

consideration of S. Res. 528, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 528) designating the week beginning on September 10, 2006, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week."

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 528) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas there are 103 historically black colleges and universities in the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities provide the quality education essential to full participation in a complex, highly technological society;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have a rich heritage and have played a prominent role in the history of the United States;

Whereas historically Black colleges and universities have allowed many underprivileged students to attain their full potential through higher education; and

Whereas the achievements and goals of historically Black colleges and universities are deserving of national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) Designates the week beginning September 10, 2006, as "National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week"; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for historically black colleges and universities in the United States.

NATIONAL SUMMER LEARNING DAY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 529, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 529) designating July 13, 2006, as "National Summer Learning Day."

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD without any intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 529) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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Whereas all students experience measurable loss of mathematics and reading skills when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer months;

Whereas summer learning loss is greatest for low-income children, who often lack the academic enrichment opportunities available to their more affluent peers;

Whereas summer learning loss contributes significantly to the gaps in achievement between low-income children, including minority children and children with limited English proficiency, and their more affluent peers;

Whereas structured enrichment and education programs are proven to accelerate learning for students who participate in such programs for several weeks during the summer;

Whereas in the BELL summer programs, students gain several months worth of reading and mathematics skills through summer enrichment, and in the Teach Baltimore Summer Academy, students enrolled for 2 summers gain 70 to 80 percent of a full grade level in reading, and thousands of students in similar programs experience measurable gains in academic achievement;

Whereas Summer Learning Day is designed to highlight the need for more young people to be engaged in summer learning activities and to support local summer programs that benefit children, families, and communities; and

Whereas a wide array of schools, public agencies, non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, museums, libraries, and summer camps in many States across the United States will celebrate the annual Summer Learning Day on July 13, 2006: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates July 13, 2006, as "National Summer Learning Day" to raise public awareness about the positive impact of summer learning opportunities on the development and educational success of our Nation's children;

(2) urges the people of the United States—

(A) to promote summer learning activities to send young people back to school ready to learn;

(B) to support working parents and their children; and

(C) to keep our Nation's children safe and healthy during the summer months; and

(3) urges communities to celebrate, with appropriate ceremonies and activities, the importance of high-quality summer learning opportunities in the lives of young students and their families.

COMMENDING THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA FOR ITS RENEWED COMMITMENT TO AFGHANISTAN

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration S. Con. Res. 109 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 109) commending the government of Canada for its renewed commitment to Afghanistan.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble 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 (S. Con. Res. 109) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 109

Whereas twenty-four Canadian citizens were killed as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States;

Whereas the people of Gander, Newfoundland, provided food, clothing, and shelter to thousands of stranded passengers and temporary aircraft parking to thirty-nine planes diverted from United States airspace as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States;

Whereas the Government of Canada, as led by former Prime Ministers Jean Jacques Chretien and Paul Martin and continued by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has provided humanitarian, diplomatic, and security personnel on the invitation of the Government of Afghanistan since 2001;

Whereas Canada has pledged \$650,000,000 in development aid to Afghanistan;

Whereas Afghanistan is Canada's largest recipient of bilateral development aid;

Whereas Canada has stationed approximately 2,300 defense personnel who comprise Task Force Afghanistan, in order to improve security in southern Afghanistan, particularly in the province of Kandahar;

Whereas Canada has over 70 diplomatic officers worldwide who are dedicated to growing democracy and equality in Afghanistan;

Whereas at least seventeen Canadians have made the ultimate sacrifice in operations in Afghanistan since September 11, 2001;

Whereas Canada's commitment to the Government of Afghanistan, under the leadership of Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, was due to expire in February 2007;

Whereas on May 17, 2006, the Government of Canada led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper requested that the Canadian House of Commons extend Canada's commitment to peace and security operations in Afghanistan;

Whereas on May 17, 2006, the Canadian Parliament voted to extend peace and security operations in Afghanistan until 2009, to increase its development assistance by \$310 million, and to build a permanent and secure embassy in Afghanistan to replace its current facility; and

Whereas this was an important sign of the renewed commitment of numerous United States allies to Afghanistan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) commends the Government of Canada for its renewed and long-term commitment to Afghanistan;

(2) commends the leadership of former Canadian Prime Ministers Jean Jacques Chretien and Paul Martin and current Prime Minister Stephen Harper for their steadfast commitment to democracy, human rights, and freedom throughout the world;

(3) commends the Government of Canada for working to secure a democratic Afghanistan;

(4) commends the Government of Canada's commitment to reducing poverty, aiding the counternarcotics efforts through counterterrorism and counterinsurgency campaigns, and ensuring a peaceful and terror-free Afghanistan;

(5) commends the Government of Canada for its three-pronged commitment to Afghanistan: diplomacy, development, and defense; and

(6) expresses the gratitude and appreciation of the United States for Canada's enduring friendship and leadership in Afghanistan.

IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY METH ACT OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 470, S. 3525.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3525) to amend subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve outcomes for children in families affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction, to reauthorize the promoting safe and stable families program, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, 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 amendment (No. 4675) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for a managers' amendment)

On page 3, line 13, strike "and improve permanency outcomes for" and insert "improve permanency outcomes for, and enhance the safety of".

On page 3, line 20, strike "one" and insert "2".

On page 8, line 21, strike "access to" and insert ", or access to".

On page 24, line 8, insert "the first place it appears" before the semicolon.

On page 24, line 9, strike the beginning parenthetical.

On page 24, line 11, insert ", or entity established by," after "of".

On page 24, line 13, strike the closing parenthetical.

On page 25, line 6, insert ", and identification of additional supports and services needed by," after "evaluation of".

On page 25, line 14, insert "and support" after "monitoring".

On page 25, line 19, insert ", and identification of additional supports and services needed by," after "evaluation of".

On page 26, line 2, insert ", and to identify any pre-adoption supports and services needed by" after "of".

On page 28, after line 25, add the following:

SEC. 7. REQUIREMENT FOR FOSTER CARE PROCEEDING TO INCLUDE, IN AN AGE-APPROPRIATE MANNER, CONSULTATION WITH THE CHILD THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE PROCEEDING.

Section 475(5)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(C)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(i)" after "with respect to each such child,";

(2) by striking "and procedural safeguards shall also" and inserting "(ii) procedural safeguards shall"; and

(3) by inserting "and (iii) procedural safeguards shall be applied to assure that in any

permanency hearing held with respect to the child and, in the case of a child who has attained age 16, any hearing regarding the transition of the child from foster care to independent living, the court or administrative body conducting the hearing consults, in an age-appropriate manner, with the child regarding the proposed permanency or transition plan for the child;" after "parents;".

On page 29, line 1, strike "7" and insert "8".

On page 29, line 5, insert "and part E" after "part B".

On page 29, line 13, insert "or part E" after "part B".

The bill (S. 3525), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 3525

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the "Improving Outcomes for Children Affected by Meth Act of 2006".

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Grants for regional partnerships to increase the well-being of, and improve the permanency outcomes for, children affected by methamphetamine abuse and addiction.

Sec. 3. Reauthorization of the promoting safe and stable families program.

Sec. 4. Reauthorization and expansion of mentoring children of prisoners program.

Sec. 5. Allotments and grants to Indian tribes.

Sec. 6. Additional State plan amendments.

Sec. 7. Requirement for foster care proceeding to include, in an age-appropriate manner, consultation with the child that is the subject of the proceeding.

Sec. 8. Effective date.

SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS TO INCREASE THE WELL-BEING OF, AND IMPROVE THE PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR, CHILDREN AFFECTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE AND ADDICTION.

(a) **RESERVATION OF FUNDS.**—Section 436(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629f(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) **IMPROVED OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE AND ADDICTION.**—With respect to each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011, if the amount appropriated to carry out this subpart for any such fiscal year is at least \$345,000,000, the Secretary shall reserve \$40,000,000 of the amount appropriated for that fiscal year for grants under section 440."

(b) **REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.**—Subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 440. GRANTS FOR REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS TO INCREASE THE WELL-BEING OF, AND IMPROVE THE PERMANENCY OUTCOMES FOR, CHILDREN AFFECTED BY METHAMPHETAMINE ABUSE AND ADDICTION.

"(a) **PURPOSE.**—The purpose of this section is to authorize the Secretary to make competitive grants to eligible applicants to provide, through interagency collaboration and integration of programs and services, services and activities that are designed to increase the well-being of, improve perma-

nency outcomes for, and enhance the safety of children who are in an out-of-home placement or are at risk of being placed in an out-of-home placement as a result of a parent's or caretaker's abuse of methamphetamines.

"(b) **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term 'eligible applicant' means a regional partnership (which may be established on an interstate or intrastate basis) and that shall include any 2 or more of the following:

"(1) Nonprofit child welfare service providers.

"(2) For-profit child welfare service providers.

"(3) Community health service providers.

"(4) Community mental health providers.

"(5) Local law enforcement agencies.

"(6) Judges and court personnel.

"(7) Juvenile justice officials.

"(8) School personnel.

"(9) The State child welfare agency that is responsible for the administration of the State plan under this part and part E.

"(10) The State agency responsible for administering the substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant provided under subpart II of part B of title XIX of the Public Health Service Act.

"(11) Tribal child welfare agencies (or a consortium of such agencies).

"(12) Any other providers, agencies, personnel, officials, or entities that are related to the provision of child and family services under this subpart.

"(c) **PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.**—

"(1) **IN GENERAL.**—From the amounts (if any) reserved for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 under section 436(b)(4), the Secretary shall award grants under this section for each such fiscal year to eligible applicants that satisfy the requirements of this section, in amounts that are not less than \$500,000 and not more than \$1,000,000 per grant per fiscal year.

"(2) **REQUIRED MINIMUM PERIOD OF APPROVAL.**—An eligible applicant shall be approved to receive a grant under this section for a period of not less than 2, and not more than 5, fiscal years.

"(d) **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.**—To be eligible for a grant under this section, an eligible applicant shall submit to the Secretary a written application containing the following:

"(1) Recent evidence that methamphetamine abuse has increased the number of out-of-home placements for children, or the number of children who are at risk of being placed in an out-of-home placement, in the partnership region.

"(2) A description of the goals and outcomes to be achieved during the funding period for the grant that will enhance the well-being of children receiving services or taking part in activities conducted with funds provided under the grant and lead to safety and permanence for such children.

"(3) A description of the joint activities to be funded in whole or in part with the funds provided under the grant, including the sequencing of the activities proposed to be conducted under the funding period for the grant.

"(4) A description of the strategies for integrating programs and services determined to be appropriate for the child and where appropriate, the child's family.

"(5) A description of the strategies for—

"(A) collaborating with the State agency responsible for the administration of this part and part E (unless the lead agency for the regional partnership of the eligible applicant is such agency); and

"(B) consulting, as appropriate, with the State agency responsible for administering substance abuse treatment and prevention services, and the State law enforcement and judicial agencies.