

amendment No. 3035 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 3120

At the request of Mr. KING, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3120 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 3131

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3131 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 3166

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3166 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 3186

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. SASSE) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 3186 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 3192

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3192 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

## AMENDMENT NO. 3214

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3214 intended to be proposed to S. 2012, an original bill to provide for the modernization of the energy policy of the United States, and for other purposes.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

### SENATE RESOLUTION 357—RECOGNIZING THE GOALS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND HONORING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 357

Whereas Catholic schools in the United States are internationally acclaimed for

their academic excellence and provide students with more than an exceptional scholastic education;

Whereas Catholic schools instill a broad, values-based education, emphasizing the life-long development of moral, intellectual, physical, and social values in young people in the United States;

Whereas Catholic schools provide a high level of service to the United States by providing a strong academic and moral foundation to a diverse student population from all regions of the country and all socioeconomic backgrounds;

Whereas Catholic schools produce students who are strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families, and communities, by providing an intellectually stimulating environment that is rich in spiritual, character, and moral development;

Whereas Catholic schools are committed to community service, producing graduates who hold "helping others" as a core value;

Whereas the total student enrollment in Catholic schools in the United States for the 2015–2016 academic year is almost 2,000,000 and the student-to-teacher ratio is 13.1 to 1;

Whereas Catholic schools in the United States educate a diverse population of students, of which 20.4 percent belong to racial minorities, 15.3 percent are of Hispanic or Latino origin, and 16.9 percent are non-Catholics;

Whereas the Catholic high school graduation rate in the United States is 99 percent, with 85 percent of graduates attending a 4-year college;

Whereas in the 1972 pastoral message concerning Catholic education, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops stated, "Education is one of the most important ways by which the Church fulfills its commitment to the dignity of the person and building of community. Community is central to education ministry, both as a necessary condition and an ardently desired goal. The educational efforts of the Church, therefore, must be directed to forming persons-in-community; for the education of the individual Christian is important not only to his solitary destiny, but also the destinies of the many communities in which he lives.";

Whereas the week of January 31, 2016, to February 6, 2016, has been designated as "National Catholic Schools Week" by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops;

Whereas the National Catholic Schools Week was first established in 1974 and has been celebrated annually for the past 42 years; and

Whereas the theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2016 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals of National Catholic Schools Week, an event cosponsored by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and established to recognize the vital contributions of the thousands of Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the United States; and

(2) commends Catholic schools, students, parents, and teachers across the United States for ongoing contributions to education and for playing a vital role in promoting and ensuring a brighter, stronger future for the United States.

### SENATE RESOLUTION 358—DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH 5, 2016, AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK"

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. KING, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. AYOTTE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 358

Whereas the American School Counselor Association has designated February 1 through 5, 2016, as "National School Counseling Week";

Whereas school counselors have long advocated for equal opportunities for all students;

Whereas school counselors help develop well-rounded students by guiding students through academic, personal, social, and career development;

Whereas personal and social growth results in increased academic achievement;

Whereas school counselors play a vital role in ensuring that students are ready for college and careers;

Whereas school counselors play a vital role in making students aware of opportunities for financial aid and college scholarships;

Whereas school counselors assist with and coordinate efforts to foster a positive school climate, resulting in a safer learning environment for all students;

Whereas school counselors have been instrumental in helping students, teachers, and parents deal with personal trauma as well as tragedies in their communities and the United States;

Whereas students face myriad challenges every day, including peer pressure, bullying, mental health issues, the deployment of family members to serve in conflicts overseas, and school violence;

Whereas a school counselor is one of the few professionals in a school building who is trained in both education and social and emotional development;

Whereas the roles and responsibilities of school counselors are often misunderstood;

Whereas the school counselor position is often among the first to be eliminated to meet budgetary constraints;

Whereas the national average ratio of students to school counselors is 482 to 1, almost twice the 250 to 1 ratio recommended by the American School Counselor Association, the National Association for College Admission Counseling, and other organizations; and

Whereas the celebration of National School Counseling Week will increase awareness of the important and necessary role school counselors play in the lives of students in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates February 1 through 5, 2016, as "National School Counseling Week"; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe National School Counseling Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the role school counselors play in schools and the community at large in preparing students for fulfilling lives as contributing members of society.

SENATE RESOLUTION 359—CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIFICATION OF THE AIR AND MARINE ASSETS OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION TO ESTABLISH THE AIR AND MARINE OPERATIONS OF U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CARPER, Mr. UDALL, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 359

Whereas the Air and Marine Operations of U. S. Customs and Border Protection (referred to in this preamble as “AMO”) and the legacy agencies of AMO have a long history of working to safeguard the borders of the United States;

Whereas, 10 years before the date of adoption of this resolution, U. S. Customs and Border Protection (referred to in this preamble as “CBP”) integrated the marine assets of CBP with the aircraft fleet of CBP to serve and protect the people of the United States through the core competencies of AMO, which include—

- (1) interdiction;
- (2) investigation;
- (3) domain awareness; and
- (4) contingency operations and national tasking missions;

Whereas AMO conducts the mission of AMO along the land borders and maritime approaches of the United States from more than 90 locations throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, with—

- (1) 1,800 Federal agents and specialists;
- (2) a fleet of more than 250 aircraft and more than 280 marine vessels; and
- (3) an array of surveillance and domain awareness technologies; and

Whereas AMO has leveraged the capabilities of AMO by forging crucial partnerships with Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies, and the United States Armed Forces, for—

- (1) law enforcement;
- (2) disaster relief;
- (3) humanitarian operations;
- (4) joint operations; and
- (5) National Special Security Events: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the 10th anniversary of the unification of the air and marine assets of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish the Air and Marine Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection;

(2) recognizes the contribution of the Air and Marine Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to—

(A) the border security mission of U. S. Customs and Border Protection; and

(B) the multilayered approach to homeland security by the Department of Homeland Security; and

(3) commends the agents and mission support staff of the Air and Marine Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, who are dedicated to serving and protecting—

- (A) the people of the United States; and
- (B) the borders of the United States in air and maritime environments.

SENATE RESOLUTION 360—CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE ON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. SASSE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 360

Whereas the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (referred to in this preamble as “NASDA”) was established in 1916 to provide a cohesive, science-based voice for State perspectives in discussions on national agriculture policy issues;

Whereas the first meeting of NASDA was held on May 4, 1916, in the hearing room of the Committee on Court of Claims of the Senate;

Whereas since 1916, NASDA has provided exemplary nonpartisan representation of the departments of agriculture in all 50 States and 4 United States territories in order to promote sound public policy and programs in support of United States agriculture;

Whereas NASDA has become a national leader in growing and enhancing agriculture through the forging of partnerships to achieve sound policy outcomes among State departments of agriculture, the Federal Government, and stakeholders;

Whereas NASDA has successfully amplified the voices of all State departments of agriculture by achieving consensus on a breadth of issues, including food safety, agriculture labor, international trade, and the environment; and

Whereas 1 century later, NASDA continues its deep commitment to promoting the interests of the farmers and ranchers of the United States, both domestically and worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture on the celebration of the 100th anniversary of its founding.

SENATE RESOLUTION 361—URGING ROBUST FUNDING FOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FOR SYRIA

Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. UDALL, Mr. KAINE, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 361

Whereas the conflict in Syria, which is in its fifth year, has taken the lives of over 250,000 Syrians and displaced millions more;

Whereas the humanitarian needs for Syria are overwhelming and require a sustained, tangible response from the entire international community to ensure that the short- and long-term needs of the Syrian people are addressed;

Whereas as the short- and long-term needs of the Syrian people increase, the availability of basic services for the almost 4,600,000 Syrians sheltering in Jordan, Lebanon, and other neighboring countries, which are already under severe strain, is diminishing;

Whereas addressing the humanitarian situation in Syria and in Syrian refugee-hosting countries is an essential component to providing stability to the region;

Whereas the Government of Kuwait, notably, hosted pledging conferences in 2013, 2014,

and 2015 to raise funds for United Nations humanitarian appeals for Syria;

Whereas the pledges to previous United Nations humanitarian appeals for Syria have failed to meet the humanitarian needs of the Syrian crisis, as determined by the United Nations;

Whereas not all pledges are fully converted into donations, further adding to the difficulty in meeting the humanitarian needs of Syria;

Whereas on February 4, 2016, the Governments of the United Kingdom, Germany, Kuwait, and Norway will host a fourth Syria conference in London to raise funds and support for the United Nations humanitarian appeal for Syria;

Whereas the fourth Syria conference aims to significantly increase funding—

(1) to address the immediate and long-term needs of individuals affected by the Syrian conflict; and

(2) to maintain pressure on parties to the conflict to protect civilians affected by the conflict;

Whereas as of February 2016, the United States is the largest single humanitarian donor to the Syrian crisis and has given over \$4,500,000,000 in humanitarian relief for Syria; and

Whereas the United Kingdom, Kuwait, Germany, and Norway are allies of the United States and have demonstrated commitment to addressing the humanitarian crisis in Syria: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Governments of the United Kingdom, Kuwait, Germany, and Norway for their efforts to address the humanitarian crisis in Syria, including the substantial financial commitments made by the Governments of the United Kingdom, Kuwait, Germany, and Norway;

(2) encourages the international community to act with urgency—

(A) to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Syria and in Syrian refugee-hosting countries in the region; and

(B) to support the upcoming Syria conference in London by joining the United States and other countries with substantial pledges of assistance; and

(3) urges each donor country to fulfil the United Nations pledging commitments to Syria to address the short- and long-term humanitarian needs of the Syrian people.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, Senator CORKER and I are submitting a resolution today that urges all nations to contribute in order to address the humanitarian crisis in Syria. On February 4, in London, the British, German, Kuwaiti, and Norwegian governments will join with the United Nations to host the “Supporting Syria and the Region” conference.

The numbers are well known, but bear repeating. The international community has a responsibility to help the 13.5 million vulnerable and displaced people inside Syria, and the 4.2 million Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries. We must step up our efforts.

Current pledges to the 2015 UN appeal have not even reached last year’s levels—\$3.3 billion against an appeal of \$8.4 billion. Even this figure still masks the fact that not all pledges are met, building up needs for future years. The world must do more, and now is the time to act.

The United States is already the largest donor to Syria, giving more than \$4.5 billion to date, and Congress