

SENATE RESOLUTION 84

Whereas the provision included in the federal Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 which banned the sale of semi-automatic assault weapons is set to expire on September 13, 2004; and

Whereas the assault weapons covered by the ban are not designed for sport use, but incorporate military features intended for combat in a war setting; and

Whereas the ban not only required domestic gun manufacturers to stop producing semi-automatic assault weapons and ammunition clips which held more than 10 rounds, except for military or police use, but also halted imports of assault weapons not already banned; and

Whereas prior to their ban, semi-automatic assault weapons had become the "weapon of choice" for drug traffickers, gangs and paramilitary extremist groups; and

Whereas many major national law enforcement organizations support the federal assault weapons ban, in light of their high firepower and ability to penetrate body armor; and

Whereas one in five police officers slain in the line of duty during the years 1998 through 2001 were killed with an assault weapon; and

Whereas assault rifles have been used in some of the nation's most shocking crimes, including the Stockton schoolyard massacre, the CIA headquarters shootings, and the Branch-Davidian standoff in Waco, Texas; and

Whereas the continuing confiscation of assault weapons from crime scenes will result in criminals having less access to these dangerous weapons; and

Whereas there are various bills pending in Congress which would have the affect of reauthorizing the assault weapons ban, including a proposal to postpone the sunset of the provision for ten years and another to repeal the sunset date entirely: Now therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:

1. The President and the Congress of the United States are urged to enact a reauthorization the assault weapons ban. The members of this State's Congressional delegation are urged to work diligently to achieve the enactment of this legislation.

2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and attested by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and each member of Congress elected from this State.

POM-55. A resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Lauderdale Lakes of the State of Florida relative to the community development block grant program ("CDBG"); to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 853. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to establish a program to bolster the mutual security and safety of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. 854. A bill to require labeling of raw agricultural forms of ginseng, including the country of harvest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 855. A bill to improve the security of the Nation's ports by providing Federal grants to support Area Maritime Transportation Security Plans and to address vulnerabilities in port areas identified in approved vulnerability assessments or by the Secretary of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 856. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the minimum medicare deadlines for filing claims to take into account delay in processing adjustment from secondary payor status to primary payor status; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. DEMINT):

S. 857. A bill to reform Social Security by establishing a Personal Social Security Savings Program and to provide new limitations on the Federal Budget; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 858. A bill to reauthorize Nuclear Regulatory Commission user fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 859. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an income tax credit for the provision of homeownership and community development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 860. A bill to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 861. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide transition funding rules for certain plans electing to cease future benefit accruals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANTORUM (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 862. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase inpatient hospital payments under the Medicare Program to Puerto Rico hospitals; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DODD, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 863. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centenary of the bestowal of the Nobel Peace Prize on President Theodore Roosevelt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH):

S. 864. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to modify provisions relating to nuclear safety and security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. VOINOVICH:

S. 865. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to reauthorize the Price-Anderson provisions; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution authorizing special awards to World War I and World War II veterans of the United States Navy Armed Guard; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. CRAPO:

S. Res. 114. A resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the American Thoracic Society, celebrating its achievements, and encouraging the Society to continue offering its guidance on lung-related health issues to the people of the United States and to the world; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. Res. 115. A resolution designating May 2005 as "National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. Res. 116. A resolution commemorating the life, achievements, and contributions of Frederick C. Branch; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. Res. 117. A resolution designating the week of May 9, 2005, as "National Hepatitis B Awareness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the Revised Statutes of the United States to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 154

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 154, a bill to grant a Federal charter to the National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated.

S. 185

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 185, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to repeal the requirement for the reduction of certain Survivor Benefit Plan

annuities by the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation and to modify the effective date for paid-up coverage under the Survivor Benefit Plan.

S. 211

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral on human services, volunteer services, and for other purposes.

S. 217

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 217, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve the essential air service program.

S. 246

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 246, a bill to repeal the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs.

S. 300

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 300, a bill to extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area.

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 300, supra.

S. 371

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 371, a bill to provide for college quality, affordability, and diversity, and for other purposes.

S. 432

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 432, a bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes.

S. 440

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 440, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include podiatrists as physicians for purposes of covering physicians services under the medicaid program.

S. 473

At the request of Ms. CANTWELL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 473, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote and improve the allied health professions.

S. 500

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Florida, the name of the Senator from New

York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 500, a bill to regulate information brokers and protect individual rights with respect to personally identifiable information.

S. 501

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to provide a site for the National Women's History Museum in the District of Columbia.

S. 515

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 515, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to increase the maximum Federal share of the costs of State programs under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program, and for other purposes.

S. 521

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 521, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish, promote, and support a comprehensive prevention, research, and medical management referral program for hepatitis C virus infection.

S. 559

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) were added as cosponsors of S. 559, a bill to make the protection of vulnerable populations, especially women and children, who are affected by a humanitarian emergency a priority of the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) were added as cosponsors of S. 604, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to authorize expansion of medicare coverage of medical nutrition therapy services.

S. 629

At the request of Mr. SESSIONS, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 629, a bill to amend chapter 97 of title 18, United States Code, relating to protecting against attacks on railroads and other mass transportation systems.

S. 643

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 643, a bill to amend the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 to reauthorize State mediation programs.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 740, a bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to expand or add coverage of pregnant women under the medicaid and State children's health insurance program, and for other purposes.

S. 756

At the request of Mr. BENNETT, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 756, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance public and health professional awareness and understanding of lupus and to strengthen the Nation's research efforts to identify the causes and cure of lupus.

S. 758

At the request of Mr. ALLEN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 758, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that the federal excise tax on communication services does not apply to internet access service.

S. 783

At the request of Mr. KYL, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 783, a bill to repeal the sunset on the 2004 material-support enhancements, to increase penalties for providing material support to terrorist groups, to bar from the United States aliens who have received terrorist training, and for other purposes.

S. 784

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 784, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under part B of the medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 802

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 802, a bill to establish a National Drought Council within the Department of Agriculture, to improve national drought preparedness, mitigation, and response efforts, and for other purposes.

S. 817

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 817, a bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to create a Special Trade Prosecutor to ensure compliance with trade agreements, and for other purposes.

S. 821

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 821, a bill to require the

Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the founding of America's National Parks, and for other purposes.

S. 841

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 841, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 342

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 342 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 380

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. BIDEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 380 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 414

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 414 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San

Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 443

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 443 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 466

At the request of Mr. SHELBY, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 466 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 482

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 482 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 493

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 493 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 498

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms.

COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 498 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, her name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 498 proposed to H.R. 1268, supra.

AMENDMENT NO. 504

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 504 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 516

At the request of Mr. BYRD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 516 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 549

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. ROBERTS), the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 549 proposed to H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure

expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes.

#### STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 853. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to establish a program to bolster the mutual security and safety of the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise to introduce the North American Cooperative Security Act, NACSA. The purpose of this bill is to enhance the mutual security and safety of the United States, Canada, and Mexico by providing a framework for better management, communication and coordination between the Governments of North America. To advance these goals, this bill would: Improve procedures for exchanging relevant security information with Mexico and Canada; improve our military-to-military relations with Mexico; improve the security of Mexico's southern border; establish a database to track the movement of members of Central American gangs between the United States, Mexico, and Central American countries; require U.S. government agencies to develop a strategy for achieving an agreement with the Mexican government on joint measures to impede the ability of third country nationals from using Mexico as a transit corridor for unauthorized entry into the United States.

Our Nation is inextricably intertwined with Mexico and Canada historically, culturally, and commercially. The flow of goods and people across our borders helps drive our economy and strengthen our culture. The Department of Transportation reports that goods worth more than \$633 billion crossed our land borders in 2004. According to the Census Bureau more than 26 million of the 39 million individuals of Hispanic-origin who are legal residents in the United States are of Mexican background.

But our land borders also serve as a conduit for illegal immigration, drugs, and other illicit items. Given the threat of international terrorism, there is great concern that our land borders could also serve as a channel for international terrorists and weapons of mass destruction.

The threat of terrorist penetration is particularly acute along our southern border. In 2004, fewer than 10,000 individuals were apprehended entering the U.S. illegally through our 5,000 mile land border with Canada. This compared with the more than 1.1 million that were apprehended while trying to cross our 2,000 mile border with Mexico. The Department of Homeland Security reports that about 996,000 of these individuals were Mexicans crossing the border for economic or family reasons.

The Homeland Security Department refers to the rest as "other than Mexi-

cans,"—or "OTMs." Of the approximately 100,000 OTMs apprehended, 3,000 to 4,000 were from so-called "countries of interest" like Somalia, Pakistan, and Saudi Arabia, which have produced or been associated with terrorist cells.

A few of the individuals who have been apprehended at our southern border were known to have connections to terrorists or were entering the U.S. under highly suspicious circumstances. For example, one Lebanese national, who had paid a smuggler to transport him across the U.S.-Mexican border in 2001, was recently convicted of holding a fundraiser in his Michigan home for the Hizbollah terrorist group.

Last July, a Pakistani woman swam across the Rio Grande River from Mexico to Texas. She was detained when she tried to board a plane to New York with \$6,000 in cash and a severely altered South African passport. Her husband's name was found to be on a terrorism watch list. She was convicted on immigration charges and deported in December 2004.

Since September 11, 2001, progress has been made in deterring cross-border threats, while maintaining the efficient movement of people and cargo across North America. The United States signed "Smart Border" agreements with Canada and Mexico, in December 2001 and March 2002, respectively. These agreements seek to improve pre-screening of immigrants, refugees, and cargo. They include new documentation requirements and provisions for adding inspectors and updating border security technologies. We also have established Integrated Border Enforcement Teams to coordinate law enforcement efforts with Canada.

Additional initiatives are included in the Presidents' Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America Agreement announced on March 23, 2005, at the North American Summit meeting in Texas. But, additional work lies ahead. We must sustain attention and accountability at home for enhancing our Continental security, and continue to press our neighbors for improved cooperation in combating security threats.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 853

*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 "North American Cooperative Security Act".

#### SEC. 2. NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY INITIATIVE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall enhance the mutual security and safety of the United States, Canada, and Mexico by providing a framework for better management, communication, and coordination between the Governments of North America.

(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In implementing the provisions of this Act, the Secretary of

State shall carry out all of the activities described in this Act.

#### SEC. 3. IMPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NORTH AMERICAN SECURITY.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 6 months thereafter, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Defense, each responsible for their pertinent areas of jurisdiction, shall submit a joint report, to the congressional committees listed under subsection (b) that contains a description of the efforts to carry out this section and sections 4 through 7.

(b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—The congressional committees listed under this subsection are—

- (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (2) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;
- (3) the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives;
- (4) the Select Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives;
- (5) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and
- (6) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(c) CONTENTS.—A report submitted under subsection (a) shall contain a description of each of the following:

(1) SECURITY AND THE MOVEMENT OF GOODS.—The progress of the development and expansion of public-private partnerships to secure the supply chain of goods coming into North America and expedite the movement of low-risk goods, including the status of—

(A) the Fast and Secure Trade program (referred to in this subsection as "FAST") at major crossings, and the progress made in implementing the Fast and Secure Trade program at all remaining commercial crossings between Canada and the United States;

(B) marketing programs to promote enrollment in FAST;

(C) finding ways and means of increasing participation in FAST; and

(D) the implementation of FAST at the international border between Mexico and the United States.

(2) CARGO SECURITY AND MOVEMENT OF GOODS.—The progress made in developing and implementing a North American cargo security strategy that creates a common security perimeter by enhancing technical assistance for programs and systems to support advance reporting and risk management of cargo data, improved integrity measures through automated collection of fees, and advance technology to rapidly screen cargo.

(3) BORDER WAIT TIMES.—The progress made by the Secretary of State, in consultation with national, provincial, and municipal governments, to—

(A) reduce waiting times at international border crossings through low-risk land ports of entry facilitating programs, including the status of the Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection program (referred to in this section as "SENTRI") and the NEXUS program—

(B) measure and report wait times for commercial and non-commercial traffic at the land ports, and establish compatible performance standards for operating under normal security alert conditions; and

(C) identify, develop, and deploy new technologies to—

(i) further advance the shared security goals of Canada, Mexico, and the United States; and

(ii) promote the legitimate flow of both people and goods across international borders.