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SA 1870. Mr. FRIST (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, *supra*.

SA 1871. Mr. FRIST (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, *supra*.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1850. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . Any limitation, directive, or ear-marking contained in either the House of Representatives or Senate report accompanying H.R. 2528 shall also be included in the conference report or joint statement accompanying H.R. 2528 in order to be considered as having been approved by both Houses of Congress.

SA 1851. Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. The amount appropriated by this title under the heading “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE” is hereby increased by \$12,950,000, with the amount of such increase to be available for the construction of an academic building at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

SA 1852. Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amend-

ment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 76, line 22, strike “\$23,308,011,000” and insert “\$23,318,011,000”.

On page 77, line 1, insert “\$109,000,000 shall be available for the Readjustment Counseling Service: *Provided further, That*” after “this heading.”

On page 78, line 22, strike “\$1,456,821,000” and insert “\$1,446,821,000”.

On page 79, line 7, strike “\$100,000,000” and insert “\$90,000,000”.

SA 1853. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 76, lines 22 and 23, strike “\$23,308,011,000, plus reimbursements, of which \$1,977,000,000” and insert “\$23,318,011,000, plus reimbursements, of which \$1,987,000,000”.

On page 77, line 1, insert “\$109,000,000 shall be available for the Readjustment Counseling Service: *Provided further, That*” after “this heading.”

SA 1854. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. The amount appropriated by this title under the heading “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY” is hereby increased by \$4,299,000, with the amount of such increase to be made available for demolition of World War II era wooden buildings at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

SA 1855. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. The amount appropriated by this title under the heading “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY” is hereby increased by \$15,000,000, with the amount of such increase to be made available to replace World War II era mobilization and demobilization buildings at the north fort of Fort Polk, Louisiana, with portable temporary modular building structures.

SA 1856. Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military

Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. Of the amount appropriated by this title under the heading “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS” and available for architectural and engineering services and construction design, \$500,000 shall be made available for the design of wharf upgrades at Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

SA 1857. Mr. JEFFORDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222. CLINICAL TRAINING AND PROTOCOLS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Iraq War Clinician Guide has tremendous value; and

(2) the Secretary of Defense and the National Center on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder should continue to work together to ensure that the mental health care needs of servicemembers and veterans are met.

(b) COLLABORATION.—The National Center on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder shall collaborate with the Secretary of Defense—

(1) to enhance the clinical skills of military clinicians through training, treatment protocols, web-based interventions, and the development of evidence-based interventions; and

(2) to promote pre-deployment resilience and post-deployment readjustment among servicemembers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

(c) TRAINING.—The National Center on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder shall work with the Secretary of Defense to ensure that clinicians in the Department of Defense are provided with the training and protocols developed pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

SA 1858. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. COBURN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . Any limitation, directive, or ear-marking contained in either the House of Representatives or Senate report accompanying H.R. 2528 shall also be included in the conference report or joint statement accompanying H.R. 2528 in order to be considered as having been approved by both Houses of Congress.

SA 1859. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. CARPER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. Of the amount appropriated by this title under the heading “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD” and available for planning and design, \$1,440,000 shall be available for planning and design for a replacement C-130 maintenance hangar at Air National Guard New Castle County Airport, Delaware.

SA 1860. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222. REPORT ON HOUSING ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME VETERANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall conduct a study on housing assistance to low-income veterans, including—

(1) an estimate of the number of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income veteran households;

(2) a description of the demographic and socioeconomic characteristics and health and disability status of such households;

(3) an estimate of the number of such households experiencing a high cost burden in, overcrowding in, or poor quality of housing, or experiencing homelessness;

(4) an assessment of such households, including their current barriers to safe, quality, and affordable housing and levels of homelessness among such households;

(5) the extent to which Federal housing assistance programs provide benefits, including supportive services, to all veteran households and in particular to low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income veteran households;

(6) the number of units designated for or occupied by veterans and low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income veterans in Federally subsidized or insured housing;

(7) a summary description of the manner in which veteran compensation, veteran dependency and indemnity compensation, and veteran pension are considered as income or adjusted income for purposes of determining—

(A) eligibility for Federal housing assistance programs; and

(B) the amount of rent paid by a veteran household for occupancy of a dwelling unit or housing assisted under Federal housing assistance programs;

(8) a summary description of the special considerations made for veterans under—

(A) public housing plans submitted under section 5A of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437c-1); and

(B) comprehensive housing affordability strategies submitted under section 105 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12705);

(9) the extent to which public housing authorities have established preferences for veterans for public housing and housing choice vouchers;

(10) the number of homeless veterans provided assistance, cumulatively and currently, under the program of housing choice vouchers for homeless veterans under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)), and the current status of the program, including—

(A) the number of vouchers the Department of Housing and Urban Development currently allocates to the Department of Veterans Affairs;

(B) the monetary value of such vouchers; and

(C) the names and locations of VA medical centers receiving such vouchers; and

(11) a description of activities relating to veterans of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(b) ACQUISITION OF SUPPORTING INFORMATION.—In carrying out the study under this section, the Comptroller General shall seek to obtain views from the following persons:

(1) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(3) Low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income veterans.

(4) Representatives of State and local housing assistance agencies.

(5) Representatives of nonprofit low-income housing providers and homeless service providers, including homeless veteran service providers.

(6) National advocacy organizations concerned with veterans, homelessness, and low-income housing.

(c) TIMING OF REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the study conducted under this section.

SA 1861. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. (a) Of the amount appropriated by this title under the heading “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY”, \$4,550,000 shall be made available for the construction of a military police complex at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

(b) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY” and available for Fort Gillem, Georgia, is hereby decreased by \$4,550,000.

SA 1862. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. (a) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 1990” is hereby increased by \$25,000,000.

(b) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 2005” is hereby decreased by \$25,000,000.

SA 1863. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222.(a) Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, after consultation with the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, other veterans service organizations, and State Departments of Veterans Affairs shall submit a report to the

committee on Appropriation of the Senate that describes a plan (including estimated costs) to provide an adequate supply of the 2006 edition of handbook entitled, Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents, and all subsequent editions, to all county veterans service officers in the United States.

SA 1864. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. OBAMA, and Mr. AKAKA)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222. None of the funds made available in this Act or any other Act may be used—

(1) to revoke or reduce a veteran’s disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder based on a finding that the Department of Veterans Affairs failed to collect justifying documentation unless such failure was the direct result of fraud by the applicant; or

(2) for the implementation of Recommendation 3 of VA Inspector General Report No. 05-00765-137 or any related review and investigation of post-traumatic stress disorder unemployability and 100 schedular percent ratings cases, until the Department of Veteran’s Affairs reports to the Committee on Appropriations on its plan for implementing this recommendation, and outlines the staffing and funding requirements.

SA 1865. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 81, line 2, insert “The VA shall conduct an information campaign in States with an average annual disability compensation payment of less than \$7,300 (according to the report issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General on May 19, 2005), to inform all veterans receiving disability compensation, by direct mail, of the history of below average disability compensation payments to veterans in such States, and to provide all veterans in each such State, through broadcast or print advertising, with the aforementioned historical information and instructions for submitting new claims and requesting review of past disability claims and ratings: *Provided further*,” after “Provided.”

SA 1866. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. JEFFORDS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222. CLINICAL TRAINING AND PROTOCOLS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) the Iraq War Clinician Guide has tremendous value; and

(2) the Secretary of Defense and the National Center on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder should continue to work together to

ensure that the mental health care needs of servicemembers and veterans are met.

(b) COLLABORATION.—The National Center on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder shall collaborate with the Secretary of Defense—

(1) to enhance the clinical skills of military clinicians through training, treatment protocols, web-based interventions, and the development of evidence-based interventions; and

(2) to promote pre-deployment resilience and post-deployment readjustment among servicemembers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

(c) TRAINING.—The National Center on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder shall work with the Secretary of Defense to ensure that clinicians in the Department of Defense are provided with the training and protocols developed pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

SA 1867. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for Mr. SALAZAR) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222. (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall immediately submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on any Department of Veterans Affairs budget shortfall totaling 2 percent or more of the Department's total discretionary funding budget for a fiscal year.

(b) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives a comprehensive plan to improve long-term budget planning and actuarial forecasting at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SA 1868. Mr. CRAIG (for Mr. SALAZAR) (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 222. (a) In conducting advanced planning activities under this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall reevaluate Veterans Health Administration Handbook 1006.1 and other guidance and procedures related to planning, activating, staffing, and maintaining community-based outpatient clinics.

(b) In conducting such planning, the Secretary shall—

(1) revise as appropriate existing policies to make them less disadvantageous to rural veterans; and

(2) reexamine criteria used in planning, activating, staffing, and maintaining such clinics, including geographic access, number of Priority 1–6 veterans, market penetration, cost effectiveness, and distance to parent facilities, to determine whether such criteria are weighted in a manner that negatively affects rural veterans.

SA 1869. Mr. THOMAS (for himself and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction

and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 72, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 130. (a) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading "MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE" is hereby increased by \$10,000,000, with the amount of such increase to be made available to carry out a storm water drainage system project at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

(b) The amount appropriated by this title under the heading "MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY" is hereby decreased by \$10,000,000, and not more than \$30,000,000 of the total amount appropriated under such heading may be made available for the barracks complex in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

SA 1870. Mr. FRIST (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 55, line 4, strike "\$191,393,000" and insert "\$179,343,000".

On page 55, line 10, following "therefor", strike ":" and insert ": Provided further, That of the amount provided for Military Construction, Army, \$8,900,000 shall be available for Phase 1a of a Permanent Party Barracks at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and \$3,150,000 shall be available for an Airfield Fire Station at Fort Sill, Oklahoma."

SA 1871. Mr. FRIST (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2528, an act making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 56, line 11, strike "\$103,347,000" and insert "\$83,626,000".

On page 56, line 17, following "therefor", strike ":" and insert ": Provided further, That of the amount provided for Military Construction, Air Force, \$5,721,000 shall be available for a B-2 Conventional Munitions Storage Facility at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, and \$14,000,000 for Phase 1 of Force Protection Enhancement at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma."

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate and receive a status report on the Environmental Management programs of the Department of Energy.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two

copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Clint Williamson 202-224-7556 or Steve Waskiewicz at 202-228-6195.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2005, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Examining the Financial Services Industry's Responsibilities and Role in Preventing Identity Theft and Protecting Sensitive Financial Information."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 10 a.m., on Communications in a Disaster, in SD-562.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the following pending nominations:

Environmental Protection Agency, George M. Gray, of Massachusetts, to be an assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Edward McGaffigan, Jr., of Virginia, to be a member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2010.

Department of the Interior, H. Dale Hall, of New Mexico, to be director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Environmental Protection Agency, Lyons Gray, of North Carolina, to be chief financial officer, Environmental Protection Agency.

Department of Commerce, Santanu K. Baruah, of Oregon, to be assistant secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the