

of the conserving use requirements on rice base acreage in Texas.

(c) *REPORTS TO CONGRESS.*—The Secretary shall review and evaluate the costs, benefits and effects of the safeguard initiative on rice producers, including tenant rice producers, the rice milling and processing industry, wildlife habitat, and the economies of rice farming areas in Texas, detailed by each of these affected interests and by the program variables involved in the safeguard initiative under subsection (b), including whether or not producers on a farm have qualified plantings. The Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives an annual report detailing the progress and findings of the initiative not later than February 1 of each of the years 2005 through 2007. This Act may be cited as the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004".

ARMING OF CARGO PILOTS

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 293, S. 1657.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1657) to amend section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, to provide for the arming of cargo pilots against terrorism.

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

Mr. FRIST. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1657) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

The bill (S. 1657) to amend section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, to provide for the arming of cargo pilots against terrorism, was considered, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed; as follows:

S. 1657

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

SECTION 1. ARMING CARGO PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that members of a flight deck crew of a cargo aircraft should be armed with a firearm and taser to defend the cargo aircraft against an attack by terrorists that could result in the use of the aircraft as a weapon of mass destruction or for other terrorist purposes.

(b) ARMING CARGO PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM.—Section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by striking "passenger" each place that it appears;

(2) in subsection (k)(2) by striking "flight or," and all that follows through "command" and inserting "flight or any other flight deck crew member"; and

(3) by adding at the end of subsection (k) the following:

"(3) ALL-CARGO AIR TRANSPORTATION.—In this section, the term 'air transportation' includes all-cargo air transportation."

(c) TIME FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out the amendments made by subsection (b), the Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security of the Department of Homeland Security shall ensure that pilots of both passenger and cargo aircraft are treated equitably in receiving access to training as Federal flight deck officers.

(d) EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—The requirements of subsection (c) shall have no effect on the deadlines for implementation contained in section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2003

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, November 11; I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 12 p.m., with the time equally divided between Senator HUTCHISON or her designee and the minority leader or his designee.

I further ask consent that at 11 a.m. tomorrow on Veterans Day, the Senate

will conduct a moment of silence as a tribute to the war dead of the United States. I further ask consent that the Senate recess tomorrow from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party lunches; provided further that the Senate recess during the same period on Wednesday.

Mr. REID. Reserving the right to object, and I do appreciate the Senator setting aside Wednesday when we are going to do our caucus, not tomorrow, I have no objection.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. For the information of all Senators, tomorrow the Senate will begin a period of morning business until 12 p.m. The morning business time will be devoted to Senators who wish to make tribute statements to our veterans. We are also attempting to clear a resolution related to our veterans during tomorrow's session.

Following morning business, the Senate will return to legislative session. There are many crucial legislative items that the Senate should complete action on over the next couple of days, including the Syria accountability bill, Department of Defense authorization conference report, Military Construction appropriations conference report, the VA/HUD appropriations bill. Senators, therefore, should anticipate roll-call votes throughout the day.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:01 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, November 11, 2003, at 10:45 a.m.