

Whereas celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-Serving Institutions to the United States strengthens the culture of the United States; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions across the United States;

(2) designates the week beginning September 14, 2015, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions.

SENATE RESOLUTION 256—DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2015 AS “SCHOOL BUS SAFETY MONTH”

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 256

Whereas approximately 480,000 public and private school buses carry 26,000,000 children to and from school every weekday in the United States;

Whereas America’s 480,000 public and private school buses comprise the largest mass transportation fleet in the Nation;

Whereas during the school year, school buses make more than 55,000,000 passenger trips daily and students ride these school buses 10,000,000,000 times per year as the Nation’s fleet travels over 5,600,000,000 miles per school year;

Whereas school buses are designed to be safer than passenger vehicles and are 13 times safer than other modes of school transportation, and 44 times safer than vehicles driven by teenagers;

Whereas in an average year, about 25 school children are killed in school bus accidents, with one-third of these children struck by their own school buses in loading/unloading zones, one-third struck by motorists who fail to stop for school buses, and one-third killed as they approach or depart a school bus stop;

Whereas The Child Safety Network, celebrating 27 years of national public service, has collaborated with the National PTA and the school bus industry to create public service announcements to reduce distracted driving near school buses, increase ridership, and provide free resources to school districts in order to increase driver safety training, provide free technology for tracking school buses, reduce on-board bullying, and educate students; and

Whereas the adoption of School Bus Safety Month will allow broadcast and digital media and social networking industries to make commitments to disseminate public service announcements designed to save children’s lives by making motorists aware of school bus safety issues: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates September 2015 as “School Bus Safety Month”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2656. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr.

SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COATS, and Mr. CRUZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2640 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

SA 2657. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2656 submitted by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COATS, and Mr. CRUZ) to the amendment SA 2640 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, supra.

SA 2658. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, supra.

SA 2659. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2658 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, supra.

SA 2660. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, supra.

SA 2661. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2660 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, supra.

SA 2662. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2661 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the amendment SA 2660 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2656. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COATS, and Mr. CRUZ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2640 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; as follows:

Strike line 3 and all that follows and insert the following:

SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE, SUSPEND, REDUCE, PROVIDE RELIEF FROM, OR OTHERWISE LIMIT THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE NUCLEAR PROGRAM OF IRAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may not—

(1) waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of sanctions described in subsection (b) or refrain from applying any such sanctions; or

(2) remove a foreign person listed in Attachment 3 or Attachment 4 to Annex II of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action from the list of specially designated nationals and blocked persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Asset Control of the Department of the Treasury.

(b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions described in this subsection are—

(1) the sanctions described in sections 4 through 7.9 of Annex II of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action; and

(2) the sanctions described in any other agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran that includes the United States, commits the United States to take action, or pursuant to which the United States commits or otherwise agrees to take action, regardless of the form it takes, whether a political commitment or otherwise, and regardless of whether it is legally binding.

(c) EXCEPTION.—The prohibitions under subsection (a) shall not apply if the Islamic Republic of Iran—

(1) has released Jason Rezaian, Robert Levinson, Saeed Abedini, and Amir Hekmati to the custody of the United States; and

(2) formally recognizes the State of Israel as a sovereign and independent state.

(d) JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action” means the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, signed at Vienna on July 14, 2015, by Iran and by the People’s Republic of China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States, with the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and all implementing materials and agreements related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

SA 2657. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2656 submitted by Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. LEE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. VITTER, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. KIRK, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CORKER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. TILLIS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COATS, and Mr. CRUZ) to the amendment SA 2640 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; as follows:

At the end add the following.

“This Act shall take effect 1 day after the date of enactment.”

SA 2658. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the joint resolution H.J. Res. 61, amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies