

**SENATE RESOLUTION 550—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING PROVOCATIVE AND DANGEROUS STATEMENTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION THAT UNDERMINE THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA**

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. MARTINEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 550

Whereas, since 1993, the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia has been reaffirmed by the international community and 32 United Nations Security Council resolutions;

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Georgia has pursued with good faith the peaceful resolution of territorial conflicts in the regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia since the end of hostilities in 1993;

Whereas President of Georgia Mikheil Saakashvili has offered a clear plan for resolving the conflict in Abkhazia and securing legitimate interests of the Abkhaz and South Ossetian people within a unified Georgia;

Whereas, for several years, the Government of Russia has engaged in an ongoing process of usurping the sovereignty of Georgia in Abkhazia and South Ossetia by awarding subsidies, the right to vote in elections in Russia, and Russian passports to people living in those regions;

Whereas the announcement of the Government of the Russian Federation that it will establish “official ties” with the breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia and further involve itself in aspects of their government appears to be a thinly veiled attempt at annexation;

Whereas the statements and counter-productive behavior of the Government of the Russian Federation in these regions has undermined the peace and security of those regions, the Republic of Georgia, and the region as a whole; and

Whereas the consistent effort to undermine the sovereignty of a neighbor is incompatible with the role of the Russian Federation as one of the world’s leading powers and is inconsistent with the commitments to international peacekeeping made by the Government of the Russian Federation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) condemns recent decisions made by the Government of the Russian Federation to establish “official ties” with the breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, a process that further impedes reconciliation between those regions and the Government of Georgia and violates the sovereignty of the Republic of Georgia and the commitments of the Government of the Russian Federation to international peacekeeping;

(2) calls upon the Government of the Russian Federation to disavow this policy, which gives the appearance of being motivated by an appetite for annexation;

(3) affirms that the restoration of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Georgia is in the interest of all who seek peace and stability in the region;

(4) urges all parties to the conflicts in the Republic of Georgia and governments around the world to eschew rhetoric that escalates tensions and undermines efforts to negotiate a settlement to the conflicts; and

(5) commends the Government of Georgia for acting with restraint in the face of serious provocation.

**AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED**

SA 4654. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4655. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2881, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

**TEXT OF AMENDMENTS**

**SA 4654.** Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ STUDY ON ADEQUACY OF TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS.**

(a) STUDY.—The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall conduct a study, in consultation with representatives of air traffic controllers, to assess the adequacy of training programs for air traffic controllers.

(b) CONTENTS.—The study shall include—

(1) a review of the current training system for air traffic controllers;

(2) an analysis of the competencies required of air traffic controllers for successful performance in the current air traffic control environment;

(3) an analysis of competencies required of air traffic controllers as the Federal Aviation Administration transitions to the Next Generation Air Transportation System;

(4) an analysis of various training approaches available to satisfy the controller competencies identified under paragraphs (2) and (3); and

(5) an analysis of various training approaches available to ensure that the controller competencies identified under paragraphs (2) and (3) are maintained when airspace is transferred from one air traffic control center to another.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on the results of the study.

**SA 4655.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2881, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Avia-

tion Administration for fiscal years 2008 through 2011, to improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 65, line 24, insert “realign engineering services or” after “not”.

**MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE NEWBORN SCREENING SAVES LIVES ACT OF 2007**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 5919.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5919) to make technical corrections regarding the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 5919) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

**NATIONAL CHILDHOOD STROKE AWARENESS DAY**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 549, submitted earlier today by Senator CASEY.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 549) expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke and designating May 3, 2008, as “National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day.”

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 549) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 549

Whereas a stroke, also known as a “cerebrovascular accident”, is an acute neurologic

injury that occurs when the blood supply to a part of the brain is interrupted by a clot in the artery or a burst of the artery;

Whereas a stroke is a medical emergency that can cause permanent neurologic damage or even death if not promptly diagnosed and treated;

Whereas 26 out of every 100,000 newborns and almost 3 out of every 100,000 children have a stroke each year;

Whereas an individual can have a stroke before birth;

Whereas stroke is among the top 10 causes of death for children in the United States;

Whereas 12 percent of all children who experience a stroke die as a result;

Whereas stroke recurs in 20 percent of children who have experienced a prior stroke;

Whereas the death rate for children who experience a stroke before the age of 1 year is the highest out of all age groups;

Whereas the average time from onset of symptoms to diagnosis of stroke is 24 hours, putting many affected children outside the window of 3 hours for the most successful treatment;

Whereas many children who experience a stroke will suffer serious, long-term neurological disabilities, including—

- (1) hemiplegia, which is paralysis of 1 side of the body;
- (2) seizures;
- (3) speech and vision problems; and
- (4) learning difficulties;

Whereas those disabilities may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries;

Whereas the permanent health concerns and treatments resulting from strokes that occur during childhood and young adulthood have a considerable impact on children, families, and society;

Whereas very little is known about the cause, treatment, and prevention of childhood stroke;

Whereas medical research is the only means by which the citizens of the United States can identify and develop effective treatment and prevention strategies for childhood stroke;

Whereas early diagnosis and treatment of childhood stroke greatly improves the chances that the affected child will recover and not experience a recurrence; and

Whereas The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia should be commended for its initiative in creating the Nation's first program

dedicated to pediatric stroke patients: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 3, 2008 as “National Childhood Stroke Awareness Day”; and

(2) urges the people of the United States to support the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy of organizations that work to enhance public awareness of childhood stroke.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2972 AND S. 2973

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there are two bills at the desk. I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2972) to reauthorize and modernize the Federal Aviation Administration. A bill (S. 2973) to promote the energy security of the United States and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bills will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

#### ORDER FOR THE RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding adjournment of the Senate today, that the RECORD remain open until 1 p.m. today for the purpose of the introduction of legislation, adding cosponsors, submission of statements, and that committees may file reported legislative and Executive Calendar business.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 6; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; and that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2881, the FAA reauthorization bill. I further ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding any adjournment of the Senate, Senators be permitted to file amendments between 2 and 3:30 p.m. on Monday.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as previously ordered, the cloture vote on the substitute amendment will occur at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 6. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the FAA bill is 3:30 Monday.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:30 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 10 a.m.