

not preclude a service provider from voluntarily removing a portion of a website, known to facilitate the sexual exploitation of minors, in order to protect our children.

(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that Congress—

(1) supports the efforts of law enforcement agencies to provide training on how to identify victims of sex trafficking, investigate cases of sex trafficking, prosecute sex trafficking offenses, and rescue victims of sex trafficking;

(2) supports Federal Government, State and local government, non-profit, and faith-based services for trafficking victims, including medical, legal, mental health, housing and other social services; and

(3) calls on Village Voice Media to act as a responsible global citizen and immediately eliminate the “adult entertainment” section of the classified advertising website Backpage.com to terminate the website’s rampant facilitation of online sex trafficking.

SA 2087. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . . . LIMITATION ON DEFENSES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 221 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 3447. Limitation on defenses

“Foreign or religious law or custom shall not be a defense to any offense under this title.”

(b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 221 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 3446 the following:

“3447. Limitation on defenses.”

SA 2088. Mr. CRAPO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . . . CRIME VICTIMS FUND.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts deposited or available in the Fund established under section 1402 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601) in any fiscal year shall be available for obligation in that fiscal year.

SA 2089. Mr. CRAPO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . . . CRIME VICTIMS FUND.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts deposited or available in the Fund established under section 1402 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601) in any fiscal year in excess of \$1,000,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until the following fiscal year.

SA 2090. Mr. CRAPO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . . . CRIME VICTIMS FUND.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts deposited or available in the Fund established under section 1402 of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10601) in any fiscal year in excess of 35 percent of the total funds in the Fund shall not be available for obligation until the following fiscal year.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012, at 9 a.m. in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Tax Reform: What It Means for State and Local Tax and Fiscal Policy.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012, at 10 a.m. in SH-216.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Homeland Security.”

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be

authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session on April 25, 2012 in room 138 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs’ Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Helping Responsible Homeowners Save Money Through Refinancing.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012, at 2 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 25, 2012 at 1 p.m.

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

CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON COLLEGE MEN’S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 437, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 437) congratulating the Boston College men’s ice hockey team on winning its fifth National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men’s Hockey Championship.

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

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 437) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 437

Whereas, on April 7, 2012, Boston College won the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") Division I Men's Hockey Championship;

Whereas the 2012 NCAA Division I Men's Hockey Championship is the fifth national championship for the Boston College Eagles men's ice hockey team;

Whereas the 2012 NCAA Division I Men's Hockey Championship is the third national championship in the last 5 years for Boston College and its head coach, Jerry York;

Whereas Jerry York has the most wins of any active coach in NCAA Division I Men's Hockey;

Whereas Father William P. Leahy, S.J., the President of Boston College, and Gene DeFilippo, the Athletic Director of Boston College, have shown great leadership in bringing athletic success to Boston College;

Whereas the semifinal games and final game of the NCAA Division I Men's Hockey Tournament are known as the "Frozen Four";

Whereas junior goaltender Parker Milner was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Frozen Four after allowing only 2 goals during the entire NCAA Division I Men's Hockey Tournament;

Whereas Boston College finished the 2011–2012 men's hockey season on a 19-game winning streak, which is a single-season team record;

Whereas, on February 13, 2012, Boston College won its third consecutive Beanpot Championship, defeating Boston University in sudden death overtime by a score of 3 to 2;

Whereas, on March 17, 2012, Boston College won its third consecutive Hockey East Championship, defeating the University of Maine by a score of 4 to 1;

Whereas, on April 5, 2012, Boston College defeated the University of Minnesota in a Frozen Four semifinal game by a score of 6 to 1 to advance to the national championship game; and

Whereas Boston College won the Frozen Four championship game with a victory over Ferris State University by a score of 4 to 1: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, and staff whose hard work and dedication helped Boston College win the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Hockey Championship; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Father William P. Leahy, S.J., the President of Boston College;

(B) Gene DeFilippo, the Athletic Director of Boston College; and

(C) Jerry York, the head coach of the Boston College men's ice hockey team.

NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 438, which was submitted earlier today by Senator LAUTENBERG.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 438) to support the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.

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

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I further ask that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD at the appropriate place.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 438) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 438

Whereas each year, the underground utility infrastructure of the United States, including pipelines, electric, gas, telecommunications, water, sewer, and cable television lines, is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to have underground lines located prior to digging;

Whereas some utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making the lines easy to strike, even during shallow digging projects;

Whereas digging prior to locating underground utility lines often results in unintended consequences, such as service interruption, environmental damage, personal injury, and even death;

Whereas the month of April marks the beginning of the peak period during which excavation projects are carried out around the United States;

Whereas in 2002, Congress required the Department of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission to establish a 3-digit, nationwide, toll-free number to be used by State "One Call" systems to provide information on underground utility lines;

Whereas in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated "811" as the nationwide "One Call" number for homeowners and excavators to use to obtain information on underground utility lines before conducting excavation activities;

Whereas "One Call" has helped reduce the number of digging damages caused by failure to call before digging from 48 percent in 2004 to 32 percent in 2010;

Whereas the 1,400 members of the Common Ground Alliance, who are dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services, promote the national "Call Before You Dig" campaign to increase public awareness about the importance of homeowners and excavators calling 811 to find out the exact location of underground lines; and

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance has designated April as "National Safe Digging Month" to increase awareness of safe digging practices across the United States and to celebrate the anniversary of 811, the national "Call Before You Dig" number:

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month; and

(2) encourages all homeowners and excavators throughout the United States to call 811 before digging.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2366

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 2366, introduced earlier today by Senator ALEXANDER, be considered read twice and placed on the calendar.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until Thursday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m.; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate resume consideration of S. 1925, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, under the previous order; that after the remarks of the two leaders, the time until 11:30 a.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 45 minutes and the majority controlling the second 45 minutes; and that at 11:30 a.m. the Senate proceed to executive session under the previous order; further, that when the Senate resumes legislative session, the majority leader will be recognized.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REED. Mr. President, there will be two votes tomorrow at noon on confirmation of the Costa and Guaderrama nominations.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:33 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 26, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

TERRENCE G. BERG, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, VICE ARTHUR J. TARNOW, RETIRED.
JESUS G. BERNAL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, VICE STEPHEN G. LARSON, RESIGNED.