

(D) enhancing the ability of local communities to integrate the National Alert System into their overall operations management.

(C) USE OF EXISTING PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES.—In developing the program, the Undersecretary for Science and Technology shall utilize existing expertise of the Department of Commerce, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

SEC. —108. GRANT PROGRAM FOR REMOTE COMMUNITY ALERT SYSTEMS.

(a) GRANT PROGRAM.—The Undersecretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere shall establish a program under which grants may be made to provide for the installation of technologies in remote communities effectively unserved by commercial mobile radio service (as determined by the Federal Communications Commission within 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act) for the purpose of enabling residents of those communities to receive National Alert System alerts.

(b) APPLICATIONS AND CONDITIONS.—In conducting the program, the Undersecretary—

(1) shall establish a notification and application procedure; and

(2) may establish such conditions, and require such assurances, as may be appropriate to ensure the efficiency and integrity of the grant program.

(c) SUNSET.—The Undersecretary may not make grants under subsection (a) more than 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. —109. PUBLIC FAMILIARIZATION, OUTREACH, AND RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS.

The director of the National Office, in consultation with the Working Group, shall conduct a program of public outreach to ensure that the public is aware of the National Alert System and understands its capabilities and uses for emergency preparedness and response. The program shall incorporate multiple communications technologies and methods, including inserts in packaging for wireless devices, Internet websites, and the use of broadcast radio and television Non-Commercial Sustaining Announcement Programs.

SEC. —110. ESSENTIAL SERVICES DISASTER ASSISTANCE.

Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 425. ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.

“(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘essential service provider’ means an entity that—

“(1) provides—

“(A) telecommunications service;

“(B) electrical power;

“(C) natural gas;

“(D) water and sewer services; or

“(E) any other essential service, as determined by the President;

“(2) is—

“(A) a municipal entity;

“(B) a nonprofit entity; or

“(C) a private, for-profit entity; and

“(3) is contributing to efforts to respond to an emergency or major disaster.

“(b) AUTHORIZATION.—In an emergency or major disaster, the President may use Federal equipment, supplies, facilities, personnel, and other non-monetary resources to assist an essential service provider, in exchange for reasonable compensation.

“(c) COMPENSATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, by regulation, establish a mechanism to set rea-

sonable compensation to the Federal Government for the provision of assistance under subsection (b).

“(2) CRITERIA.—The mechanism established under paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall reflect the cost to the government (or if this is not readily obtainable, the full market value under the applicable circumstances) for assistance provided under subsection (b) in setting compensation;

“(B) shall have, to the maximum degree feasible, streamlined procedures for determining compensation; and

“(C) may, at the President’s discretion, be based on a good faith estimate of cost to the government rather than an actual accounting of costs.

“(3) PERIODIC REVIEW.—The President shall periodically review, and if necessary revise, the regulations established pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) to ensure that these regulations result in full compensation to the government for transferred resources. Such reviews shall occur no less frequently than once every 2 years, and the results of such reviews shall be reported to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.”.

SEC. —111. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) DIRECTOR.—The term “director” means the director of the National Alert Office.

(2) OFFICE.—The term “Office” means the National Alert Office established by section —105.

(3) NATIONAL ALERT SYSTEM.—The term “National Alert System” means the National Alert System established by section —102.

(4) NOAA.—The term “NOAA” means the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(5) NON-COMMERCIAL SUSTAINING ANNOUNCEMENT PROGRAM.—The term “Non-Commercial Sustaining Announcement Program” means a radio and television campaign conducted for the benefit of a nonprofit organization or government agency using unsold commercial air time donated by participating broadcast stations for use in such campaigns, and for which the campaign’s sponsoring organization or agency funds the cost of underwriting programs that serve the public convenience, interest, and necessity, as described in section 307 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 307).

(6) WORKING GROUP.—The term “Working Group” means the National Alert System Working Group on the established under section —106.

SEC. —112. EXISTING INTERAGENCY ACTIVITIES.

Nothing in this title shall be construed to require the termination of existing interagency programs or activities, or cooperative or consultative arrangements, related to the provision of notice or information to the public about emergency situations that may require a public response.

SEC. —113. FUNDING.

Funding for this title shall be provided from the Digital Transition and Public Safety Fund in accordance with section 3010 of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309 note).

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public

that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 10 a.m., in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nomination of: C. Stephen Allred, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, vice Rebecca W. Watson, resigned; Robert W. Johnson, of Nevada, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, vice John W. Keys, III, resigned.

For further information, please contact Judy Pensabene of the Committee staff at (202) 224-1327.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 7, 2006, to hold a hearing titled “‘Wounded Warrior’ Insurance: A First Look at a New Benefit for Traumatically Injured Servicemembers”.

The hearing will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 10 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 7, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Thursday, September 7, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

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

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing regarding “IT Projects at Risk: Is It Too Late To Save \$12 Billion?”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY,
AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Keeping Terrorists Off the Plane" on Thursday, September 7, 2006, at 2 p.m. in Dirksen 226.

Witness List

Paul Rosenzweig, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs, United States Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC; Jayson P. Ahern, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, United States Customs of Border Protection, Washington, DC; Jess Ford, Director of International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office, Washington, DC; and Leon J. Laylagian, Executive Vice President, Passenger-Cargo Security Group, Concord, NH.

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

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
MODERNIZATION ACT

On Wednesday, September 6, 2006, the Senate passed H.R. 2066, as follows:

H.R. 2066

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2066) entitled "An Act to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish a Federal Acquisition Service, to replace the General Supply Fund and the Information Technology Fund with an Acquisition Services Fund, and for other purposes," do pass with the following amendments:

(1) Page 2, line 25, strike out [up to five]

(2) Page 10, line 7, strike out [or] and all that follows through the end of line 9, and insert:

"(B) the exceptional difficulty in recruiting or retaining a qualified employee, or

"(C) a temporary emergency hiring need,

(3) Page 10, line 20, strike out [December 31, 2011.] and insert: *December 31, 2011.*"

(4) Page 10, strike out line 21 and all that follows through page 13, line 8, and insert the following new section and renumber subsequent section:

SEC. 5. DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY TO HISTORIC LIGHT STATIONS.

Section 549(c)(3)(B) of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in clause (vii), by striking "or" after the semicolon;

(2) in clause (viii), by striking the period and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(ix) a historic light station as defined under section 308(e)(2) of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470w-7(e)(2)), including a historic light station conveyed under subsection (b) of that section, notwithstanding the number of hours that the historic light station is open to the public."

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

FEDERAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 576, S. 2590.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2590) to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill which had been reported by the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee with an amendment to strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic.

S. 2590

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

[This Act may be cited as the "Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006".]

SEC. 2. FULL DISCLOSURE OF ENTITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDING.

[(a) IN GENERAL.—

[(1) WEBSITE.—Effective beginning January 1, 2007 and subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Office of Management and Budget shall ensure the existence and operation of a single updated searchable database website accessible by the public at no cost that includes for each entity receiving Federal funding—

[(A) the name of the entity;

[(B) the amount of any Federal funds that the entity has received in each of the last 10 fiscal years;

[(C) an itemized breakdown of each transaction, including funding agency, program source, and a description of the purpose of each funding action;

[(D) the location of the entity and primary location of performance, including the city, State, congressional district, and country;

[(E) a unique identifier for each such entity and parent entity, should the entity be owned by another entity; and

[(F) any other relevant information.

[(2) INITIAL DATA.—Effective January 1, 2007, the website shall include data for fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

[(3) PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS.—Not later than January 1, 2009, information required by this section shall be posted on the website for fiscal years 1999 through 2005.

[(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

[(1) ENTITY.—The term "entity"—

[(A) includes—

[(i) a corporation;

[(ii) an association;

[(iii) a partnership;

[(iv) a limited liability company;

[(v) a limited liability partnership;

[(vi) any other legal business entity;

[(vii) grantees, contractors, and, on and after October 1, 2007, subgrantees and subcontractors; and

[(viii) any State or locality; and

[(B) does not include—

[(i) an individual recipient of Federal assistance;

[(ii) a Federal employee; or

[(iii) a grant or contract of a nature that could be reasonably expected to cause damage to national security.

[(2) FEDERAL FUNDING.—The term "federal funding"—

[(A) means Federal financial assistance and expenditures that include grants, contracts, subgrants, subcontracts, loans, awards and other forms of financial assistance; and

[(B) does not include credit card transactions or minor purchases.

[(3) SEARCHABLE DATABASE WEBSITE.—The term "searchable database website" means a website that allows the public to—

[(A) search Federal funding by name of entity, parent entity, or type of industry, geography, including location of the entity and the primary location of the performance, amounts and types of federal funding, program sources, type of activity being performed, time factors such as fiscal years or multiple fiscal years, and other relevant information; and

[(B) download data included in subparagraph (A) including outcomes from searches.

[(c) WEBSITE.—The database website established by this section—

[(1) shall not be considered in compliance if it links to FPDS, Grants.gov or other existing websites and databases, unless each of those sites has information from all agencies and each category of information required to be itemized can be searched electronically by field in a single search;

[(2) shall provide an opportunity for the public to provide input about the utility of the site and recommendations for improvements; and

[(3) shall be updated not later than 30 days after the award of any assistance requiring a posting.

[(d) AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Director of OMB shall provide guidance to agency heads to ensure compliance with this section.

[(e) REPORT.—The Director of OMB shall annually report to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on Government Reform on implementation of the website that shall include data about the usage and public feedback on the utility of the site, including recommendations for improvements. The annual report shall be made publicly available on the website.]

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006".

SEC. 2. FULL DISCLOSURE OF ENTITIES RECEIVING FEDERAL FUNDING.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ENTITY.—The term "entity"—

(A) includes, whether for profit or nonprofit—

(i) a corporation;

(ii) an association;

(iii) a partnership;

(iv) a limited liability company;

(v) a limited liability partnership;

(vi) a sole proprietorship;

(vii) any other legal business entity;

(viii) any other grantee or contractor that is not excluded by subparagraph (B) or (C); and

(ix) any State or locality;

(B) on and after January 1, 2009, includes any subcontractor or subgrantee; and

(C) does not include—

(i) an individual recipient of Federal assistance; or

(ii) a Federal employee.

(2) FEDERAL AWARD.—The term "Federal award"—

(A) means Federal financial assistance and expenditures that include grants, contracts, subgrants, subcontracts, loans, awards, cooperative agreements, purchase orders, task orders, delivery orders, and other forms of financial assistance;