

consumer product recall programs, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 4105 proposed to S. 2663, supra.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 2716. A bill to authorize the National Guard to provide support for the border control activities of the United States Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes; read the first time.

Mr. DOMENICI Mr. President, I rise today to introduce a bill that builds upon border security successes achieved as part of Operation Jump Start by continuing that effort and allowing Governors to use their respective State's National Guard units for border activities in support of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, CBP.

As a border State Senator, I know firsthand the need to secure our international borders because every day I hear from constituents who must deal with illegal entries into our country. We have a crisis on our borders, and the status quo is not acceptable.

I also know firsthand the improvements in border security we have made over the past few years. One of those successes has come in the form of Operation Jumpstart, which was an initiative begun in the summer of 2006 to allow National Guardsmen from across America to deploy to the southwest border in support of CBP. This program proved successful almost immediately. During the summer of 2006, Border Patrol agents apprehended more than 2,500 illegal immigrants in about 6 weeks with the support of National Guardsmen. Tens of thousands of pounds of illegal drugs were seized during the same time period.

The program is also beneficial to the National Guard. Deploying as part of Operation Jumpstart has allowed these men and women to gain valuable training in areas including construction, vehicle maintenance, technology support, aviation support, intelligence support, surveillance and reconnaissance support, and intelligence analysis.

Despite these successes, Operation Jumpstart is being phased out; there are fewer National Guardsmen on the border today than there were a year ago. I believe to phase out this mutually beneficial work between CBP and the National Guard is a mistake, and National Guardsmen should be able to continue helping to secure our border.

For that reason, I am introducing legislation that addresses this need in two ways. First, the bill calls for the continuation of Operation Jumpstart at its initial level of 6,000 guardsmen on the southwest border until we have control of that border. Second, the bill expands existing Federal law that allows Governors to utilize their State's

guardsmen for drug interdiction and counterdrug activities to allow Governors to also utilize their State's guardsmen for border control activities, including constructing roads, fences, and vehicle barriers, conducting search and rescue missions, gathering intelligence, repairing infrastructure, and otherwise supporting CBP. The legislation provides that in order to utilize guardsmen for border activities, Governors must submit plans to the Secretary of Defense regarding the use of the Guard, and the plans must be approved by the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security. Additionally, the Secretary of Defense would be required to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the activities carried out as part of this work under my bill.

Mr. President, I believe our National Guardsmen are an invaluable asset in securing our borders, and I believe guardsmen should be able to continue working on the border.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 473—DESIGNATING MARCH 26, 2008, AS “NATIONAL SUPPORT THE TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES DAY” AND ENCOURAGING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE TO REFLECT UPON THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, AS WELL AS THE SACRIFICES OF THEIR FAMILIES

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 473

Whereas it was through the brave and noble efforts of the Nation's forefathers that the United States first gained freedom and became a sovereign country;

Whereas there are more than 1,500,000 active and reserve component members of the Armed Forces serving the Nation in support and defense of the values and freedom that all Americans cherish;

Whereas the members of the Armed Forces deserve the utmost respect and admiration of their fellow Americans for putting their lives in danger for the sake of the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans;

Whereas members of the Armed Forces are defending freedom and democracy around the globe and are playing a vital role in protecting the safety and security of Americans;

Whereas the families of our Nation's troops have made great sacrifices and deserve the support of all Americans;

Whereas all Americans should participate in a moment of silence to support the troops and their families; and

Whereas March 26th, 2008, is designated as “National Support Our Troops and Their Families Day”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate designates March 26, 2008, as “National Support the Troops and Their Families Day”; and

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that all Americans should participate in a moment

of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the United States Armed Forces both at home and abroad, as well as their families.

SENATE RESOLUTION 474—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT PROVIDING BREAKFAST IN SCHOOLS THROUGH THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM HAS A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LIVES AND CLASSROOM PERFORMANCE OF LOW-INCOME CHILDREN

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 474

Whereas participants in the National School Breakfast Program established under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) include public, private, elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as schools in rural, suburban, and urban areas;

Whereas access to nutrition programs such as the National School Lunch Program and the National School Breakfast Program helps to create a stronger learning environment for children and improves children's concentration in the classroom;

Whereas missing breakfast and the resulting hunger has been shown to harm the ability of children to learn and hinders academic performance;

Whereas students who eat a complete breakfast have been shown to make fewer mistakes and to work faster in math exercises than those who eat a partial breakfast;

Whereas implementing or improving classroom breakfast programs has been shown to increase breakfast consumption among eligible students dramatically, doubling and in some cases tripling numbers of participants in school breakfast programs, as evidenced by research in Minnesota, New York, and Wisconsin;

Whereas providing breakfast in the classroom has been shown in several instances to improve attentiveness and academic performance, while reducing absences, tardiness, and disciplinary referrals;

Whereas studies suggest that eating breakfast closer to the time students arrive in the classroom and take tests improves the students' performance on standardized tests;

Whereas studies show that students who skip breakfast are more likely to have difficulty distinguishing among similar images, show increased errors, and have slower memory recall;

Whereas children who live in families that experience hunger are likely to have lower math scores, receive more special education services, and face an increased likelihood of repeating a grade;

Whereas making breakfast widely available in different venues or in a combination of venues, such as by providing breakfast in the classroom, in the hallways outside classrooms, or to students as they exit their school buses, has been shown to lessen the stigma of receiving free or reduced-price school breakfasts, which sometimes prevents eligible students from obtaining traditional breakfast in the cafeteria;

Whereas, in fiscal year 2006, 7,700,000 students in the United States consumed free or reduced-price school breakfasts provided under the National School Breakfast Program;