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S. 2448

To coordinate rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 with other Federal laws.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 19, 2004 Mr. Gregg introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

> May 20, 2004 Read the second time and placed on the calendar

A BILL

- To coordinate rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 with other Federal laws.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Uniformed Services
- 5 Differential Pay Protection Act".

3 (a) TREATMENT OF DIFFERENTIAL PAYMENT AS
4 WAGES FOR PURPOSES OF INCOME TAX WITH5 HOLDING.—Section 4302 of title 38, United States Code,
6 is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 "(c)(1) For purposes of chapter 24 of the Internal
8 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to collection of income tax
9 at source on wages), any differential wage payment shall
10 be treated as a payment of wages by the employer to the
11 employee.

12 "(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'dif-13 ferential wage payment' means any payment which—

"(A) is made by an employer to an employee
with respect to any period during which the employee is performing service in the uniformed services while on active duty for a period of more than
30 days, and

"(B) represents all or a portion of the difference between the wages the employee would have
received from the employer if not performing service
in the uniformed services and the wages paid for
performing such service.".

(b) CONTINUED CONTRIBUTIONS TO PENSION
25 PLANS.—Section 4318 of title 38, United States Code, is
26 amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) For purposes of the Employee Retirement In-1 2 come Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code 3 of 1986, any employer or employee contributor to an employee pension benefit plan to which this section applies 4 5 with respect to any period during which the employee is performing service in the uniformed services while on ac-6 7 tive duty for a period of more than 30 days shall be treated as a contribution with respect to a current employee 8 of the employer.". 9

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