

times extending and expanding to family members the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact certain information from a Federal judge's mandatory financial disclosure. This expired redaction authority was used in circumstances in which the release of the information could endanger the filer or the filer's family. I hope that the House of Representatives finally takes up and passes this much needed extension and expansion of redaction authority.

We owe it to our judges to better protect them and their families from violence and to ensure they have the peace of mind necessary to do their vital and difficult jobs.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Specter substitute amendment that is at the desk be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time, 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. 5217) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time. The bill (H.R. 1751), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

ESTHER MARTINEZ NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES PRESERVATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4766 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4766) to amend the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide for the revitalization of Native American languages through Native American language immersion programs, 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 bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statement relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 4766) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CALL HOME ACT OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce be discharged

from further consideration of S. 2653 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will read the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2653) to direct the Federal Communications Commission to make efforts to reduce telephone rates for Armed Forces personnel deployed overseas.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Stevens amendment that is 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. 5218) was agreed to, as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANTS.

Pursuant to section 3006 of Public Law 109-171 (47 U.S.C. 309 note), the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, shall award no less than \$1,000,000,000 for public safety interoperable communications grants no later than September 30, 2007 subject to the receipt of qualified applications as determined by the Assistant Secretary.

The bill (S. 2653) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4075 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4075) to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, to provide for better understanding and protection of marine mammals, 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 the third time and passed, the title amendment be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 5220) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The amendment (No. 5221) was agreed to as follows:

Amend the title so as to read "An Act to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 in order to implement the Agreement on the Conservation and Management of the Alaska-Chukotka Polar Bear Population."

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill (H.R. 4075), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

EXTENDING AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of H.R. 6316 which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6316) to extend through December 31, 2008 the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and extend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.

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

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

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

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

The bill (H.R. 6316) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINOR LEAGUE PROFESSIONALS, ENTERTAINERS, AND TEAMS THROUGH LEGAL ENTRY ACT OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 3821 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3821) to authorize certain athletes to be admitted temporarily into the United States to compete or perform in an athletic league, competition, or performance.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a Collins amendment at the desk be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, a motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 5223) was agreed to as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as either the “Creating Opportunities for Minor League Professionals, Entertainers, and Teams through Legal Entry Act of 2006” or the “COMPETE Act of 2006”.

SEC. 2. NONIMMIGRANT ALIEN STATUS FOR CERTAIN ATHLETES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(c)(4)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)(A)) is amended by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following:

“(i)(I) performs as an athlete, individually or as part of a group or team, at an internationally recognized level of performance;

“(II) is a professional athlete, as defined in section 204(i)(2);

“(III) performs as an athlete, or as a coach, as part of a team or franchise that is located in the United States and a member of a foreign league or association of 15 or more amateur sports teams, if—

“(aa) the foreign league or association is the highest level of amateur performance of that sport in the relevant foreign country;

“(bb) participation in such league or association renders players ineligible, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, to earn a scholarship in, or participate in, that sport at a college or university in the United States under the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and

“(cc) a significant number of the individuals who play in such league or association are drafted by a major sports league or a minor league affiliate of such a sports league; or

“(IV) is a professional athlete or amateur athlete who performs individually or as part of a group in a theatrical ice skating production; and

“(ii) seeks to enter the United States temporarily and solely for the purpose of performing—

“(I) as such an athlete with respect to a specific athletic competition; or

“(II) in the case of an individual described in clause (i)(IV), in a specific theatrical ice skating production or tour.”.

(b) LIMITATION.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F)(i) No nonimmigrant visa under section 101(a)(15)(P)(i)(a) shall be issued to any alien who is a national of a country that is a state sponsor of international terrorism unless the Secretary of State determines, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other appropriate United States agencies, that such alien does not pose a threat to the safety, national security, or national interest of the United States. In making a determination under this subparagraph, the Secretary of State shall apply standards developed by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other appropriate United States agencies, that are applicable to the nationals of such states.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘state sponsor of international terrorism’ means any country the government of which has been determined by the Secretary of State under any of the laws specified in clause (iii) to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

“(iii) The laws specified in this clause are the following:

“(I) Section 6(j)(1)(A) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)(1)(A)) (or successor statute).

“(II) Section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)).

“(III) Section 620A(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371(a)).”.

(c) PETITIONS FOR MULTIPLE ALIENS.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)), as amended by subsection (b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall permit a petition under this subsection to seek classification of more than 1 alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(P)(i)(a).”.

(d) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)), as amended by subsections (b) and (c), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(H) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall permit an athlete, or the employer of an athlete, to seek admission to the United States for such athlete under a provision of this Act other than section 101(a)(15)(P)(i) if the athlete is eligible under such other provision.”.

The bill (S. 3821) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

(The bill will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

ADMONISHING THE STATEMENTS MADE BY PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD PROMOTE THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION PROTECTING LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 607 and S. Res. 610 en bloc.

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

The clerk will report the resolutions by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 607) admonishing the statements made by President Hugo Chavez at the United Nations General Assembly on September 20, 2006, and the undemocratic actions of President Chavez.

A resolution (S. Res. 610) expressing the sense of the Senate that the United States should promote the adoption of, and the United Nations should adopt, a resolution at its October meeting to protect the living resources of the high seas from destructive, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing practices.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 607) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 607

Whereas President Chavez referred to the President of the United States as “the devil”, and referred to the President as “the spokesman of imperialism” for the efforts of the United States to aid the citizens of Afghanistan and Iraq in the goal of those citizens to create a permanent and viable representative government;

Whereas President Chavez made unsubstantiated claims that the United States had set in motion a coup in Venezuela on April 11, 2002, and continues to support coup attempts in Venezuela and elsewhere;

Whereas, to consolidate his powers, President Chavez—

(1) continues to weaken the separation of powers and democratic institutions of the Government of Venezuela;

(2) survived a recall vote in August 2004 through questionably undemocratic actions;

(3) decreed that all private property deemed “not in productive use” will be confiscated by the Government of Venezuela and redistributed to third parties;

(4) enacted a media responsibility law that—

(A) placed restrictions on broadcast media coverage; and

(B) imposed severe penalties for violators of that law;

(5) used other legal methods to silence media outlets that criticized his government; and

(6) changed the penal code of Venezuela—

(A) to restrict the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of association once enjoyed by the citizens of Venezuela; and

(B) to increase jail terms for those convicted of criticizing the government of that country;

Whereas, in an effort to destabilize the democratic governments of other countries in that region, President Chavez continues to support anti-democratic forces in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Nicaragua, as well as radical and extremist parties in those countries;

Whereas President Chavez has repeatedly stated his desire to unite Latin America to serve as a buffer against the people and interests of the United States;

Whereas President Chavez has aligned himself with countries that are classified by the Department of State as state sponsors of terrorism; and

Whereas President Chavez has developed a close relationship with the totalitarian regime in Cuba, led by Fidel Castro, and has also associated himself with other authoritarian leaders, including Kim Jong Il of North Korea and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Iran: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate condemns—

(1) the statements made by President Hugo Chavez at the United Nations General Assembly on September 20, 2006; and

(2) the undemocratic actions of President Chavez.

The resolution (S. Res. 610) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 610

Whereas it is of paramount importance to the United States and all nations to ensure the protection, conservation, and sustainable management of high seas living marine resources;

Whereas fisheries of the high seas annually generate hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity and support thousands of