

Sense of the Senate Concerning U.N. Peacekeepers.—This section expresses the Sense of the Senate that the UN Secretary General should strengthen the United Nations' capability to prevent and respond to violence against civilian women and girls by United Nations Peacekeepers.

Sec. 104. Inclusion of Information on Violence Against Women and Girls in Human Rights Reports.—This section amends Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n) to include a description of the nature and extent of violence against women in the Department of State's annual Human Rights Report.

TITLE II: OTHER PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Amendments to Foreign Service Act of 1980.—This section amends Section 405 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3965) to provide that service in the promotion of human rights, including the rights of women and girls, will serve as a basis for performance pay.

Sec. 212. Training for Foreign Service Officers.—This section amends Chapter 2 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide for training for foreign service officers on international violence against women.

Sec. 202. Support For Multilateral Efforts to End Violence Against Women and Girls.—This section authorizes the appropriation of \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008–2012 to the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against Women.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 361—TO PERMIT THE COLLECTION OF DONATIONS IN SENATE BUILDINGS TO BE SENT TO UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY OVERSEAS PARTICIPATING IN OR IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, AND THE WAR ON TERRORISM

Mr. McCONNELL (for himself, Mr. REID, and Mr. BENNETT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 361

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COLLECTION OF DONATIONS TO UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the rules or regulations of the Senate—

(1) a Senator, officer, or employee of the Senate may collect from another Senator, officer, or employee of the Senate within Senate buildings nonmonetary donations to be sent to United States military personnel on active duty overseas participating in or in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and the war on terrorism; and

(2) a Senator, officer, or employee of the Senate may work with a nonprofit organization with respect to the delivery of donations that are collected as described in paragraph (1).

(b) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—This resolution shall be in effect until December 31, 2007.

SENATE RESOLUTION 362—RECOGNIZING 2007 AS THE YEAR OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRONOMY

Mr. HARKIN (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 362

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy was founded on December 31, 1907, with Mark A. Carleton as the first President of the Society;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy is one of the premier scientific societies in the world, as demonstrated by first-class journals, international and regional meetings, and development of a broad range of educational opportunities;

Whereas the science and scholarship of the American Society of Agronomy are mission-directed, and seek to foster exploration and application of agronomic science, with the goal of increasing and disseminating knowledge concerning the nature, use, improvement, and interrelationships of plants, soil, water, and the environment;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy strives to obtain that goal by promoting effective research, disseminating scientific information, facilitating technology transfer, fostering high standards of education, striving to maintain high standards of ethics, promoting advancements in the agronomy profession, and cooperating with other organizations with similar objectives;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy significantly contributes to the scientific and technical knowledge necessary to protect and sustain natural resources in the United States;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy has a critical international role in developing sustainable agricultural management standards for the protection of land resources;

Whereas the mission of the American Society of Agronomy continues to expand, from the development of sustainable production of food, fiber, and forage, to the production of renewable energy and biobased industrial products;

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy certifies a body of professional Certified Crop Advisors and Certified Professional Agronomists who work closely with agricultural producers to develop nutrient management plans that are designed to minimize environmental risk in production agriculture;

Whereas, in industry, extension, and basic research, the American Society of Agronomy has fostered a dedicated professional and scientific community that, in 2007, includes more than 8,015 members and 13,015 certified crop advisor professionals; and

Whereas the American Society of Agronomy was the parent society that led to the formation of both the Crop Science Society of America and the Soil Science Society of America and later fostered the common overall management of these 3 related societies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes 2007 as the 100th anniversary year of the American Society of Agronomy;

(2) commends the American Society of Agronomy for 100 years of dedicated service to advance the science and practice of agronomy; and

(3) acknowledges the promise of the American Society of Agronomy to continue to enrich the lives of all citizens, by improving stewardship of the environment, combating world hunger, and enhancing the quality of life for the next 100 years and beyond.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3491. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3492. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3963, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3493. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3963, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3494. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3963, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3495. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3963, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3496. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3963, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3491. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

TITLE \_\_\_—HEALTH CARE CHOICE

SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as "Health Care Choice Act of 2007".

SEC. 02. SPECIFICATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR ENACTMENT OF LAW.

This title is enacted pursuant to the power granted Congress under article I, section 8, clause 3, of the United States Constitution.

SEC. 03. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) The application of numerous and significant variations in State law impacts the ability of insurers to offer, and individuals to obtain, affordable individual health insurance coverage, thereby impeding commerce in individual health insurance coverage.

(2) Individual health insurance coverage is increasingly offered through the Internet, other electronic means, and by mail, all of which are inherently part of interstate commerce.

(3) In response to these issues, it is appropriate to encourage increased efficiency in the offering of individual health insurance coverage through a collaborative approach by the States in regulating this coverage.

(4) The establishment of risk-retention groups has provided a successful model for the sale of insurance across State lines, as the acts establishing those groups allow insurance to be sold in multiple States but regulated by a single State.

SEC. 04. COOPERATIVE GOVERNING OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new part: