

for Wilderness, a committee formed to celebrate this national achievement: Now, therefore, be it

SA 4088. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. ROBERTS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2121, to amend the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Act of 1990 to authorize additional appropriations for the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 4, on lines 5 and 6, strike “for fiscal year 2004”.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. COLLINS. I ask unanimous consent floor privileges be extended to Deborah Barger, a CMA detailee in my office, for the duration of today’s consideration of S. 2845.

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

Ms. COLLINS. I ask unanimous consent that the staff members of the Senate Intelligence Committee be given floor privileges during consideration of the intelligence reform conference report.

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

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be extended to Bob Kenney, a Brookings Legislative Fellow on loan to my office from the Environmental Protection Agency, for the rest of today’s session.

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

COMMERCIAL SPECTRUM ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of H.R. 5419, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5419) to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to facilitate the reallocation of spectrum from governmental to commercial users; to improve, enhance, and promote the Nation’s homeland security, public safety, and citizen activated emergency response capabilities through the use of enhanced 911 services, to further upgrade Public Safety Answering Point capabilities and related functions in receiving E-911 calls, and to support in the construction and operation of a ubiquitous and reliable citizen activated system; and to provide that funds received as universal service contributions under section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 and the universal service support programs established pursuant thereto are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act, for a period of time.

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

LIFESAVING E-911 SERVICE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I wish to engage the Senator from Montana in a

brief colloquy for a point of clarification on the bill,

First, I wish to congratulate the Senator and others who worked tirelessly on this bill. This bill provides critical assistance to State and local governments to help them reach the goals and standards set by Congress and the FCC for bringing lifesaving E-911 service to all Americans. I especially commend the bill’s authors for providing much needed financial assistance in the form of grants for training, equipment and other needs in providing and advancing E-911 service.

I am very proud of my home State’s E-911 leaders. They, along with the wireless industry, have helped make Tennessee one of the Nation’s leaders in wireless E-911 implementation. I am informed that to date all but one of our 95 counties are Phase II E-911 ready, with the goal of reaching 100 percent by the end of this year. Since 1998, our State has committed itself to bringing E-911 service to all its citizens, rural and urban, from Memphis to Mountain City.

However, much work remains to be done. Our State is re-writing its requirements for 911 dispatchers and their training. We currently have no formal training program or academy. In spite of all of Tennessee’s accomplishments, financial challenges continue to grow.

I am concerned that the Federal agency administering the bill’s grant program will not give equal funding and eligibility consideration to States and localities that have achieved E-911 service, thus penalizing States such as Tennessee and others for their accomplishments. Would such an outcome be the intent of the bill’s authors?

Mr. BURNS. I thank the Senator from Tennessee for his question and commend his State for its leadership on E-911 issues. It is not our intent to give any less priority in grant eligibility and funding to States like Tennessee that have made substantial progress in wireless E-911 deployment. We recognize that once a State or local government achieves E-911 service, other challenges and needs exist such as those pointed out by the Senator. So that was not our intent in the crafting of the “grants” provision.

Mr. FRIST. I thank the Senator for that clarification and commend his leadership on this very important legislation.

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

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

The bill (H.R. 5419) was read the third time and passed.

PROVIDING FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 531, the adjournment resolution; provided that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 531) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 531

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on any legislative day from Tuesday, December 7, 2004, through Friday, December 10, 2004, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution; and that when the Senate adjourns on any day from Tuesday, December 7, 2004, through Saturday, December 11, 2004, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate whenever, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

Passed the House of Representatives December 7, 2004.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2005

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn sine die under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 531.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. FRIST. I further ask consent that when the Senate returns on Tuesday, January 4, at 12 noon, following the presentation of the certificates of election and the swearing in of elected Members, and the required live quorum, the morning hour then be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and that there then be a period for morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the hour is late, but let me say that I have some real mixed emotions tonight. I have had this desk for 6 years and it has been a great experience for me to serve as the assistant leader, the whip, of the Senate Democrats. I have learned so