

that provides such political subdivisions with the right to adopt such collective bargaining rights, through a vote of the residents of such political subdivisions in a special referendum election relating to such rights.

SA 4772. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4751 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)) to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . NO PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.

Notwithstanding section 8(a), and any other provision of this Act, nothing in this Act shall be construed to preempt any provision of State law (whether enacted prior to or after the date of enactment of this Act) with respect to the collective bargaining rights of public safety employees.

SA 4773. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4751 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)) to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 13 of the amendment, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(c) **REMEDIES.**—If a public safety officer or labor organization violates the prohibition of subsection (a), the Authority, employer, or any other person may file a petition in any United States District Court in the district in which the violation occurred or in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia seeking—

(1) injunctive relief; and

(2) a fine on the labor organization for each day of the violation in an amount equal to 1/26 of the total of the labor organization's annual membership dues, but not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$20,000 per day.

(d) **JURISDICTION.**—The Courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction to hear any cause of action under this section.

SA 4774. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4751 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)) to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10 of the amendment, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

(d) **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.**—

(1) **LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.**—The requirements of titles I, II, III, IV, V, and VI of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (29 U.S.C. 411 et seq.) shall apply to a labor organization in which public safety officers are members to the same extent as such Act applies to a labor organization (as such term is defined in such Act) under such titles.

(2) **PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS.**—The requirements of titles I, II, III, IV, V, and VI of the

Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 (29 U.S.C. 411 et seq.) shall apply to a public safety officer to same extent as such Act applies to an employee (as such term is defined in such Act) under such titles.

SA 4775. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4751 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)) to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9 of the amendment, line 15, add after the period the following: "State law may make the recognition of the employees' labor organization by any political subdivision of the State contingent upon the results of an election by that political subdivision."

SA 4776. Mr. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4751 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. GREGG (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY)) to the bill H.R. 980, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . MONITORING AND TREATMENT OF FIRST RESPONDERS IN DISASTER AREAS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Any first responder who suffers health-related conditions or injuries as a result of responding to emergencies in any area which is declared a disaster area by the Federal Government and who does not have health insurance coverage shall be entitled to follow-up long-term health monitoring and treatment provided through the United States Fire Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services.

(b) **HEALTH MONITORING.**—The long-term health monitoring referred to in subsection (a) shall include—

(1) pulmonary illness, neurological damage, and cardiovascular damage; and

(2) exposure documentation.

(c) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the United States Fire Administration to carry out this section, such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2011.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. 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 Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on

Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on responding to the global food crisis.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a working coffee with Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary-General of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. 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 "Addressing the Challenge of Children with Food Allergies" on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. The hearing will commence at 2:30 p.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. 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 Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of the Honorable Paul A. Schneider to be Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 3 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Archives Oversight: Protecting Our Nation's History for Future Generations."

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in SD-106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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