

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), on the request of the Commission, the head of a Federal agency described in subparagraph (A) shall expeditiously furnish information requested by the Commission to the Commission.

(ii) ADMINISTRATION.—The furnishing of information by a Federal agency to the Commission shall not be considered a waiver of any exemption available to the agency under section 552 of title 5, United States Code.

(C) INFORMATION TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.—For purposes of section 1905 of title 18, United States Code—

(i) the Commission shall be considered an agency of the Federal Government; and

(ii) any individual employed by an individual, entity, or organization that is a party to a contract with the Commission under this section shall be considered an employee of the Commission.

(d) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

(1) MEMBERS.—

(A) NON-FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—A member of the Commission who is not an officer or employee of the Federal Government shall be compensated at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for each day (including travel time) during which the member is engaged in the performance of the duties of the Commission.

(B) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—A member of the Commission who is an officer or employee of the Federal Government shall serve without compensation in addition to the compensation received for the services of the member as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.

(C) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the Commission.

(2) STAFF.—

(A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—Not later than 30 days after the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission are selected under subsection (a)(4), the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall jointly select an individual to serve as executive director of the Commission.

(B) ADDITIONAL STAFF.—The Chairperson of the Commission may, without regard to the civil service laws (including regulations), appoint and terminate the appointment of such other additional personnel as are necessary to enable the Commission to perform the duties of the Commission.

(C) CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The employment of an executive director under this paragraph shall be subject to confirmation by the Commission.

(D) COMPENSATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clause (ii), the Chairperson of the Commission may fix the compensation of the executive director and other personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates.

(ii) MAXIMUM RATE OF PAY.—The rate of pay for the executive director and other personnel shall not exceed the rate payable for level II of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United States Code.

(3) DETAIL OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—An employee of the Federal Government may be detailed to the

Commission, without reimbursement, for such period of time as is permitted by law.

(B) CIVIL SERVICE STATUS.—The detail of the employee shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

(4) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and executive director of the Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services in accordance with section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individuals that do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of that title.

(e) FUNDING AND SUPPORT SERVICES.—For each fiscal year, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide to fund the Commission and carry out this section—

(1) from funds made available to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 (7 U.S.C. 612c) and amounts made available for the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services from appropriations Acts, such equal amounts as are necessary to fund the Commission and otherwise carry out this section; and

(2) such equal contributions of support services as are necessary to assist the Commission in carrying out the duties of the Commission under this section.

(f) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate on the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Commission submits the report under subsection (b)(2).

SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY RELATING TO FOOD AND FOOD SAFETY.

(a) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The budget authority to implement the provisions of law described in subsection (b) relating to food and food safety shall terminate on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) PROVISIONS OF LAW.—The provisions of law referred to in subsection (a) are—

(1) the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.);

(2) the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

(3) the Egg Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 1031 et seq.); and

(4) chapters I through IV of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 356—AFFIRMING THAT ANY OFFENSIVE MILITARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST IRAN MUST BE EXPLICITLY APPROVED BY CONGRESS BEFORE SUCH ACTION MAY BE INITIATED

Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. SANDERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 356

Whereas Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution of the United States vests in Congress all power to declare war: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That any offensive military action taken by the United States against Iran must be explicitly approved by Congress before such action may be initiated.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3455. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the bill S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes.

SA 3456. Mr. SUNUNU proposed an amendment to the bill S. 294, supra.

SA 3457. Mrs. MURRAY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 294, supra.

SA 3458. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 294, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3459. Mrs. MURRAY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 294, supra.

SA 3460. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra.

SA 3461. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra.

SA 3462. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3463. Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. WEBB) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3464. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3465. Mr. TESTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3466. Mr. REID (for Mr. SUNUNU (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. BROWNBACK)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3678, to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce.

SA 3467. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3468. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3469. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3470. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3455. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike subsection (a) of section 219.

SA 3456. Mr. SUNUNU proposed an amendment to the bill S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 35, strike line 1 and all that follows through “(A)” on line 4 and insert the following:

“(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Pursuant to any rules or regulations promulgated under subsection (a)

On page 35, strike lines 11 through 16.

SA 3457. Mrs. MURRAY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 294, to reauthorize Amtrak, and for other purposes; as follows: