

“(14) Information concerning veterans preference in federal employment and federal procurement opportunities.

“(15) Contact information for housing counseling assistance.

“(16) A description, developed in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, of health care and other benefits to which the member may be entitled under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.”.

(b) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of such section is amended to read as follows:

“§ 1142. Members separating from active duty: preseparation counseling”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 58 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1142 and inserting the following:

“1142. Members separating from active duty: preseparation counseling.”.

(c) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TRANSITIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM.—Section 1144 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “paragraph (4)(A)” in the second sentence and inserting “paragraph (5)(A)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) TRAINING SUPPORT MATERIALS.—The Secretary concerned shall, on a continuing basis and in cooperation with the Secretary of Labor, update the content of all materials used by the Department of Labor that provide direct training support to personnel who provide transitional services counseling under this section.”.

SEC. 1503. FOLLOW UP ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AFTER PRESEPARATION PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

Section 1145(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5)(A) The Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, ensure that appropriate actions are taken to assist a member of the armed forces who, as a result of a medical examination under paragraph (4), receives an indication for a referral for follow up treatment from the health care provider who performs the examination.

“(B) Assistance provided to a member under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

“(i) Information regarding, and any appropriate referral for, the care, treatment, and other services that the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may provide to such member under any other provision of law, including—

“(I) clinical services, including counseling and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health conditions; and

“(II) any other care, treatment, and services.

“(ii) Information on the private sector sources of treatment that are available to the member in the member’s community.

“(iii) Assistance to enroll in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs for health care benefits for which the member is eligible under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.”.

SEC. 1504. REPORT ON TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than May 1, 2006, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, submit to Congress a report on the actions

taken to ensure that the Transition Assistance Programs for members of the Armed Forces separating from the Armed Forces (including members of the regular components of the Armed Forces and members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces) function effectively to provide such members with timely and comprehensive transition assistance when separating from the Armed Forces.

(b) FOCUS ON PARTICULAR MEMBERS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include particular attention to the actions taken with respect to the Transition Assistance Programs to assist the following members of the Armed Forces:

(1) Members deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(2) Members deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom.

(3) Members deployed to or in support of other contingency operations.

(4) Members of the National Guard activated under the provisions of title 32, United States Code, in support of relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita.

SA 2472. Mr. VOINOVICH (for Mr. ENZI) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 797, to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians; as follows:

On page 3, line 9, strike “and”.

Beginning on page 3, strike lines 19 through 24 and insert the following: of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.); and

(E) federally recognized Indian tribes exercising powers of self-government are governed by the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.); and

Beginning on page 4, strike line 15 and all that follows through page 5, line 6, and insert the following:

“SEC. 544. INDIAN TRIBES.

“Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.) and title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) shall not apply to actions by federally recognized Indian tribes (including instrumentalities of such Indian tribes) under this Act.”.

On page 5, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 6. YOUTHBUILD ELIGIBILITY.

Section 460 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12899h-1) is amended by striking “for fiscal year 1998 and fiscal years thereafter” and inserting “for fiscal years 1998 through 2005”.

SA 2473. Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. ____ ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIRED PAY FOR NON-REGULAR SERVICE.

(a) AGE AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.—Subsection (a) of section 12731 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person is entitled, upon application, to retired pay computed under section 12739 of this title, if the person—

“(A) satisfies one of the combinations of requirements for minimum age and minimum number of years of service (computed under section 12732 of this title) that are specified in the table in paragraph (2);

“(B) performed the last six years of qualifying service while a member of any category named in section 12732(a)(1) of this title, but not while a member of a regular component, the Fleet Reserve, or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, except that in the case of a person who completed 20 years of service computed under section 12732 of this title before October 5, 1994, the number of years of qualifying service under this subparagraph shall be eight; and

“(C) is not entitled, under any other provision of law, to retired pay from an armed force or retainer pay as a member of the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.

“(2) The combinations of minimum age and minimum years of service required of a person under subparagraph (A) of paragraph (1) for entitlement to retired pay as provided in such paragraph are as follows:

“Age, in years, is at least:	The minimum years of service required for that age is:
55	25
56	24
57	23
58	22
59	21
60	20.”.

(b) 20-YEAR LETTER.—Subsection (d) of such section is amended by striking “the years of service required for eligibility for retired pay under this chapter” in the first sentence and inserting “20 years of service computed under section 12732 of this title.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of the first month beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect to retired pay payable for that month and subsequent months.

AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Kosovo—A Way Forward.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “Saudia Arabia: Friend or Foe in the War on Terror?” on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: Daniel Glaser, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC.

Alan Misenheimer, Director of Arabian Peninsula and Iran Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Anthony Cordesman, Co-Director, Middle East Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, DC.

Nina Shea, Director, Center for Religious Freedom, Washington, DC.

Steve Emerson, Terrorism Expert and Executive Director, Investigative Project on Terrorism, Washington, DC.

Gulam Bakali, Islamic Association of North Texas, Board of Trustees, Richardson, TX.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Executive Nominations" on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Senator, R-TX; The Honorable John Cornyn, U.S. Senator, R-TX.

Panel II: Carol E. Dinkins to be Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board; Alan Charles Raul to be Vice Chairman of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH, NUTRITION, AND GENERAL LEGISLATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Research, Nutrition and General Legislation be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in SDG-50, Senate Dirksen Office Building. The purpose of this Subcommittee Hearing will be to discuss the Pet Animal Welfare, PAWS, statute.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled, "Strengthening Hurricane Recovery Efforts for Small Businesses" on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be author-

ized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 8, 2005 at 10 a.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management be authorized to hold an oversight hearing at 2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 8, on the impact of certain government contractor liability proposals on environmental laws.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Richard Ferguson be allowed floor privileges during the consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act. He is a Defense fellow for Senator HARRY REID.

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

Mr. LEAHY. I ask unanimous consent that Erica Santo Pietro of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the rest of today.

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

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator DAYTON, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Mike Powers, a fellow in his office, for the duration of the floor debate on the bill.

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

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 261, H.R. 797.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 797) to amend the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 and other Acts to improve housing programs for Indians.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, today, I rise in support of H.R. 797, the Native American Housing Enhancement Act of 2005. This bill is identical to a bill Senator JOHNSON and I introduced in February, S. 475, that will encourage home ownership and enhance housing opportunities for Native Americans across the country. H.R. 797 is an important piece of legislation and I commend my Senate colleague, Senator TIM JOHNSON from South Dakota, and my colleague on the House side, Congressman RICK RENZI from Arizona, for their continued leadership on Indian housing issues.

Home ownership is a fundamental building block of a successful commu-

nity. Simply put, ownership promotes pride and pride promotes improvement. And, when it comes to Native American housing, we have a lot of improving to do. Currently, Native Americans experience some of the worst housing conditions in the country. About 90,000 Indian families are homeless or underhoused. Nearly 33 percent of Indian homes are overcrowded, while 33 percent lack adequate solid waste management systems and 8 percent lack a safe indoor water supply.

Poor housing conditions on our reservations are a symptom of laws and regulations that fail to promote a sense of ownership and personal responsibility within our tribes. Although the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 made great strides in developing an ownership society in Indian country, we still have a lot of work to do. This legislation is a step in the right direction. Our bill would give tribes more flexibility when developing housing improvement projects, and will also give tribal housing entities the opportunity to once again take advantage of a program designed to teach kids the value of hardwork and community involvement.

The Youthbuild program is a vocational program designed to give low-income kids and highschool drop-outs between the ages of 16 and 24 the skills they need to survive in today's world. Youthbuild participants gain critical job skills and leadership training by constructing and rehabilitating affordable housing units in their communities. The new housing units are owned and managed by community housing authorities and then permanently designated for low-income families who need the most help finding a place to live. The program is an excellent tool for achieving two goals. The first goal is to provide vocational education and life-long learning skills for kids who live in some of the most economically-depressed areas of the country. These kids need skills in order to build a workforce that can support economic development on our reservations. The second goal is to build affordable housing units so tribal families can find homes with running water, adequate sewage systems, and heat and electricity.

However, as I mentioned before, tribal housing entities and tribal youth programs were barred from the Youthbuild program when the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, NAHASDA, was enacted. Accessibility was eliminated because NAHASDA gave the tribes the authority to encompass this type of activity under their respective Indian Housing Plans. Unfortunately, when tribes are prioritizing their housing projects, many choose to fix crumbling foundations, dry-rot and sanitation systems before they invest in Youthbuild-type programs. H.R. 797 will provide an alternative resource for this type of activity. Further, it will