

this preamble as the “Seattle World’s Fair”), which showcased the optimism, energy, and innovative spirit of Seattle;

Whereas more than 9,000,000 people visited the Seattle World’s Fair, a number that represents roughly 3 times the total population of the State of Washington at the time;

Whereas the Seattle World’s Fair brought together the most talented architects of the Pacific Northwest to create a civic legacy and the treasured Seattle Center public space, which includes the Space Needle, the Seattle Center Armory, the Pacific Science Center, the Coliseum (now known as “Key Arena”), Memorial Stadium, the International Fountain, and the Opera House;

Whereas the Seattle World’s Fair facilitated the construction of key transportation infrastructure, including the SR 520 floating bridge, the portion of Interstate 5 that traverses downtown Seattle, and the Monorail;

Whereas, to officially open the Seattle World’s Fair, President John F. Kennedy used the same historic telegraphic key that had been used to open the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle 53 years earlier;

Whereas the attendance of music icon Elvis Presley in Seattle during the filming of the movie “It Happened at the World’s Fair” further elevated the City of Seattle as an international city for the arts;

Whereas the theme of the Seattle World’s Fair, “science”, foreshadowed regional innovations in technology and advanced manufacturing that now support world leading companies and tens of thousands of high-paying jobs;

Whereas some of the earliest satellite transmissions of telephone calls and television broadcasts occurred at the Seattle World’s Fair, and the Seattle area is now home to global information and communications technology companies; and

Whereas the Seattle World’s Fair celebrated aviation and the new Space Age, and the aerospace industry in the Seattle area now employs 82,000 people (including 7,000 engineers), generates a combined annual revenue of \$32,000,000,000, and includes a cluster of 650 companies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the 50th anniversary of the 1962 Seattle World’s Fair;

(2) commends the City of Seattle for its innovation, growth, and entrepreneurial spirit during the past 50 years;

(3) supports the “Next Fifty” initiative to develop a blueprint for success in Seattle for the next half-century; and

(4) requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the City of Seattle for appropriate display.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2077. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2037 submitted by Mr. DURBIN and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2078. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2073 submitted by Mr. ROCKEFELLER and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2079. Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2080. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the

bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2081. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2082. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2083. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2084. Mr. REID (for Mr. COONS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1021, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2077. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2037 submitted by Mr. Durbin and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 2, line 8, and insert the following:

“(10) PROHIBITION ON CLOSING, CONSOLIDATION, AND REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—During the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the 21st Century Postal Service Act of 2012, if the Postal Service conducted an area mail processing study after June 1, 2001 with respect to a postal facility which was terminated or concluded that no significant cost savings or efficiencies would result from closing, consolidating, or reducing the number of employees of the postal facility, the Postal Service may not—

“(i) close the postal facility;

“(ii) consolidate the postal facility; or

“(iii) involuntarily separate an employee of the postal facility from service, except for removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency.

SA 2078. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. CARDIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2073 submitted by Mr. Rockefeller and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1, strike line 8 and insert the following:

(g) CLAIMS POOL.—Notwithstanding section 8903c(b)(5)(A) of title 5, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), the Office may not establish a separate claims pool for individuals eligible for coverage under any of the enrollment options under section 8903c(b)(4) of title 5, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

SA 2079. Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ MORATORIUM ON CLOSING AND CONSOLIDATING POSTAL FACILITIES OR POST OFFICES, STATIONS, OR BRANCHES.

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “postal facility” has the same meaning as in section 404(f) of title 39, United States Code, as added by this Act.

(b) MORATORIUM.—Notwithstanding section 404 of title 39, United States Code, as amended by this Act, or any other provision of law, the Postal Service may not close or consolidate a postal facility or post office, station, or branch, except as required for the immediate protection of health and safety, before the later of—

(1) the date on which the Postal Service establishes the retail service standards under section 203 of this Act; and

(2) the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) CONFORMING PROVISION.—Section 205(b) of this Act shall have no force or effect.

SA 2080. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 28, strike line 13 and all that follows through page 30, line 8, and insert the following:

“(2) AREA MAIL PROCESSING STUDY.—

“(A) NEW AREA MAIL PROCESSING STUDIES.—After the date of enactment of this subsection, before making a determination under subsection (a)(3) as to the necessity for the closing or consolidation of any postal facility, the Postal Service shall—

“(i) conduct an area mail processing study relating to that postal facility that includes a plan to reduce the capacity of the postal facility, but not close the postal facility;

“(ii) publish the study on the Postal Service website; and

“(iii) publish a notice that the study is complete and available to the public, including on the Postal Service website.

“(B) COMPLETED OR ONGOING AREA MAIL PROCESSING STUDIES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a postal facility described in clause (ii), the Postal Service shall—

“(I) consider a plan to reduce the capacity of the postal facility without closing the postal facility; and

“(II) publish the results of the consideration under subclause (I) with or as an amendment to the area mail processing study relating to the postal facility.

“(ii) POSTAL FACILITIES.—A postal facility described in this clause is a postal facility for which, on or before the date of enactment of this subsection—

“(I) an area mail processing study—

“(aa) that does not include a plan to reduce the capacity of the postal facility without closing the postal facility has been completed; or

“(bb) is in progress; and

“(II) a determination as to the necessity for the closing or consolidation of the postal facility has not been made.

“(C) PRC REVIEW.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—For each area mail processing study conducted under subparagraph (A) or relating to a postal facility described in subparagraph (B)(ii), the Postal Regulatory Commission shall determine whether—

“(I) the area mail processing study used an appropriate methodology; and

“(II) the cost savings identified in the area mail processing study relating to that postal facility are accurate.

“(ii) REPORT.—The Postal Regulatory Commission shall submit to the Postal Service a report regarding each determination made under clause (i).

“(D) LIMITATION ON CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Postal Service may not make a determination under subsection (a)(3) to close or consolidate a postal facility if the Postal Regulatory Commission determines under subparagraph (C) that—

“(I) the area mail processing study relating to that postal facility did not use an appropriate methodology; or

“(II) the cost savings identified in the area mail processing study relating to that postal facility are inaccurate.

“(ii) SUBSEQUENT AREA MAIL PROCESSING STUDIES.—If the Postal Regulatory Commission makes a determination described in clause (i) regarding to an area mail processing study relating to a postal facility, the Postal Service may conduct a subsequent area mail processing study relating to that postal facility in accordance with this paragraph.

SA 2081. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 39, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 45, line 17, and insert the following:

SEC. 205. OTHER PROVISIONS.

(a) FREQUENCY OF MAIL DELIVERY.—Section 101 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) Subject to the requirements of section 3661, nothing in this title or any other provision of law shall be construed to prevent the Postal Service from taking any action necessary to provide for a 5-day-per-week delivery schedule for mail and a commensurate adjustment in the schedule for rural delivery of mail.”.

(b) OVERALL VALUE OF FRINGE BENEFITS.—Section 1005(f) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking the last sentence.

(c) MODERN RATE REGULATION.—Section 3622(d) of title 39, United States Code, is repealed.

(d) DELIVERY SERVICE STANDARDS, MAIL PROCESSING, AND COMMUNITY POST OFFICES.—Sections 201 and 202 of this Act, and the amendments made by those sections, shall have no force or effect.

(e) APPLICABILITY OF REDUCTION-IN-FORCE PROCEDURES.—Section 1206 of title 39, United States Code is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) Collective-bargaining agreements between the Postal Service and bargaining representatives recognized under section 1203, ratified after the date of enactment of this subsection, shall contain no provision restricting the applicability of reduction-in-force procedures under title 5 with respect to members of the applicable bargaining unit.

“(e)(1) If a collective-bargaining agreement between the Postal Service and bargaining representatives recognized under section 1203, ratified after the date of enactment of this subsection, includes reduction-in-force procedures which can be applied in lieu of reduction-in-force procedures under title 5, the Postal Service may, in its discretion, apply with respect to members of the applicable bargaining unit—

“(A) the alternative procedures (or, if 2 or more are agreed to, 1 of the alternative procedures); or

“(B) the reduction-in-force procedures under title 5.

“(2) In no event may, if procedures for the resolution of a dispute or impasse arising in the negotiation of a collective-bargaining agreement (whether through binding arbitration or otherwise) are invoked under this chapter, the award or other resolution reached under such procedures provide for the elimination of, or the substitution of any alternative procedures in lieu of, reduction-in-force procedures under title 5.”.

(f) HISTORIC POST OFFICES.—Section 404(d) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7)(A) In this paragraph, the term ‘historic post office building’ means a post office building that is a certified historic structure, as that term is defined in section 47(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SA 2082. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 35, line 16, strike the quotation marks and the second period and insert the following:

“(10) PROHIBITION ON CLOSING, CONSOLIDATION, AND REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—During the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the 21st Century Postal Service Act of 2012, if the Postal Service conducted an area mail processing study after June 1, 2001 with respect to a postal facility which was terminated or concluded that no significant cost savings or efficiencies would result from closing, consolidating, or reducing the number of employees of the postal facility, the Postal Service may not—

“(i) close the postal facility;

“(ii) consolidate the postal facility; or

“(iii) involuntarily separate an employee of the postal facility from service, except for removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency.

“(B) APPLICATION.—Subparagraph (A) shall apply with respect to a postal facility that was not closed or consolidated before May 15, 2012, without regard to the conclusions of any area mail processing study conducted with respect to the postal facility after the publication of an area mail processing study described in subparagraph (A).”.

SA 2083. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 39, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 45, line 17, and insert the following:

SEC. 205. OTHER PROVISIONS.

(a) FREQUENCY OF MAIL DELIVERY.—Section 101 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) Subject to the requirements of section 3661, nothing in this title or any other provision of law shall be construed to prevent the Postal Service from taking any action necessary to provide for a 5-day-per-week delivery schedule for mail and a commensurate adjustment in the schedule for rural delivery of mail.”.

(b) OVERALL VALUE OF FRINGE BENEFITS.—Section 1005(f) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking the last sentence.

(c) MODERN RATE REGULATION.—Section 3622(d) of title 39, United States Code, is repealed.

(d) DELIVERY SERVICE STANDARDS, MAIL PROCESSING, AND COMMUNITY POST OFFICES.—

Sections 201 and 202 of this Act, and the amendments made by those sections, shall have no force or effect.

(e) APPLICABILITY OF REDUCTION-IN-FORCE PROCEDURES.—Section 1206 of title 39, United States Code is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) Collective-bargaining agreements between the Postal Service and bargaining representatives recognized under section 1203, ratified after the date of enactment of this subsection, shall contain no provision restricting the applicability of reduction-in-force procedures under title 5 with respect to members of the applicable bargaining unit.”.

(f) HISTORIC POST OFFICES.—Section 404(d) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(7)(A) In this paragraph, the term ‘historic post office building’ means a post office building that is a certified historic structure, as that term is defined in section 47(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SA 2084. Mr. REID (for Mr. COONS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1021, to prevent the termination of the temporary office of bankruptcy judges in certain judicial districts; as follows:

Strike section 3 and insert the following:

SEC. 3. BANKRUPTCY FILING FEE INCREASE.

(a) BANKRUPTCY FILING FEES.—Section 1930(a)(3) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking “\$1,000” and inserting “\$1,167”.

(b) UNITED STATES TRUSTEE SYSTEM FUND.—Section 589a(b)(2) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking “55” and inserting “48.89”.

(c) COLLECTION AND DEPOSIT OF MISCELLANEOUS BANKRUPTCY FEES.—Section 406(b) of the Judiciary Appropriations Act, 1990 (28 U.S.C. 1931 note) is amended by striking “25” and inserting “33.33”.

(d) PAYGO OFFSET EXPENDITURE LIMITATION.—\$42 of the incremental amounts collected by reason of the enactment of subsection (a) shall be deposited in a special fund in the Treasury to be established after the date of enactment of this Act. Such amounts shall be available for the purposes specified in section 1931(a) of title 28, United States Code, but only to the extent specifically appropriated by an Act of Congress enacted after the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. SUBSEQUENT REAUTHORIZATION.

Prior to further reauthorization of any judgeship authorized by this Act, the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and House of Representatives shall conduct a review of the bankruptcy judgeships authorized by this Act to determine the need, if any, for continued reauthorization of each judgeship, to evaluate any changes in all bankruptcy case filings and their effect, if any, on filing fee revenue, and to require the Administrative Office of the Courts to submit a report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and House of Representatives on bankruptcy case workload, bankruptcy judgeship costs, and filing fee revenue.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MANCHIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during