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To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to establish
a Volunteer Teacher Advisory Committee.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. DODD, and
Mr. OBAMA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and re-
ferred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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of 1965 to establish a Volunteer Teacher Advisory Com-
mittee.

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 “Teachers at the Table
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTEER TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

7 The matter preceding part A of title I of the Elemen-
8 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.

1 6311 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 1004
 2 (20 U.S.C. 6304) the following:

3 **“SEC. 1005. VOLUNTEER TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

4 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
 5 lish an advisory committee, to be known as the Volunteer
 6 Teacher Advisory Committee (hereafter in this section re-
 7 ferred to as the ‘Committee’).

8 “(b) DUTIES AND FOCUS.—The duty of the Com-
 9 mittee shall be to monitor the effects of this Act, on the
 10 ground and in classrooms, and the focus of the Committee
 11 shall solely be on children and families.

12 “(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The membership of the
 14 Committee shall consist of 20 public elementary
 15 school or secondary school classroom teachers who—

16 “(A) are past or present Teachers of the
 17 Year; and

18 “(B) who have submitted an application to
 19 the Secretary to serve on the Committee.

20 “(2) LIST; APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary shall
 21 compile a list of teachers submitting applications
 22 under paragraph (1)(B). The members of the Com-
 23 mittee shall be appointed as follows:

24 “(A) The Secretary shall appoint 4 teach-
 25 ers from the list.

1 “(B) The Majority Leader of the Senate
2 shall appoint 4 teachers from the list.

3 “(C) The Minority Leader of the Senate
4 shall appoint 4 teachers from the list.

5 “(D) The Speaker of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives shall appoint 4 teachers from the
7 list.

8 “(E) The Minority Leader of the House of
9 Representatives shall appoint 4 teachers from
10 the list.

11 “(3) REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENT.—The
12 members of the Committee shall represent diverse
13 and multiple geographic, grade level, and specialty
14 areas.

15 “(4) TERM.—Each member of the Committee
16 shall serve on the Committee for a 2-year term.

17 “(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Committee shall submit
18 to Congress and the Secretary—

19 “(1) on an annual basis, a report on the moni-
20 toring carried out under subsection (a); and

21 “(2) on a quarterly basis, updates on that moni-
22 toring.

23 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amounts
24 appropriated to, and available at the discretion of, the Sec-
25 retary for programmatic and administrative expenditures

- 1 for fiscal years 2008 through 2012, a total of \$500,000
- 2 shall be used to establish and carry out the functions of
- 3 the Committee established under this section.”.

