINE ENTRIES INTO RURAL MARKETS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall conduct a study on the impact that airline mergers have had on new commercial airline entries into rural markets.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit the findings from the study required by subsection (a) to Congress.

SA 4746. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . STUDY ON IMPACT OF PROPOSED MERGER BETWEEN DELTA AIR LINES AND NORTHWEST AIRLINES ON AIR TRANSPORTATION MARKET IN EUROPE.

The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study on the proposed merger between Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines—

(1) to estimate, if such merger were completed, what share of the air transportation market in Europe such merged entity would have, taking into consideration the Open Skies Initiative; and

(2) to determine whether permitting such merger would violate any trade agreement with respect to which the United States is a party.

SA 4747. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . STUDY OF THE IMPACT THAT AIRLINE MERGERS HAVE HAD ON RURAL AREAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall conduct a study on the impact that airline mergers have had on rural areas since deregulation of the airline industry in 1978.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit the findings from the study required by subsection (a) to Congress.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “rural areas” means areas having fewer than 50,000 residents.

SA 4748. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . ACTION BY STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL AGAINST DELTA AND NORTHWEST MERGER.

Congress encourages the Attorney General of any State adversely impacted by the proposed Delta and Northwest merger to bring an action under the Clayton Act to enjoin the merger or recover any appropriate damages.

SA 4749. Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2284, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, to restore the financial solvency of the flood insurance fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . AIRLINE MERGERS.

The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of, and submit a report regarding, whether the proposed merger of Northwest Airlines and Delta Air Lines announced April 14, 2008, will harm air transport services in rural areas.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled. The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding off-highway vehicle management on public lands.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify

by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to rachel_pasternack@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Rachel Pasternack at (202) 224-0883 or Scott Miller at 202-224-5488.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Tuesday, May 13, at 2:30 p.m. in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on "the successes and shortfalls of Title IV of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act: Twenty Years of Self-Governance".

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to hold a hearing entitled, "Goods Movement on our Nation's Highways."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "More Work, Less Resources: Social Security Field Offices Struggle to Deliver Service to the Public".

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Cancer: Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century" on Thursday, May 8, 2008. The hearing will commence at 9 a.m. in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 8, 2008, to conduct a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct an executive business meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "From Candidates to Change Makers: Recruiting and Hiring the Next Generation of Federal Employees."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CRAIG. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Colin Jones, a congressional fellow in my office from the Idaho National Laboratory, have floor privileges during the duration of my comments.

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

COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION AND SACRIFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 729, S. Res. 537.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 537) commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have

lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously reported S. Res. 537 to the Senate floor. In recognition of those officers who lost their lives in 2007, the full Senate has now passed this resolution. I thank Senators SPECTER, KENNEDY, DURBIN, KOHL, FEINSTEIN, SCHUMER, HATCH, WHITEHOUSE, BIDEN, CARDIN, and BAUCUS for joining me in sponsoring this resolution. And I thank the full Senate for showing its strong support and appreciation of America's law enforcement officers by unanimously passing this resolution. It is something in which we can all take pride.

Last year, in 2007, 181 law enforcement officers died while serving in the line of duty. That is a regrettable and significant increase from just 1 year earlier. Tragically, it is the most line-of-duty deaths since 2001 and the losses from September 11 of that year. The magnitude of this loss should remove any doubts in Congress that it is necessary to give these men and women everything they need to stay safe, and to do their jobs as effectively as they can.

Currently, more than 900,000 men and women who guard our communities do so at great risk. Since the first recorded police death in 1792, there have been more than 18,200 law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice. There is lots of talk about the war on crime. Our law enforcement officers are all too often the casualties in that effort, and the officers who lost their lives in 2007 are a stark reminder that we must not let up in our support of those who work day-in and day-out in the service of their communities and fellow citizens.

I also take this opportunity to recognize that the names of 358 fallen officers will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial on May 13 during a candlelight vigil that will be held in their honor. These are officers from the past and present whose memory will be preserved at the memorial, ensuring that their bravery and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

National Peace Officers Memorial Day provides the people of the United States, in their communities, in their State capitals, and in the Nation's Capital, with the opportunity to honor and reflect on the extraordinary service and sacrifice given year after year by those members of our police forces. More than 20,000 peace officers are expected to gather in Washington in the days leading up to May 15, to join with the families of their fallen comrades. It is right that the Senate show its respect on this occasion, and I thank all Senators for joining me in honoring their service and their memory by approving this bipartisan resolution.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be