

with a federally funded research and development center to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, a report on alternatives for alignment, organizational reporting, and performance rating of Air Force system program managers, sustainment program managers, and product support managers who reside at Air Logistics Centers or Air Logistics Complexes.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

(A) Consideration of the proposed reorganization of Air Force Materiel Command announced on November 2, 2011.

(B) An assessment of how various alternatives for aligning the managers described in subsection (a) within Air Force Materiel Command would likely support and impact life cycle management, weapon system sustainment, and overall support to the warfighter over the long term.

(C) An examination of how the Air Force should be organized to best conduct life cycle management and weapon system sustainment, with any analysis of cost and savings factors subject to the consideration of overall readiness as the highest priority.

(D) Recommended alternatives for meeting these objectives.

(3) COOPERATION OF SECRETARY OF AIR FORCE.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall provide any necessary information and background materials necessary for completion of the report required under paragraph (1).

SA 1449. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1080. REGIONAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CLUSTERS.

(a) DESIGNATION OF LEAD DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, shall identify and report to the appropriate congressional committees what office within the Department of Defense will be responsible for carrying out the policies stated in Section (a) with regards to regional advanced technology clusters.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report describing—

(1) the participation of the Department of Defense in regional advanced technology clusters including the number of clusters supported, technologies developed and transitioned to acquisition programs, products commercialized, small businesses trained, companies started, and research and development facilities shared;

(2) implementation by the Department of processes and mechanisms to facilitate collaboration with the clusters;

(3) agreements established with the Department of Commerce and the Small Business Administration to jointly support the continued utilization and growth of the clusters;

(4) any additional required authorities, any impediments in supporting regional advanced technology clusters; and

(5) the use of any Inter-Governmental Personnel Act agreements and any access granted to Department of Defense facilities for research and development purposes.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the congressional defense committees;

(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate; and

(C) the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives.

(2) REGIONAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CLUSTERS.—The term “regional advanced technology clusters” means geographic centers focused on building science and technology-based innovation capacity in areas of local and regional strength to foster economic growth and improve quality of life.

SA 1450. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 5, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 6, line 10, and insert the following:

(b) PREVENTION OF THE IMPORTATION OF COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS AND INFRINGING DEVICES.—Notwithstanding section 1905 of title 18, United States Code—

(1) if United States Customs and Border Protection suspects a product of being imported or exported in violation of section 42 of the Lanham Act, and subject to any applicable bonding requirements, the Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to share information on, and unredacted samples of, products and their packaging and labels, or photos of such products, packaging and labels, with the rightholders of the trademark suspected of being copied or simulated, for purposes of determining whether the products are prohibited from importation pursuant to such section; and

(2) upon seizure of material by United States Customs and Border Protection imported in violation of subsection (a)(2) or subsection (b) of section 1201 of title 17, United States Code, the Secretary of Homeland Security is authorized to share information about, and provide samples to affected parties, subject to any applicable bonding requirements, as to the seizure of material designed to circumvent technological measures or protection afforded by a technological measure that controls access to or protects the owner's work protected by copyright under such title.

SA 1451. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1867, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2012 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1243. SENSE OF SENATE ON CONSIDERATION BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP ACTION PLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA.

It is the sense of the Senate that the President should lead a diplomatic effort to gain the approval of the Membership Action Plan of the Government of the Republic of Georgia in its application for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) at the May 2012 summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Chicago, Illinois.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 29, 2011, at 2:15 p.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 29, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Debbie Shaw, a fellow in Senator COBURN's office, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of S. 1867.

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

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I would ask consent that the Defense fellow in my office, MAJ John Flynn, be granted floor privileges for the duration of S. 1867, the Defense authorization bill.

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the legislative fellow in the office of Senator BAUCUS, Air Force MAJ Jason Wright, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the debate on this bill, S. 1867.

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

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 337, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 337) designating December 10, 2011, as “Wreaths Across America Day.”

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 337) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 337

Whereas 20 years ago, the Wreaths Across America project began an annual tradition, during the month of December, of donating, transporting, and placing Maine balsam fir holiday wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes buried at Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas since that tradition began, through the hard work and generosity of the individuals involved in the Wreaths Across America project, more than 250,000 wreaths have been sent to more than 700 locations, including national cemeteries and veterans memorials in every State and to locations overseas;

Whereas in 2010, wreaths were sent to more than 520 locations across the United States and overseas, 100 more locations than the previous year;

Whereas in December 2011, the Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle and motor vehicle group that is dedicated to patriotic events and includes more than 250,000 members nationwide, will continue their tradition of escorting a tractor-trailer filled with donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine, to Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas thousands of individuals volunteer each December to escort and lay the wreaths;

Whereas December 11, 2010, was previously designated by the Senate as "Wreaths Across America Day"; and

Whereas the Wreaths Across America project will continue its proud legacy on December 10, 2011, bringing 75,000 wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery on that day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 10, 2011, as "Wreaths Across America Day";

(2) honors the Wreaths Across America project, the Patriot Guard Riders, and all of the volunteers and donors involved in this worthy tradition; and

(3) recognizes the sacrifices our veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and their families have made, and continue to make, for our great Nation.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 338 and S. Res. 339 en bloc, both of which were submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER.

The clerk will report the resolutions by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 338) to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

A resolution (S. Res. 339) to authorize the production of records by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation has received two requests from state attorneys general, one seeking access to records that the Committee obtained during its recent investigation into unauthorized charges on telephone bills and the practice of "cramming," and the other seeking access to records that the Committee obtained during its investigation in 2009 into aggressive sales tactics on the Internet and their impact on American consumers.

These two resolutions would authorize the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, acting jointly, to provide records, obtained by the Committee in the course of these investigations, in response to these requests and to other government entities and officials with a legitimate need for the records.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to en bloc, the preambles be agreed to en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related to the resolutions be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolutions (S. Res. 338 and S. Res. 339) were agreed to en bloc.

The preambles were agreed to.

The resolutions, with their preambles, read as follows:

S. RES 338

To authorize the production of records by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Whereas, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation conducted an investigation into unauthorized charges on telephone bills;

Whereas, the Committee has received a request from a state law enforcement official for access to records of the Committee's investigation;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to law enforcement officials, regulatory agencies, and other entities or individuals duly authorized by federal, state, or local governments, records of the Committee's investigation into unauthorized charges on telephone bills.

S. RES. 339

(To authorize the production of records by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation)

Whereas, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation conducted an investigation in 2009 into aggressive sales tactics on the Internet and their impact on American consumers;

Whereas, the Committee has received a request from a state law enforcement official for access to records of the Committee's investigation;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to law enforcement officials, regulatory agencies, and other entities or individuals duly authorized by federal, state, or local governments, records of the Committee's investigation into aggressive sales tactics on the Internet and their impact on American consumers.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 30, 2011

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, November 30, 2011; that following the prayer and 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 following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 10:30 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1867, the Department of Defense authorization act, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between Senator LEVIN and Senator MCCAIN or their designees; further, that upon the use or yielding back of time, the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1867; finally, that the second-degree filing deadline for amendments to S. 1867 be 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, there will be a cloture vote on the Defense authorization bill at 11 a.m. tomorrow. We will work through amendments to the bill throughout the day.