CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

August 3, 2000

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. INOUYE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

SENATE RESOLUTION 323—DESIGNATING MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2000, AS NATIONAL EAT-DINNER-WITH-YOUR-CHILDREN DAY.

Whereas the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of substances such as alcohol and nicotine constitute the single greatest threat to the health and well-being of American children;

Whereas surveys conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University have found for each of the past 4 years that children and teenagers who routinely eat dinner with their families are far less likely to use illegal drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol;

Whereas teenagers from families that seldom eat dinner together are 72 percent more likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol;

Whereas teenagers from families that eat dinner together are 31 percent less likely than the average teenager to use illegal drugs, cigarettes, and alcohol;

Whereas the correlation between the frequency of family dinners and the decrease in substance abuse risk is well documented;

Whereas parental influence is known to be one of the most crucial factors in determining the likelihood of teenage substance abuse; and

Whereas family dinners have long constituted a substantial pillar of American family life; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes that eating dinner as a family is a critical step toward raising healthy, drug-free children; and

(2) designates Monday, June 19, 2000, as National Eat-Dinner-With-Your-Children Day.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 3237

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3237 proposed to S. 2549, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3232

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3213 intended to be proposed to S. 2549, an original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

SEC. 914. MANAGEMENT OF NAVY RESEARCH

AMENDMENT AMENDED

On page 353, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(1) recognizes the 60th anniversary of the Soviet takeover of the Baltic countries, condemning that act in the strongest possible terms;

(2) commends the effort made by the Russian Federation to negotiate a settlement of issues relating to freedom of transit on its territory; and

(3) calls on the President and the Secretary of Defense to consider proposals by the Russian Federation for the restoration of transit rights.

Mr. WARNER (for Mr. LOTT) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 2549) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; as follows:

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NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

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SEC. 914. MANAGEMENT OF NAVY RESEARCH FUND—CHIEF OF NAVAL RESEARCH

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