

SEC. 723. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF CONSTELLATION PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.

(a) REAFFIRMATION OF PROHIBITION.—The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall comply with the provisions of the first proviso under the heading “EXPLORATION” under the heading “NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION” in the Science Appropriations Act (title III of division B of Public Law 111–117; 123 Stat. 3147), relating to a prohibition on the use of funds for the termination or elimination of any program, project, or activity of the architecture of the Constellation Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(b) LIMITATION.—The provisions of section 1341 of title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Anti-Deficiency Act”), may not be utilized as a basis for the termination or elimination of any contract, program, project, or activity of the Constellation Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the Constellation Program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The report shall set forth a description and assessment by the Comptroller General of the contracts, programs, projects, or activities of the Constellation Program, if any, that are contrary to law or are experiencing waste, fraud, or abuse.

(d) CURRENT SHUTTLE MANIFEST FLIGHT ASSURANCE.—The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall take all actions necessary to ensure shuttle launch capability, including not terminating any contractor support that will limit or impair the launching of, at a minimum, the payloads manifested for the shuttle as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 3552. Mr. REID (for Mr. NELSON of Florida) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 54, recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba; as follows:

Insert after the 15th whereas clause in the preamble the following:

Whereas the Department of State reports that the Government of Cuba has not granted prison visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International, or Human Rights Watch since 1988;

NOTICE OF HEARING

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a business meeting has been scheduled before Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The business meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Lane to be an Assistant Secretary

of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs) and cleared legislative agenda items.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler or Amanda Kelly.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DORGAN. 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 March 18, 2010, at 10 a.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. DORGAN. 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 March 18, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, at 2:15 p.m., in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on March 18, 2010, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010. The Committee will meet in room SDG-50 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND SPACE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 18, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ORLANDO ZAPATA TAMAYO

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 54.

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

The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 54) recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba, and calling for a continued focus on the promotion of internationally recognized human rights, listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in Cuba.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to; a Nelson of Florida amendment to the preamble, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the preamble, as amended, be agreed to; the motion to reconsider be laid on the table with no intervening action or debate; and any statements related to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 54) was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 3552) was agreed to, as follows:

Insert after the 15th whereas clause in the preamble the following:

Whereas, the Department of State reports that the Government of Cuba has not granted prison visits by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International, or Human Rights Watch since 1988;

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

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

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Whereas Orlando Zapata Tamayo (referred to in this preamble as “Zapata”), a 42-year-old plumber and bricklayer and a member of the Alternative Republican Movement and the National Civic Resistance Committee, died on February 23, 2010, in the custody of the Government of Cuba after conducting a hunger strike for more than 80 days;

Whereas, on February 24, 2010, the Foreign Ministry of Cuba issued a rare statement on the death of Zapata, stating, “Raul Castro laments the death of Cuban prisoner Orlando Zapata Tamayo, who died after conducting a hunger strike.”;