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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PRYOR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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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 “Service Act for Care
5 and Relief Initiatives for Forces Injured in Combat En-
6 gagements of 2004” or “SACRIFICE of 2004”.

7 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF SENATE.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following
9 findings:

(2) This call to duty has resulted in the ultimate SACRIFICE of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are killed or critically injured while serving the United States.

9 (b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Sen-
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(1) to honor the SACRIFICE of the members
of the Armed Forces who have been killed or criti-
cally wounded while serving the United States;

(2) to recognize the heroic efforts of the medical personnel of the Armed Forces in treating wounded military personnel and civilians; and

(3) to support advanced medical technologies that assist the medical personnel of the Armed Forces in saving lives and reducing disability rates for members of the Armed Forces.

21 SEC. 3. POLICY ON TRACKING OF WOUNDED FROM COMBAT
22 ZONES.

(a) POLICY.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

1 (1) prescribe the policy of the Department of
2 Defense for providing timely notification to the next
3 of kin of the status, including health and location,
4 of members of the Armed Forces who are seriously
5 ill or injured in a combat zone; and

6 (2) transmit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
7 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a
8 copy of the policy prescribed under subparagraph
9 (A).

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy prescribed under sub-
11 section (a) shall ensure respect for the expressed desires
12 of individual members of the Armed Forces regarding no-
13 tification of next of kin under the policy, and shall also
14 include standards of timeliness for the initial and con-
15 tinuing notification of next of kin under the policy.

16 **SEC. 4. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND COMBAT CASUALTY**
17 **TECHNOLOGIES.**

18 (a) FUNDING FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND COM-
19 BAT CASUALTY TECHNOLOGIES.—(1) Funds are hereby
20 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2005 for the
21 use of the Department of Defense for research, develop-
22 ment, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide activities, in the
23 amount of \$10,000,000.

24 (2) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by
25 paragraph (1) for research, development, test, and evalua-

tion, Defense-wide activities, \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to Program Element PE 0603826D8Z and available for medical equipment and combat casualty care technologies.

(b) OFFSET.—(1) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 for operation and maintenance for the Army, \$2,500,000 of the amount otherwise available for travel shall not be available for any purpose.

(2) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 for operation and maintenance for the Navy, \$2,500,000 of the amount otherwise available for travel shall not be available for any purpose.

(3) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 for operation and maintenance for the Air Force, \$2,500,000 of the amount otherwise available for travel shall not be available for any purpose.

(4) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(5) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 for operation and maintenance for Defense-wide activities, \$2,500,000 of the amount other-

- 1 wise available for travel shall not be available for any pur-
- 2 pose.

