

SENATE RESOLUTION 393—DESIGNATING MARCH 11, 2012 AS “WORLD PLUMBING DAY”

Mr. BENNET (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. HATCH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

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Whereas the industry of plumbing plays an important role in safeguarding the public health of the people of the United States and the world;

Whereas 884,000,000 people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water;

Whereas 2,600,000,000 people around the world live without adequate sanitation facilities;

Whereas the lack of sanitation is the largest cause of infection in the world;

Whereas in the developing world, 24,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from preventable causes, such as diarrhea contracted from unclean water;

Whereas safe and efficient plumbing helps save money and reduces future water supply costs and infrastructure costs;

Whereas the installation of modern plumbing systems must be accomplished in a specific, safe manner by trained professionals in order to prevent widespread disease, which can be crippling and deadly to the community;

Whereas the people of the United States rely on plumbing professionals to maintain, repair, and rebuild the aging water infrastructure of the United States;

Whereas Congress and plumbing professionals across the United States and the world are committed to safeguarding public health; and

Whereas the founding organization of World Plumbing Day, the World Plumbing Council, is currently being chaired by GP Russ Chaney, a United States citizen: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate designates March 11, 2012, as “World Plumbing Day”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1824. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1825. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra.

SA 1826. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra.

SA 1827. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1828. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1829. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1824. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 792, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 793, line 2, and insert the following:

“(2) CLEAN FUEL VEHICLE.—The term ‘clean fuel vehicle’ means—

“(A) a passenger vehicle used to provide public transportation that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has certified sufficiently reduces energy consumption or reduces harmful emissions, including direct carbon emissions, when compared to a comparable standard vehicle; or

“(B) a zero emission bus used to provide public transportation.

On page 794, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

“(7) ZERO EMISSION BUS.—The term ‘zero emission bus’ means a clean fuel vehicle that produces no carbon or particulate matter.

On page 794, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

“(3) COMBINATION OF FUNDING SOURCES.—

“(A) COMBINATION PERMITTED.—A project carried out under this section may receive funding under section 5307, or any other provision of law.

“(B) GOVERNMENT SHARE.—Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to alter the Government share required under this section, section 5307, or any other provision of law.

On page 795, line 10, strike “(f)” and insert the following:

“(f) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—In making grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to projects relating to clean fuel buses that make greater reductions in energy consumption and harmful emissions, including direct carbon emissions, than comparable standard buses or other clean fuel buses.

“(g)

SA 1825. Mr. BAUCUS (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of division D, insert the following:

**TITLE IV—REAUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS**

**Subtitle A—Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-determination Program**

**SEC. 40401. SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM.**

(a) AMENDMENTS.—The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 3(11)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2009 through 2011”; and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount that is equal to 95 percent of the full funding amount for the preceding fiscal year.”;

(2) in sections 101, 102, 203, 207, 208, 304, and 402, by striking “2011” each place it appears and inserting “2012”;

(3) in section 102—

(A) by striking “2008” each place it appears and inserting “2012”;

(B) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by inserting “in 2012” before “, the election”; and

(C) in subsection (d)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “paragraph (3)(B)” and inserting “subparagraph (D)”; and

(ii) in paragraph (3)—

(I) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) NOTIFICATION.—The Governor of each eligible State shall notify the Secretary concerned of an election by an eligible county under this subsection not later than September 30, 2012, and each September 30 thereafter for each succeeding fiscal year.”;

(II) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (D) and moving the subparagraph so as to appear at the end of paragraph (1) of subsection (d); and

(III) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) FAILURE TO ELECT.—If the Governor of an eligible State fails to notify the Secretary concerned of the election for an eligible county by the date specified in subparagraph (A)—

“(i) the eligible county shall be considered to have elected to expend 80 percent of the funds in accordance with paragraph (1)(A); and

“(ii) the remainder shall be available to the Secretary concerned to carry out projects in the eligible county to further the purpose described in section 202(b).”;

(4) in section 103(d)(2), by striking “fiscal year 2011” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012”;

(5) in section 202, by adding at the end the following:

“(c) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—A resource advisory committee may, in accordance with section 203, propose to use not more than 10 percent of the project funds of an eligible county for any fiscal year for administrative expenses associated with operating the resource advisory committee under this title.”;

(6) in section 204(e)(3)(B)(iii), by striking “and 2011” and inserting “through 2012”;

(7) in section 205(a)(4), by striking “2006” each place it appears and inserting “2011”;

(8) in section 208(b), by striking “2012” and inserting “2013”;

(9) in section 302(a)(2)(A), by inserting “and” after the semicolon; and

(10) in section 304(b), by striking “2012” and inserting “2013”.

(b) FAILURE TO MAKE ELECTION.—For each county that failed to make an election for fiscal year 2011 in accordance with section 102(d)(3)(A) of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112(d)(3)(A)), there shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out projects to further the purpose described in section 202(b) of that Act (16 U.S.C. 7122(b)), from amounts in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount that is equal to 15 percent of the total share of the State payment that otherwise would have been made to the county under that Act for fiscal year 2011.

**Subtitle B—Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program**

**SEC. 40411. PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES.**

Section 6906 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “2012” and inserting “2013”.