

2766, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4274. Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. THOMAS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4275. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4276. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4277. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4278. Mr. WARNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4279. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SALAZAR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4280. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4281. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4282. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4283. Mr. LEVIN (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. BINGAMAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4284. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. CORNYN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4285. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. LUGAR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4286. Mr. WARNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4287. Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, *supra*.

SA 4288. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2766, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4289. Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4290. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4291. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 409, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4253. Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. INOUE, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. INHOFE, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle E of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 662. PILOT PROGRAM ON TROOPS TO NURSE TEACHERS.

(a) PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Education, conduct a pilot program to assess the feasibility and potential benefits of a program to—

(A) assist nurse corps officers described in subsection (c) in achieving necessary qualifications to become nurse educators and in securing employment as nurse educators at accredited schools of nursing;

(B) provide scholarships to nurse corps officers described in subsection (c) in return for continuing service in the Selected Reserve or other forms of public service; and

(C) help alleviate the national shortage of nurse educators and registered nurses.

(2) DURATION.—Except as provided in subsection (h), the pilot program shall be conducted during the period beginning on January 1, 2007, and ending on December 31, 2012. A nurse corps officer may not enter into an agreement to participate in the pilot program after December 31, 2012.

(3) REGULATIONS.—The pilot program shall be conducted under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Education.

(b) DESIGNATION.—The pilot program required by subsection (a) shall be known as the “Troops to Nurse Teachers Pilot Program” (in this section referred to as the “Program”).

(c) NURSE CORPS OFFICERS.—A nurse corps officer described in this subsection is any commissioned officer of the Armed Forces qualified and designated as an officer in a Nurse Corps of the Armed Forces who is—

(1) serving in a reserve component of the Armed Forces;

(2) honorably discharged from the Armed Forces; or

(3) a retired member of the Armed Forces.

(d) SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRAM.—

(1) APPLICATION.—An eligible nurse corps officer seeking to participate in the Program shall submit to the Secretary of Defense an application therefor. The application shall be in such form, and contain such information, as the Secretary may require.

(2) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select participants in the Program from among qualified nurse corps officers submitting applications therefor under paragraph (1).

(e) PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A nurse corps officer selected under subsection (d) to participate in the Program shall enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Defense relating to participation in the Program.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The agreement of a nurse corps officer under the program shall, at the election of the Secretary for purposes of the Program and as appropriate with respect to that status of such nurse corps officer—

(A) require such nurse corps officer, within such time as the Secretary may require, to accept an offer of full-time employment as a nurse educator from an accredited school of nursing for a period of not less than one year; or

(B) require such nurse corps officer—

(i) within such time as the Secretary may require, to successfully complete a program leading to a master's degree or doctoral degree in a nursing field from an accredited school of nursing or to a doctoral degree in a related field from an accredited institution of higher education;

(ii) to serve in the Selected Reserve or some other form of public service under

terms and conditions established by the Secretary; and

(iii) upon completion of such program and service, to accept an offer of full-time employment as a nurse educator from an accredited school of nursing for a period of not less than 3 years.

(f) ASSISTANCE.—

(1) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Defense may provide a participant in the Program who enters into an agreement described in subsection (e)(2)(A) assistance as follows:

(A) Career placement assistance in securing full-time employment as a nurse educator at an accredited school of nursing.

(B) A stipend in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for transition to employment referred to in paragraph (1), and for educational training for such employment, for a period not to exceed two years after entry by such participant into an agreement under subsection (e).

(2) SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Defense may provide a participant in the Program who enters into an agreement described in subsection (e)(2)(B) scholarship assistance to pursue a degree described in subsection (e)(2)(B)(i) in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 annually for a period of not more than four years.

(g) TREATMENT OF ASSISTANCE.—A stipend or scholarship provided under subsection (f) shall not be taken into account in determining the eligibility of a participant in the Program for Federal student financial assistance provided under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.).

(h) ADMINISTRATION AFTER INITIAL PERIOD.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The termination of the Program on December 31, 2012, under subsection (a)(2) shall not terminate the entitlement to assistance under the Program of any nurse corps officer entering into an agreement to participate in the Program under subsection (e) that continues in force after that date.

(2) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of Education shall undertake any administration of the Program that is required after December 31, 2012, including responsibility for any funding necessary to provide assistance under the Program after that date.

(i) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than three years after the commencement of the Program, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Education, submit to Congress a report on the Program.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report shall—

(A) describe the activities undertaken under the Program; and

(B) include an assessment of the effectiveness of the Program in—

(i) facilitating the development of nurse educators;

(ii) encouraging service in the Selected Reserve and other forms of public service; and

(iii) helping alleviate the national shortage of nurse educators and registered nurses.

(j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) NURSE EDUCATOR.—The term “nurse educator” means a registered nurse who—

(A) is a member of the nursing faculty at an accredited school of nursing;

(B) holds a graduate degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing or a doctoral degree in a related field from an accredited institution of higher education;

(C) holds a valid, unrestricted license to practice nursing from a State; and

(D) has successfully completed additional course work in education and demonstrates competency in an advanced practice area of nursing.

(2) **SCHOOL OF NURSING.**—The term “school of nursing” means a school of nursing (as that term is defined in section 801 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 296)) that is accredited (as that term is defined in section 801(6) of the Public Health Service Act).

(k) **FUNDING.**—From amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense, \$5,000,000 may be available for the Program.

SA 4254. Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle I of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1084. IMPROVED ACCOUNTABILITY FOR COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING IN HURRICANE RECOVERY.

The exceptions to full and open competition otherwise available under paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 303(c) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253(c)) and paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) of section 2304(c) of title 10, United States Code, shall not apply to Federal contracts worth over \$500,000 for the procurement of property or services in connection with relief and recovery efforts related to Hurricane Katrina and the other hurricanes of the 2005 season.

SA 4255. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle E of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 662. TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS FOR CELLULAR PHONE SERVICES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) **INCLUSION OF CONTRACTS UNDER TERMINATION AUTHORITY.**—Subsection (b) of section 305 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. App. 535) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) **CONTRACTS FOR CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE.**—A contract for a cellular phone used, or intended to be used, by a servicemember or a servicemember’s dependent for a personal or business purpose if—

“(A) the contract is executed by or on behalf of a person who thereafter and during the term of the contract enters into military service under call or order specifying a period of not less than 90 days (or who enters military service under a call or order specifying a period of 90 days or less and who, without a break in service, receives orders extending the period of military service to a period not less than 90 days);

“(B) the servicemember, while in military service, executes the contract and thereafter receives military orders for a permanent change of station outside of the continental United States or to deploy with a military unit for a period of not less than 90 days; or

“(C) the servicemember, while in military service, executes the contract and thereafter receives military orders for a permanent change of station to a location within the continental United States where the contract cannot be transferred at the same rate, terms, and quality of service.”.

(2) **MANNER OF TERMINATION.**—Subsection (c)(1) of such section is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) in the case of a contract for a cellular phone, by delivery by the contractee of written notice of such termination, and a copy of the servicemember’s military orders, to the contractor or to the contractor’s agent.”.

(3) **EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION.**—Subsection (d) of such section is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) **CONTRACT FOR CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE.**—In the case of a contract for a cellular phone described in subsection (b)(3), termination of the contract under subsection (a) is effective on the day on which the requirements of subsection (c) are met for such termination.”.

(4) **ARREARAGES.**—Subsection (e) of such section is amended—

(A) by striking “(e) ARREARAGES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES.—Rents or lease amounts” and inserting the following:

“(e) **ARREARAGES AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Rents or lease amounts”;

(B) by designating the second sentence as paragraph (2), indenting such paragraph 4 ems from the left margin, and inserting before “In the case of the lease” the following:

“(2) **LEASE CHARGES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.**—

”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(3) **TERMINATION CHARGES FOR CELLULAR PHONE CONTRACTS.**—In the case of a contract for a cellular phone, the contractor may not impose an early termination charge, but may request the return of equipment provided to the contractee as part of the contract which would normally remain the property of the contractee at the end of the contract term if the contractee is given the option of paying a pro-rated amount to retain such equipment based on the original retail price of such equipment, the amount previously paid for such equipment by the contractee, and the time remaining on the contract.

“(4) **REACTIVATION FEES.**—In the event a contractor and contractee jointly agree to treat the termination of a contract for a cellular phone under this section as a suspension of such contract, the contractor may not impose any fee for reactivation of service under such contract at the completion of suspension of such contract.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Subsection (a)(1)(B) of such section is amended by striking “or (2)(B)” and inserting “, (2)(B), (3)(B), or (3)(C)”.

(c) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—

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

“SEC. 305. TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL OR MOTOR VEHICLE LEASES OR CONTRACTS FOR CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE.”.

(2) **TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents for such Act is amended by striking the item relating to section 305 and inserting the following new item:

“Sec. 305. Termination of residential or motor vehicle leases or contracts for cellular phone service.”.

SA 4256. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LEVIN and Mr. LEAHY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1054. STRENGTHENING THE SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION.

For purposes of discharging the duties of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction under subsection (f) of section 3001 of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense and for the Reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, 2004 (5 U.S.C. 8G note), and for purposes of determining the date of termination of the Office of the Special Inspector General under subsection (o) of such section, any funds appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2006 for the reconstruction of Iraq, regardless of how such funds may be designated, shall be treated as amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund.

SA 4257. Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DODD, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 1231. UNITED STATES’ POLICY ON THE NUCLEAR PROGRAMS OF IRAN.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds that:

(1) The pursuit by the Iranian regime of a capability to produce nuclear weapons represents a threat to the United States, the Middle East region, and international peace and security.

(2) On May 31, 2006, Secretary of State Rice announced that the United States would join negotiations with Iran, along with the United Kingdom, France, and Germany, provided that Iran fully and verifiably suspends its enrichment and reprocessing activities.

(3) On June 1, 2006, President George W. Bush stated that “Secretary Rice, at my instructions, said to the world that we want to solve the problem of the Iranian nuclear issue diplomatically. And we made it very clear publicly that we’re willing to come to the table, so long as the Iranians verifiably suspend their program. In other words, we said to the Iranians [that] the United States of America wants to work with our partners to solve the problem”.

(4) On June 1, 2006, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the People’s Republic of China, and the Russian Federation agreed upon a package of incentives and disincentives, which was subsequently presented to Iran by the High Representative of the European Union, Javier Solana.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

(1) endorses the policy of the United States, announced May 31, 2006, to achieve a successful diplomatic outcome, in coordination with leading members of the international community, with respect to the threat posed by the efforts of the Iranian regime to acquire a capability to produce nuclear weapons;

(2) calls on Iran to suspend fully and verifiably its enrichment and reprocessing activities, cooperate fully with the International Atomic Energy Agency, and enter into negotiations, including with the United States, pursuant to the package presented to Iran by the High Representative of the European Union; and

(3) urges the President and the Secretary of State to keep Congress fully and currently informed about the progress of this vital diplomatic initiative.

SA 4258. Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

On page 546, after line 22, add the following:

SEC. 2828. REPORTS ON ARMY TRAINING RANGES.

(a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of the Army may not carry out any acquisition of real property to expand the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site at Fort Carson, Colorado until 30 days after the Secretary submits the report required under subsection (b).

(b) REPORT ON PINON CANYON MANEUVER SITE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than November 30, 2006, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing an analysis of any potential expansion of the military training range at the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site at Fort Carson, Colorado.

(2) CONTENT.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following information:

(A) A description of the Army's current and projected military requirements for training at the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.

(B) An analysis of the reasons for any changes in those requirements, including the extent to which they are a result of the increase of military personnel due to the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment, the conversion of Army brigades to a modular format, or the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy.

(C) A proposed plan for addressing those requirements, including a description of any proposed expansion of the existing training range by acquiring privately held land surrounding the site and an analysis of alternative approaches that do not require expansion of the training range.

(D) If an expansion of the training range is recommended pursuant to subparagraph (C), the following information:

(i) An assessment of the economic impact on local communities of such acquisition.

(ii) An assessment of the environmental impact of expanding the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.

(iii) An estimate of the costs associated with the potential expansion, including land acquisition, range improvements, installation of utilities, environmental restoration,

and other environmental activities in connection with the acquisition.

(iv) An assessment of options for compensating local communities for the loss of property tax revenue as a result of the expansion of Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.

(v) An assessment of whether the acquisition of additional land at the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site can be carried out by the Secretary solely through transactions, including land exchanges and the lease or purchase of easements, with willing sellers of the privately held land.

(c) REPORT ON EXPANSION OF ARMY TRAINING RANGES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than February 1, 2007, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing an assessment of the training ranges operated by the Army to support major Army units.

(2) CONTENT.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following information:

(A) The size, description, and mission essential training tasks supported by each such Army training range during fiscal year 2003.

(B) A description of the projected changes in training range requirements, including the size, characteristics, and attributes for mission essential training of each range and the extent to which any changes in requirements are a result of the 2005 round of defense base closure and realignment, the conversion of Army brigades to a modular format, or the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy.

(C) The projected deficit or surplus of training land at each such range, and a description of the Army's plan to address that projected deficit or surplus of land as well as the upgrade of range attributes at each existing training range.

(D) A description of the Army's prioritization process and investment strategy to address the potential expansion or upgrade of training ranges.

(E) An analysis of alternatives to the expansion of Army ranges to include an assessment of the joint use of ranges operated by other services.

SA 4259. Ms. STABENOW (for herself, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle I of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1084. FUNDING FOR VETERANS HEALTH CARE TO ADDRESS CHANGES IN POPULATION AND INFLATION.

(a) FUNDING TO ADDRESS CHANGES IN POPULATIONS AND INFLATION.—(1) Chapter 3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 320. Funding for veterans health care to address changes in population and inflation

“(a) By the enactment of this section, Congress and the President intend to ensure access to health care for all veterans. Upon the enactment of this section, funding for the programs, functions, and activities of the Veterans Health Administration specified in subsection (d) to accomplish this objective

shall be provided through a combination of discretionary and mandatory funds. The discretionary amount should be equal to the fiscal year 2006 discretionary funding for such programs, functions, and activities, and should remain unchanged each fiscal year thereafter. The annual level of mandatory amount shall be adjusted according to the formula specified in subsection (c). While this section does not purport to control the outcome of the annual appropriations process, it anticipates cooperation from Congress and the President in sustaining discretionary funding for such programs, functions, and activities in future fiscal years at the level of discretionary funding for such programs, functions, and activities for fiscal year 2006. The success of that arrangement, as well as of the funding formula, are to be reviewed after 2 years.

“(b) On the first day of each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treasury shall make available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the amount determined under subsection (c) with respect to that fiscal year. Each such amount is available, without fiscal year limitation, for the programs, functions, and activities of the Veterans Health Administration, as specified in subsection (d). There is hereby appropriated, out of any sums in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, amounts necessary to implement this section.

“(c)(1) The amount applicable to fiscal year 2007 under this subsection is the amount equal to—

“(A) 130 percent of the amount obligated by the Department during fiscal year 2005 for the purposes specified in subsection (d), minus

“(B) the amount appropriated for those purposes for fiscal year 2006.

“(2) The amount applicable to any fiscal year after fiscal year 2007 under this subsection is the amount equal to the product of the following, minus the amount appropriated for the purposes specified for subsection (d) for fiscal year 2006:

“(A) The sum of—

“(i) the number of veterans enrolled in the Department health care system under section 1705 of this title as of July 1 preceding the beginning of such fiscal year; and

“(ii) the number of persons eligible for health care under chapter 17 of this title who are not covered by clause (i) and who were provided hospital care or medical services under such chapter at any time during the fiscal year preceding such fiscal year.

“(B) The per capita baseline amount, as increased from time to time pursuant to paragraph (3)(B).

“(3)(A) For purposes of paragraph (2)(B), the term ‘per capita baseline amount’ means the amount equal to—

“(i) the amount obligated by the Department during fiscal year 2006 for the purposes specified in subsection (d), divided by

“(ii) the number of veterans enrolled in the Department health care system under section 1705 of this title as of September 30, 2005.

“(B) With respect to any fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide a percentage increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) in the per capita baseline amount equal to the percentage by which—

“(i) the Consumer Price Index (all Urban Consumers, United States City Average, Hospital and related services, Seasonally Adjusted), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor for the 12-month period ending on the June 30 preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the increase is made, exceeds

“(ii) such Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period preceding the 12-month period described in clause (i).

“(d)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the purposes for which amounts made available pursuant to subsection (b) shall be all programs, functions, and activities of the Veterans Health Administration.

“(2) Amounts made available pursuant to subsection (b) are not available for—

“(A) construction, acquisition, or alteration of medical facilities as provided in subchapter I of chapter 81 of this title (other than for such repairs as were provided for before the date of the enactment of this section through the Medical Care appropriation for the Department); or

“(B) grants under subchapter III of chapter 81 of this title.

“(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or limit the authority of Congress to reauthorize provisions relating to veterans health care.”.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“320. Funding for veterans health care to address changes in population and inflation.”.

(b) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.**—(1) Not later than January 31, 2009, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the extent to which section 320 of title 38, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), has achieved the purpose set forth in subsection (a) of such section 320 during fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

(2) The report under paragraph (1) shall set forth the following:

(A) The amount appropriated for fiscal year 2006 for the programs, functions, and activities of the Veterans Health Administration specified in subsection (d) of section 320 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) The amount appropriated by annual appropriations Acts for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 for such programs, functions, and activities.

(C) The amount provided by section 320 of title 38, United States Code, for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 for such programs, functions, and activities.

(D) An assessment whether the amount described in subparagraph (C) for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 was appropriate to address the changes in costs to the Veterans Health Administration for such programs, functions, and activities that were attributable to changes in population and in inflation over the course of such fiscal years.

(E) An assessment whether the amount provided by section 320 of title 38, United States Code, in each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008, when combined with amounts appropriated by annual appropriations Acts for each of such fiscal years for such programs, functions, and activities, provided adequate funding of such programs, functions, and activities in each such fiscal year.

(F) Such recommendations as the Comptroller General considers appropriate regarding modifications of the formula under subsection (c) of section 320 of title 38, United States Code, or any other modifications of law, to better ensure adequate funding of such programs, functions, and activities.

(c) **CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.**—

(1) **JOINT RESOLUTION.**—or purposes of this subsection, the term “joint resolution” means only a joint resolution which is introduced (in the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (or the Speaker’s designee) or the Minority Leader (or the Minority Leader’s designee) and in the Senate by the Majority Leader (or the Majority Leader’s designee) or the Minority Leader (or the Minority Leader’s designee)) within the 10-day period beginning on

the date on which Congress receives the report of the Comptroller General of the United States under subsection (b), and—

(A) which does not have a preamble;

(B) the matter after the resolving clause of which consists of amendments of title 38, United States Code, or other amendments or modifications of laws under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to implement the recommendations of the Comptroller General in the report under subsection (b)(2)(F); and

(C) the title of which is as follows: “Joint resolution to ensure adequate funding of health care for veterans.”.

(2) **REFERRAL.**—resolution described in paragraph (1) that is introduced in the House of Representatives shall be referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives. A resolution described in paragraph (1) introduced in the Senate shall be referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate.

(3) **DISCHARGE.**—If the committee to which a resolution described in paragraph (1) is referred has not reported such resolution (or an identical resolution) by the end of the 20-day period beginning on the date on which the Comptroller General submits to Congress the report under subsection (b), such committee shall be, at the end of such period, discharged from further consideration of such resolution, and such resolution shall be placed on the appropriate calendar of the House involved.

(4) **CONSIDERATION.**—(A) On or after the third day after the date on which the committee to which such a resolution is referred has reported, or has been discharged (under paragraph (3)) from further consideration of, such a resolution, it is in order (even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) for any Member of the respective House to move to proceed to the consideration of the resolution (but only on the day after the calendar day on which such Member announces to the House concerned the Member’s intention to do so). The motion is highly privileged in the House of Representatives and is privileged in the Senate and is not debatable. The motion is not subject to amendment, or to a motion to postpone, or to a motion to proceed to the consideration of other business. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution is agreed to, the respective House shall immediately proceed to consideration of the joint resolution without intervening motion, order, or other business, and the resolution shall remain the unfinished business of the respective House until disposed of.

(B) Debate on the resolution, and on all debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 2 hours, which shall be divided equally between those favoring and those opposing the resolution. An amendment to the resolution is not in order. A motion further to limit debate is in order and not debatable. A motion to postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consideration of other business, or a motion to recommit the resolution is not in order. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the resolution is agreed to or disagreed to is not in order.

(C) Immediately following the conclusion of the debate on a resolution described in paragraph (1) and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if requested in accordance with the rules of the appropriate House, the vote on final passage of the resolution shall occur.

(D) Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of the rules of the Senate or the House of Representatives, as

the case may be, to the procedure relating to a resolution described in paragraph (1) shall be decided without debate.

(5) **CONSIDERATION BY OTHER HOUSE.**—(A) If, before the passage by one House of a resolution of that House described in paragraph (1), that House receives from the other House a resolution described in paragraph (1), then the following procedures shall apply:

(i) The resolution of the other House shall not be referred to a committee and may not be considered in the House receiving it except in the case of final passage as provided in clause (ii)(II).

(ii) With respect to a resolution described in paragraph (1) of the House receiving the resolution—

(I) the procedure in that House shall be the same as if no resolution had been received from the other House; but

(II) the vote on final passage shall be on the resolution of the other House.

(B) Upon disposition of the resolution received from the other House, it shall no longer be in order to consider the resolution that originated in the receiving House.

(6) **RULES OF SENATE AND HOUSE.**—This subsection is enacted by Congress—

(A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules of each House, respectively, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in that House in the case of a resolution described in paragraph (1), and it supersedes other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

(B) with full recognition of the constitutional right of either House to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of that House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of that House.

SA 4260. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

TITLE —NEVADA TEST SITE VETERANS’ COMPENSATION

SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “Nevada Test Site Veterans’ Compensation Act of 2006”.

SEC. 02. FINDINGS.

(a) Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Employees working on Cold War-era nuclear weapons programs were employed in facilities owned by the Federal Government and the private sector producing and testing nuclear weapons and engaging in related atomic energy defense activities for the national defense beginning in the 1940s.

(2) These Cold War atomic energy veterans helped to build and test the nuclear arsenal that served as a deterrent during the Cold War, sacrificing their personal health and well-being in service of their country.

(3) During the Cold War, many of these workers were exposed to radiation and placed in harm’s way by the Department of Energy and contractors, subcontractors, and vendors of the Department without their knowledge and consent, without adequate radiation monitoring, and without necessary

protections from internal or external occupational radiation exposure.

(4) The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384 et seq.) (in this section referred to as "EEOICPA") was enacted to ensure fairness and equity for the men and women who, during the past 60 years, performed duties uniquely related to the nuclear weapons production and testing programs of the Department of Energy, its predecessor agencies, and contractors by establishing a program that would provide timely, uniform, and adequate compensation for beryllium- and radiation-related health conditions.

(5) Research by the Department of Energy, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), NIOSH contractors, the President's Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, and congressional committees indicates that at certain nuclear weapons facilities—

(A) workers were not adequately monitored for internal or external exposure to ionizing radiation; and

(B) records were not maintained, are not reliable, are incomplete, or fail to indicate the radioactive isotopes to which workers were exposed.

(6) Due to the inequities posed by the factors described above and the resulting harm to the workers, Congress designated classes of atomic weapons employees at the Paducah, Kentucky, Portsmouth, Ohio, Oak Ridge K-25, Tennessee, and the Amchitka Island, Alaska, sites as members of the Special Exposure Cohort under EEOICPA.

(7) The contribution of the State of Nevada to the security of the United States throughout the Cold War and since has been unparalleled.

(8) In 1950, President Harry S. Truman designated what would later be called the Nevada Test Site as the country's nuclear proving grounds and, a month later, the first atmospheric test at the Nevada Test Site was detonated.

(9) The United States conducted 100 above-ground and 828 underground nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site from 1951 to 1992.

(10) Out of the 1,054 nuclear tests conducted in the United States, 928, or 88 percent, were conducted at the Nevada Test Site.

(11) The Nevada Test Site has served, and continues to serve, as the premier research, testing, and development site for our nuclear defense capabilities.

(12) The Nevada Test Site and its workers are an essential and irreplaceable part of our nation's defense capabilities.

(13) It has become evident that it is not feasible to estimate with sufficient accuracy in a timely manner the radiation dose received by employees at the Department of Energy facility at the Nevada Test Site for many reasons, including the following:

(A) The NIOSH Technical Basis Document, the threshold document for radiation dose reconstruction under EEOICPA, has incomplete radionuclide lists.

(B) NIOSH has not demonstrated that it can estimate dose from exposure to large, nonrespirable hot particles.

(C) There are significant gaps in environmental measurement and exposure data.

(D) Resuspension doses are seriously underestimated.

(E) NIOSH has not been able to estimate accurately exposures to bomb assembly workers and radon levels.

(F) NIOSH has not demonstrated that it can accurately sample tritiated water vapor.

(G) External dose records lack integrity.

(H) There are no beta dose data until 1966.

(I) There are no neutron dose data until 1966 and only partial data after such date.

(J) There are no internal dose data until late 1955 or 1956, and limited data until well into the 1960s.

(K) NIOSH has ignored exposure from more than a dozen underground tests that vented, including Bianca, Des Moines, Baneberry, Camphor, Diagonal Line, Riola, Agrini, Midas Myth, Misty Rain, and Mighty Oak.

(L) Instead of monitoring individuals, groups were monitored, resulting in unreliable personnel monitoring.

(14) Amchitka Island, where only 3 underground nuclear tests were conducted, has been designated a Special Exposure Cohort under EEOICPA.

(15) Some Nevada Test Site workers, despite having worked with significant amounts of radioactive materials and having known exposures leading to serious health effects, have been denied compensation under EEOICPA as a result of flawed calculations based on records that are incomplete, in error, or based on faulty assumptions and incorrect models.

SEC. 303. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM WORKERS IN SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT UNDER ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3621(14) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384(14)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D); and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

"(C) The employee was so employed at the Nevada Test Site or other similar sites located in Nevada during the period beginning on January 1, 1950, and ending on December 31, 1993, and, during such employment—

"(i) was present during an atmospheric or underground nuclear test or performed drillbacks, re-entry, or clean-up work following such a test (without regard to the duration of employment);

"(ii) was present during an episodic event involving radiation releases (without regard to the duration of employment); or

"(iii) was employed at the Nevada Test Site for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days and was employed in a job activity that—

"(I) was monitored through the use of dosimetry badges or bioassays for exposure to ionizing radiation; or

"(II) worked in a job activity that is or was, comparable to a job that is, was, or should have been monitored for exposure to ionizing radiation through the use of dosimetry badges or bioassay."

(b) DEADLINE FOR CLAIMS ADJUDICATION.—Claims for compensation under section 3621(14)(C) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, as added by subsection (a), shall be adjudicated and a final decision issued—

(1) in the case of claims pending as of the date of the enactment of this Act, not later than 30 days after such date; and

(2) in the case of claims filed after the date of the enactment of this Act, not later than 30 days after the date of such filing.

SA 4261. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

On page 29, strike lines 6 through 15 and insert the following:

SEC. 146. FUNDING FOR PROCUREMENT OF F-22A FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.

(a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF INCREMENTAL FUNDING.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall not use incremental funding for the procurement of F-22A fighter aircraft.

(b) MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—The Secretary of the Air Force may, in accordance with section 2306b of title 10, United States Code, enter into a multiyear contract beginning with the fiscal year 2007 program year for procurement of not more than 60 F-22A fighter aircraft.

SEC. 147. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT OF F-119 ENGINES FOR F-22A FIGHTER AIRCRAFT.

The Secretary of the Air Force may, in accordance with section 2306b of title 10, United States Code, enter into a multiyear contract beginning with the fiscal year 2007 program year for procurement of the following:

(1) Not more than 120 F-119 engines for F-22A fighter aircraft.

(2) Not more than 13 spare F-119 engines for F-22A fighter aircraft.

SA 4262. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

SEC. 587. IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(a) PRESEPARATION COUNSELING.—Section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "provide for individual preseparation counseling" and inserting "shall provide individual preseparation counseling";

(B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

"(4) For members of the reserve components who have been serving on active duty continuously for at least 180 days, the Secretary concerned shall require that preseparation counseling under this section be provided to all such members (including officers) before the members are separated.

"(5) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that commanders of members entitled to services under this section authorize the members to obtain such services during duty time."

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (4), by striking "(4) Information concerning" and inserting the following:

"(4) Provision of information on civilian occupations and related assistance programs, including information concerning—

"(A) certification and licensure requirements that are applicable to civilian occupations;

“(B) civilian occupations that correspond to military occupational specialties; and

“(C)”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(11) Information concerning the priority of service for veterans in the receipt of employment, training, and placement services provided under qualified job training programs of the Department of Labor.

“(12) Information concerning veterans small business ownership and entrepreneurship programs of the Small Business Administration and the National Veterans Business Development Corporation.

“(13) Information concerning employment and reemployment rights and obligations under chapter 43 of title 38.

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

“(15) Information concerning homelessness, including risk factors, awareness assessment, and contact information for pre-representative assistance associated with homelessness.

“(16) Contact information for housing counseling assistance.

“(17) 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.

“(18) If a member is eligible, based on a pre-separation physical examination, for compensation benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a referral for a medical examination by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (commonly known as a ‘compensation and pension examination’).”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—(1) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that—

“(A) pre-separation counseling under this section includes material that is specifically relevant to the needs of—

“(i) persons being separated from active duty by discharge from a regular component of the armed forces; and

“(ii) members of the reserve components being separated from active duty;

“(B) the locations at which pre-separation counseling is presented to eligible personnel include—

“(i) each military installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary;

“(ii) each armory and military family support center of the National Guard;

“(iii) inpatient medical care facilities of the uniformed services where such personnel are receiving inpatient care; and

“(iv) in the case of a member on the temporary disability retired list under section 1202 or 1205 of this title who is being retired under another provision of this title or is being discharged, a location reasonably convenient to the member;

“(C) the scope and content of the material presented in pre-separation counseling at each location under this section are consistent with the scope and content of the material presented in the pre-separation counseling at the other locations under this section; and

“(D) follow up counseling is provided for each member of the reserve components described in subparagraph (A) not later than 180 days after separation from active duty.

“(2) The Secretary concerned shall, on a continuing basis, update the content of the materials used by the National Veterans Training Institute and such officials’ other activities that provide direct training support to personnel who provide pre-separation counseling under this section.

“(e) NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS ON DUTY IN STATE STATUS.—(1) Members of the National

Guard, who are separated from long-term duty to which ordered under section 502(f) of title 32, shall be provided pre-separation counseling under this section to the same extent that members of the reserve components being discharged or released from active duty are provided pre-separation counseling under this section.

“(2) The pre-separation counseling provided personnel under paragraph (1) shall include material that is specifically relevant to the needs of such personnel as members of the National Guard.

“(3) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe, by regulation, the standards for determining long-term duty under paragraph (1).”; and

(4) by amending the heading to read as follows:

“§ 1142. Members separating from active duty: pre-separation counseling”.

(b) 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: pre-separation 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 (6)(A)”;

(2) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

“(c) PARTICIPATION.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall require participation by members of the armed forces eligible for assistance under the program carried out under this section.

“(2) The Secretary and the Secretary of Homeland Security need not require, but shall encourage and otherwise promote, participation in the program by the following members of the armed forces described in paragraph (1):

“(A) Each member who has previously participated in the program.

“(B) Each member who, upon discharge or release from active duty, is returning to—

“(i) a position of employment; or

“(ii) pursuit of an academic degree or other educational or occupational training objective that the member was pursuing when called or ordered to such active duty.

“(3) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that commanders of members entitled to services under this section authorize the members to obtain such services during duty time.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) UPDATED MATERIALS.—The Secretary concerned shall, on a continuing basis, 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. 588. SEPARATION COUNSELING BY VETERANS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NEARING SEPARATION AND VETERANS.

(a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 58 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1154. Veteran-to-veteran pre-separation counseling

“(a) COOPERATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall carry out a program to facilitate the access of representatives of military and veterans’ service organizations and representatives of veterans’ services agencies of States to provide pre-separation counseling

and services to members of the armed forces who are scheduled, or are in the process of being scheduled, for discharge, release from active duty, or retirement.

“(b) REQUIRED PROGRAM ELEMENT.—The program under this section shall provide for representatives of military and veterans’ service organizations and representatives of veterans’ services agencies of States to be invited to participate in the pre-separation counseling and other assistance briefings provided to members under the programs carried out under sections 1142 and 1144 of this title and the benefits delivery at discharge programs.

“(c) LOCATIONS.—The program under this section shall provide for access to members—

“(1) at each installation of the armed forces;

“(2) at each armory and military family support center of the National Guard;

“(3) at each inpatient medical care facility of the uniformed services administered under chapter 55 of this title; and

“(4) in the case of a member on the temporary disability retired list under section 1202 or 1205 of this title who is being retired under another provision of this title or is being discharged, at a location reasonably convenient to the member.

“(d) CONSENT OF MEMBERS REQUIRED.—Access to a member of the armed forces under the program under this section is subject to the consent of the member.

“(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘benefits delivery at discharge program’ means a program administered jointly by the Secretary and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide information and assistance on available benefits and other transition assistance to members of the armed forces who are separating from the armed forces, including assistance to obtain any disability benefits for which such members may be eligible.

“(2) The term ‘representative’, with respect to a veterans’ service organization, means a representative of an organization who is recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 58 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“1154. Veteran-to-veteran pre-separation counseling.”.

(b) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1709. Veteran-to-veteran counseling

“(a) COOPERATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall carry out a program to facilitate the access of representatives of military and veterans’ service organizations and representatives of veterans’ services agencies of States to veterans furnished care and services under this chapter to provide information and counseling to such veterans on—

“(1) the care and services authorized by this chapter; and

“(2) other benefits and services available under the laws administered by the Secretary.

“(b) FACILITIES COVERED.—The program under this section shall provide for access to veterans described in subsection (a) at each facility of the Department and any non-Department facility at which the Secretary furnishes care and services under this chapter.

“(c) CONSENT OF VETERANS REQUIRED.—Access to a veteran under the program under this section is subject to the consent of the veteran.

“(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘veterans’ service organization’ means an organization who is recognized by the Secretary for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of this title.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1708 the following new item:

“1709. Veteran-to-veteran counseling.”.

SA 4263. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

SEC. 587. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) REQUIRED PARTICIPATION FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS.—Subsection (c) of section 1144 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(c) PARTICIPATION.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall require participation by members of the armed forces eligible for assistance under the program carried out under this section.

“(2) The Secretary of Defense need not require, but shall encourage and otherwise promote, participation in the program by the following members described in paragraph (1):

“(A) A member who has previously participated in the program.

“(B) A member who, upon discharge or release from active duty, is returning to—

“(i) a position of employment; or

“(ii) pursuit of an academic degree or other educational or occupational training objective that the members was pursuing when called or ordered to such active duty.

“(3) Members of the armed forces eligible for assistance under this section include—

“(A) members of the reserve components being separated from service on active duty for a period of more than 30 days; and

“(B) members of the National Guard being separated from full-time National Guard duty.

“(4) The Secretary concerned shall ensure that commanders of members who are required to be provided assistance under this section authorize the members to be provided such assistance during duty time.”.

(b) REQUIRED UPDATING OF MATERIALS.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) UPDATING OF MATERIALS.—The Secretary concerned shall, on a continuing basis, update the content of the materials used by the National Veterans Training Institute of the Department of Labor and the Secretary’s other materials that provide direct training support to personnel who carry out the program established in this section.”.

SA 4264. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of title VI, add the following:

Subtitle F—Transition Assistance for Members of the National Guard and Reserve Returning From Deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom

SEC. 681. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Heroes at Home Act of 2006”.

SEC. 682. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH ON TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 723 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 (Public Law 109-163; 119 Stat. 3348) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) as subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection (d):

“(d) ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE OF MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND ENDURING FREEDOM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the activities required under subsection (c), the task force shall, not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of the Heroes at Home Act of 2006, submit to the Secretary a report containing an assessment of, and recommendations for improving, assistance to members of the National Guard and Reserve returning from deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, and their families, in transitioning to civilian employment upon their return from such deployment, including—

“(A) members who were self-employed before deployment and seek to return to such employment after deployment;

“(B) members who were students before deployment and seek to return to school or commence employment after deployment;

“(C) members who have experienced multiple recent deployments; and

“(D) members who have been wounded or injured during deployment.

“(2) WORKING GROUP.—In conducting the assessment and making the recommendations required by paragraph (1), the task force shall utilize the assistance of a working group that consists of individuals selected by the task force from among individuals as follows:

“(A) With the concurrence of the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, personnel of the Small Business Administration.

“(B) Representatives of employers who employ members of the National Guard and Reserve described in paragraph (1) on their return to civilian life as described in that paragraph.

“(C) Representatives of employee assistance organizations.

“(D) Representatives of associations of employers.

“(E) Representatives of organizations that assist wounded or injured members of the National Guard and Reserves in finding or sustaining employment.

“(F) Representatives of such other public or private organizations and entities as the co-chairs of the task force, in consultation with the members of the task force, consider appropriate.

“(3) REPORT ELEMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include recommendations on the following:

“(A) The provision of outreach and training to employers, employment assistance organizations, and associations of employers on the employment, readjustment, and mental health needs of members of the National Guard and Reserve described in paragraph (1) upon their return from deployment as described in that paragraph.

“(B) The provision of outreach and training to employers, employment assistance organizations, and associations of employers on the needs of family members of such members.

“(C) The improvement of collaboration between the public and private sectors in order to ensure the successful transition of such members into civilian employment upon their return from such deployment.

“(4) OTHER DUTIES.—In the period between the submittal of the report required by paragraph (1) and the termination of the task force under subsection (h), the task force (including the working group established under paragraph (2)) shall serve as an advisor to the Assistance Center for Employers and Employment Assistance Organizations established under section 683 of the Heroes at Home Act of 2006.

“(5) EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘employment assistance organization’ means an organization or entity, whether public or private, that provides assistance to individuals in finding or retaining employment, including organizations and entities under military career support programs.”.

(b) REPORT.—Subsection (f) of such section, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1) of this section, is further amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking “REPORT” and inserting “REPORTS”;

(2) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following new paragraph (1):

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The report submitted to the Secretary under each of subsections (c) and (d) shall include—

“(A) a description of the activities of the task force under such subsection;

“(B) the assessment and recommendations required by such subsection; and

“(C) such other matters relating to the activities of the task force under such subsection as the task force considers appropriate.”; and

(3) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “the report under paragraph (1)” and inserting “a report under paragraph (1)”; and

(B) by striking “the report as” and inserting “such report as”.

(c) PLAN MATTERS.—Subsection (g) of such section, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1) of this section, is further amended—

(1) by striking “the report from the task force under subsection (e)(1)” and inserting “a report from the task force under subsection (f)(1)”; and

(2) by inserting “contained in such report” after “the task force” the second place it appears.

(d) TERMINATION.—Subsection (h) of such section, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1) of this section, is further amended—

(1) by inserting “with respect to the assessment and recommendations required by subsection (d)” after “the task force”; and

(2) by striking “subsection (e)(2)” and inserting “subsection (f)(2)”.

SEC. 683. ASSISTANCE CENTER FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTER.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall establish an office to assist employers, employment assistance organizations, and associations of employers in facilitating the successful transition to civilian employment of members of the National Guard and Reserve returning from deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

(2) **DESIGNATION.**—The office established under this subsection shall be known as the “Assistance Center for Employers and Employment Assistance Organizations” (in this section referred to as the “Center”).

(3) **HEAD.**—The Secretary shall designate an individual to act as the head of the Center.

(4) **INTEGRATION.**—In establishing the Center, the Secretary shall ensure close communication between the Center and the military departments, including the commands of the reserve components of the Armed Forces.

(b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The Center shall have the following functions:

(1) To provide education and technical assistance to employers, employment assistance organizations, and associations of employers to assist them in facilitating the successful transition to civilian employment of members of the National Guard and Reserve described in subsection (a) on their return from deployment as described in that subsection.

(2) To provide education and technical assistance to employers, employment assistance organizations, and associations of employers to assist them in facilitating the successful adjustment of family members of the National Guard and Reserve to the deployment and return from deployment of members of the National Guard and Reserve as described in that subsection.

(c) **RESOURCES TO BE PROVIDED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In carrying out the functions specified in subsection (b), the Center shall provide employers, employment assistance organizations, and associations of employers resources, services, and assistance that include the following:

(A) Guidelines on best practices and effective strategies.

(B) Education on the physical and mental health difficulties that can and may be experienced by members of the National Guard and Reserve described in subsection (a) on their return from deployment as described in that subsection in transitioning to civilian employment, including difficulties arising from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI), including education on—

(i) the detection of warning signs of such difficulties;

(ii) the medical, mental health, and employment services available to such members, including materials on services offered by the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs (including through the vet center program under section 1712A of title 38, United States Code), the Department of Labor, military support programs, and community mental health clinics; and

(iii) the mechanisms for referring such members for services described in clause (ii) and for other medical and mental health screening and care when appropriate.

(C) Education on the range and types of potential physical and mental health effects of deployment and post-deployment adjustment on family members of members of the National Guard and Reserve described in subsection (a), including education on—

(i) the detection of warning signs on such effects on family members of members of the National Guard and Reserves;

(ii) the medical, mental health, and employment services available to such family members, including materials on such services as described in subparagraph (B)(ii); and

(iii) mechanisms for referring such family members for services described in clause (ii) and for medical and mental health screening and care when appropriate.

(D) Education on mechanisms, strategies, and resources for accommodating and employing wounded or injured members of the National Guard and Reserves in work settings.

(2) **PROVISION OF RESOURCES.**—The Center shall make resources, services, and assistance available under this subsection through such mechanisms as the head of the Center considers appropriate, including the Internet, video conferencing, telephone services, workshops, trainings, presentations, group forums, and other mechanisms.

(d) **PERSONNEL AND OTHER RESOURCES.**—The Secretary of Defense shall assign to the Center such personnel, funding, and other resources as are required to ensure the effective discharge by the Center of the functions under subsection (b).

(e) **REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES.**—

(1) **ANNUAL REPORT BY CENTER.**—Not later than one year after the establishment of the Center, and annually thereafter, the head of the Center, in consultation with the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health (while in effect), shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a written report on the progress and outcomes of the Center during the one-year period ending on the date of such report.

(2) **TRANSMITTAL TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 60 days after receipt of a report under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall transmit such report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, together with—

(A) such comments on such report, and such assessment of the effectiveness of the Center, as the Secretary considers appropriate; and

(B) such recommendations on means of improving the effectiveness of the Center as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) **AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.**—The Secretary shall take appropriate actions to make each report under paragraph (2) available to the public, including through the Internet website of the Center.

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION.**—The term “employment assistance organization” means an organization or entity, whether public or private, that provides assistance to individuals in finding or retaining employment, including organizations and entities under military career support programs.

(2) **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH.**—The term “Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health” means the Department of Defense Task Force on Mental Health established under section 723 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, as amended by section 682 of this Act.

(g) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense to carry out this section amounts as follows:

(1) For fiscal year 2007, \$5,000,000.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2008 through 2011, such sums as may be necessary.

SEC. 684. GRANTS ON ASSISTANCE IN COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS FOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE AND THEIR FAMILIES AFTER DEPLOYMENT IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense may award grants to eligible entities to carry out demonstration projects to assess the feasibility and advisability of utilizing community-based settings for the provision of assistance to members of the National Guard and Reserve who serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, and their families, after the return of such members from deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, as the case may be, including—

(1) services to improve the reuniting of such members of the National Guard and Reserve and their families;

(2) education to increase awareness of the physical and mental health difficulties that members of the National Guard and Reserve can and may experience on their return from such deployment, including education on—

(A) Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI); and

(B) mechanisms for the referral of such members of the National Guard and Reserve for medical and mental health screening and care when necessary; and

(3) education to increase awareness of the physical and mental health difficulties that family members of such members of the National Guard and Reserve can and may experience on the return of such members from such deployment, including education on—

(A) depression, anxiety, and relationship problems; and

(B) mechanisms for medical and mental health screening and care when appropriate.

(b) **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.**—An entity eligible for the award of a grant under this section is any public or private non-profit organization, such as a community mental health clinic, family support organization, military support organization, law enforcement agency, community college, or public school.

(c) **APPLICATION.**—An eligible entity seeking a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary of Defense an application therefor in such manner, and containing such information, as the Secretary may require for purposes of this section, including a description of how such entity will work with the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, State health agencies, other appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies, family support organizations, and other community organization in undertaking activities described in subsection (a).

(d) **ANNUAL REPORTS BY GRANT RECIPIENTS.**—An entity awarded a grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis a report on the activities undertaken by such entity during the preceding year utilizing amounts under the grant. Each report shall include such information as the Secretary shall specify for purposes of this subsection.

(e) **ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on activities undertaken under the grants awarded under this section. The report shall include recommendations for legislative, programmatic, or administrative action to improve or enhance activities under the grants awarded under this section.

(2) **AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.**—The Secretary shall take appropriate actions to make each report under this subsection available to the public.

SEC. 685. LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY INCURRED BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

(a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, provide for a longitudinal study on the effects of traumatic brain injury incurred by members of the Armed Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. The duration of the longitudinal study shall be 15 years.

(b) **SELECTION OF ENTITY FOR CONDUCT OF STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, select an entity to conduct the study required by subsection (a) from among private organizations or entities qualified to conduct the study.

(c) **ELEMENTS.**—The study required by subsection (a) shall address the following:

(1) The long-term effects of traumatic brain injury on the overall readiness of the Armed Forces.

(2) Mechanisms for improving body armor and helmets in order to protect members of the Armed Forces from sustaining traumatic brain injuries.

(3) The long-term physical and mental health consequences of traumatic brain injuries incurred by members of the Armed Forces during service in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

(4) The health care, mental health care, and rehabilitation needs of such members for such injuries after the completion of inpatient treatment through the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, or both.

(5) The type and availability of long-term care rehabilitation programs and services within and outside the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs for such members for such injuries, including community-based programs and services and in-home programs and services.

(d) **REPORTS.**—

(1) **PERIODIC AND FINAL REPORTS.**—After the third, seventh, eleventh, and fifteenth years of the study required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, submit to the appropriate elements of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to Congress, a comprehensive report on the results of the study during the preceding years. Each report shall include the following:

(A) Current information on the cumulative outcomes of the study.

(B) In the case of a report to elements of the Department of Defense—

(i) such recommendations as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate for programmatic and administrative action to improve body armor and helmets to protect members of the Armed Forces from sustaining traumatic brain injuries; and

(ii) such other recommendations as the Secretary considers appropriate based on the outcomes of the study.

(C) In the case of a report to elements of the Department of Veterans Affairs—

(i) such recommendations as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers appropriate for programmatic and administrative action to improve long-term care and rehabilitative programs and services for members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury; and

(ii) such other recommendations as the Secretary considers appropriate based on the outcomes of the study.

(D) In the case of a report to Congress—

(i) such recommendations as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate for legislative action to improve body armor and hel-

metts to protect members of the Armed Forces from sustaining traumatic brain injuries;

(ii) such recommendations as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers appropriate for legislative action to improve long-term care and rehabilitative programs and services for members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury; and

(iii) such other recommendations as the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs jointly consider appropriate based on the outcomes of the study.

(2) **AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.**—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly take appropriate actions to make each report under this subsection available to the public.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense to carry out this section amounts as follows:

(1) For fiscal year 2007, \$5,000,000.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013, such sums as may be necessary.

SEC. 686. TRAINING CURRICULA FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS ON CARE AND ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY INCURRED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

(a) **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FAMILY CAREGIVER PANEL.**—

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, establish within the Department of Defense a panel to develop coordinated, uniform, and consistent training curricula to be used in training family members in the provision of care and assistance to members and former members of the Armed Forces for traumatic brain injuries incurred during service in the Armed Forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

(2) **DESIGNATION OF PANEL.**—The panel established under paragraph (1) shall be known as the “Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel”.

(3) **MEMBERS.**—The Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel established under paragraph (1) shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, equally represented from among—

(A) physicians, nurses, rehabilitation therapists, and other individuals with an expertise in caring for and assisting individuals with traumatic brain injury, including those who specialize in caring for and assisting individuals with traumatic brain injury incurred in war;

(B) representatives of family caregivers or family caregiver associations;

(C) Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs health and medical personnel with expertise in traumatic brain injury, and Department of Defense personnel and readiness representatives with expertise in traumatic brain injury;

(D) representatives of military service organizations who specialize in matters relating to disabled veterans;

(E) representatives of veterans service organizations who specialize in matters relating to disabled veterans;

(F) psychologists or other individuals with expertise in the mental health treatment and care of individuals with traumatic brain injury;

(G) experts in the development of training curricula;

(H) researchers and academicians who study traumatic brain injury; and

(I) any other individuals the Secretary considers appropriate.

(4) **MEETINGS.**—The Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel shall meet not less than monthly.

(b) **DEVELOPMENT OF CURRICULA.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel shall develop training curricula to be utilized during the provision of training to family members of members and former members of the Armed Forces described in subsection (a) on techniques, strategies, and skills for care and assistance for such members and former members with the traumatic brain injuries described in that subsection.

(2) **SCOPE OF CURRICULA.**—The curricula shall—

(A) be based on empirical research and validated techniques; and

(B) shall provide for training that permits recipients to tailor caregiving to the unique circumstances of the member or former member of the Armed Forces receiving care.

(3) **PARTICULAR REQUIREMENTS.**—In developing the curricula, the Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel shall—

(A) specify appropriate training commensurate with the severity of traumatic brain injury; and

(B) identify appropriate care and assistance to be provided for the degree of severity of traumatic brain injury for caregivers of various levels of skill and capability.

(4) **USE OF EXISTING MATERIALS.**—In developing the curricula, the Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel shall utilize and enhance any existing training curricular, materials, and resources applicable to such curricula as the Panel considers appropriate.

(5) **CONSULTATION.**—In developing the curricula, the Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel shall consult with the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee, as appropriate.

(6) **DEADLINE FOR DEVELOPMENT.**—The Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel shall develop the curricula not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **DISSEMINATION OF CURRICULA.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Panel, develop mechanisms for the dissemination of the curricula developed under subsection (b) to health care professionals referred to in paragraph (2) who treat or otherwise work with members and former members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury incurred in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom. In developing such mechanisms, the Secretary may utilize and enhance existing mechanisms, including the Military Severely Injured Center.

(2) **HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.**—The health care professionals referred to in this paragraph are the following:

(A) Personnel at military medical treatment facilities.

(B) Personnel at the polytrauma centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(C) Personnel and care managers at the Military Severely Injured Center.

(D) Such other health care professionals of the Department of Defense as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(E) Such other health care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs as the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, considers appropriate.

(3) **SCOPE.**—The mechanisms developed under paragraph (1) shall include the provision of refresher training in the curricula developed under subsection (a) for the health care professional referred to in paragraph (2) not less often than once every six months.

(4) PROVISION OF TRAINING TO FAMILY CAREGIVERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Health care professionals referred to in paragraph (2) who are trained in the curricula developed under subsection (b) shall provide training to family members of members and former members of the Armed Forces who incur traumatic brain injuries during service in the Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom in the care and assistance to be provided for such injuries.

(B) TIMING OF TRAINING.—Training under this paragraph shall, to the extent practicable, be provided to family members while the member or former member concerned is undergoing treatment at a facility of the Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs, as applicable, in order to ensure that such family members receive practice on the provision of such care and assistance under the guidance of qualified health professionals.

(C) PARTICULARIZED TRAINING.—Training provided under this paragraph to family members of a particular member or former member shall be tailored to the particular care needs of such member or former member and the particular caregiving needs of such family members.

(5) QUALITY ASSURANCE.—The Secretary shall develop mechanisms to ensure quality in the provision of training under this section to health care professionals referred to in paragraph (2) and in the provision of such training under paragraph (4) by such health care professionals.

(6) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the development of the curricula required by subsection (b), and annually thereafter, the Traumatic Brain Injury Family Caregiver Training Panel shall submit to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and to Congress, a report on the following:

(A) The actions undertaken under this subsection.

(B) The results of the tracking of outcomes based on training developed and provided under this section.

(C) Recommendations for the improvement of training developed and provided under this section.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense to carry out this section amounts as follows:

(1) For fiscal year 2007, \$5,000,000.

(2) For each of fiscal years 2008 through 2011, such sums as may be necessary.

SA 4265. Mr. NELSON (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. MIKULSKI) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1209. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE GRANTING OF AMNESTY TO PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE KILLED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN IRAQ.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Armed Forces of the United States and coalition military forces are serving heroically in Iraq to provide all the people of Iraq a better future.

(2) The Armed Forces of the United States and coalition military forces have served

bravely in Iraq since the beginning of military operations in March of 2003.

(3) More than 2,500 members of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of coalition military forces have been killed and more than 18,000 injured in operations to bring peace and stability to all the people of Iraq.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Government of Iraq should not grant amnesty to persons known to have attacked, killed, or wounded members of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(2) the President should immediately notify the Government of Iraq that the Government of the United States strongly opposes granting amnesty to persons who have attacked members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

SA 4266. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

On page 421, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. 1066. REPORTS ON DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EFFORTS TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE CASES OF CONTRACTING ABUSE IN IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, AND THROUGHOUT THE WAR ON TERROR.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Waste, fraud, and abuse in contracting are harmful to United States efforts to successfully win the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and succeed in the war on terror. The act of stealing from our soldiers who are daily in harm's way is clearly criminal and must be actively prosecuted.

(2) There are reports that the Department of Defense has lost accountability of significant funding due to theft by corrupt contractors. These taxpayer funds should be recovered and spent on the services and equipment that our troops need to accomplish their mission abroad.

(3) It is a vital interest of United States taxpayers to be protected from theft of their tax dollars by corrupt contractors.

(4) Whistleblower lawsuits are an important tool for exposing waste, fraud, and abuse and can identify serious graft and corruption. Whistleblowers have brought many cases of contractor corruption to light, and must be commended as true patriots and champions of honesty and integrity.

(5) Based on published reports about whistleblower lawsuits initiated under sections 3729 and 3730(b) of title 31, United States Code (commonly known as the "False Claims Act"), to address contractor corruption in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror, it is unclear if the Department of Justice has brought a sufficient number of these cases to resolution. It is also unclear whether a chain of command and an accountable management structure exists for handling such whistleblower lawsuits, which aim to root out contractor corruption in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror.

(6) This issue is of paramount importance to the United States taxpayer, and the Con-

gress has not received enough information about the contractor waste, fraud, and abuse taking place in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror and about the efforts of the Department of Justice to combat these crimes. Sharing of this information will show how seriously the Federal Government, as a whole, takes the issue of contractor theft of United States taxpayer dollars.

(b) REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the congressional defense committees a report on efforts to investigate and prosecute cases of waste, fraud, and abuse under sections 3729 and 3730(b) of title 31, United States Code, or any other related law that are related to Federal contracting in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror.

(2) CONTENT.—Each report submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) Information on all of the organized efforts of the Department of Justice that have been created to ensure that the Department of Justice is investigating, in a timely and appropriate manner, all claims of contractor waste, fraud, and abuse related to the activities of the United States Government in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror.

(B) Specific information on the cases and investigations of contractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror that have been undertaken by United States Attorneys and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, including the names and locations of these offices, as well as the personnel and financial resources committed to the task and a description of the type, nature, and substance of the allegations made and the amount of funds in controversy for each case and investigation, to the greatest extent possible under the law. Information that would otherwise be prohibited from disclosure by Rule 6(e) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure or by a seal order pursuant to section 3730(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall be submitted in a confidential memorandum to the committees specified in paragraph (1) and shall not be deemed to be a violation of either Rule 6(e) or such seal order. If there is a showing of extraordinary circumstances that disclosure of particular information would pose an imminent threat of harm to a relator and be detrimental to the public interest, then this information should be redacted in accordance with standard practices.

(C) Information on the specific number of personnel, financial resources, and workdays devoted to addressing this waste, fraud, and abuse, including a complete listing of all of the offices across the United States and throughout the world that are working on these cases and an explanation of the types of additional resources, both in terms of personnel and finances, that the Department of Justice needs to ensure that all of these cases proceed on a timely basis.

(D) A detailed description of any internal Department of Justice task force that exists to work specifically on these cases of contractor fraud and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror, including a description of its action plan, the frequency of its meetings, the level and quantity of staff dedicated to it, its measures for

success, the nature and substance of the allegations, and the amount of funds in controversy for each case. If there is a showing of extraordinary circumstances that disclosure of particular information would pose an imminent threat of harm to a relator and be detrimental to the public interest, then this information should be redacted in accordance with standard practices.

(E) A detailed description of any inter-agency task force that exists to work specifically on these cases of contractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror, including its action plan, the frequency of its meetings, the level and quantity of staff dedicated to it, its measures for success, the type, nature, and substance of the allegations, and the amount of funds in controversy for each case. If there is a showing of extraordinary circumstances that disclosure of particular information would pose an imminent threat of harm to a relator and be detrimental to the public interest, then this information should be redacted in accordance with standard practices.

(F) The names of the senior officials directly responsible for oversight of the efforts to address these cases of contractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror.

(G) Specific information on the number of investigators and other personnel that have been provided to the Department of Justice by other Federal departments and agencies in support of the efforts of the Department of Justice to combat contractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror, including data on the quantity of time that these investigators have spent working within the Department of Justice structures dedicated to this effort.

(H) Specific information on the full number of investigations, including grand jury investigations currently underway, that are addressing these cases of contractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror.

(I) Specific information on the number and status of the criminal cases that have been launched to address contractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror.

(J) Specific information on the number of civil cases that have been filed to address contractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror, including specific information on the quantity of cases initiated by private parties, as well as the quantity of cases that have been referred to the Department of Justice by the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and other relevant Federal departments and agencies.

(K) Specific information on the resolved civil and criminal cases that have been filed to address contractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror, including the specific results of these cases, the types of waste, fraud, and abuse that took place, the amount of funds that were returned to the United States Government as a result of resolution of these cases, and a full description of the type and substance of the waste, fraud, and abuse that took place, including its direct and indirect impacts on United States troops, officers, and other individuals working for the United States Government in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror. If there is a showing of extraordinary circumstances that disclosure of particular information would pose an imminent threat of harm to a relator and be detrimental to the public interest, then this information should be redacted in accordance with standard practices.

(L) The best estimate by the Department of Justice of the scale of the problem of con-

tractor waste, fraud, and abuse in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the war on terror.

SA 4267. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1223. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) On October 13, 1999, the Senate voted not to give its advice and consent to the ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.

(2) Immediately following such vote, then-Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright sent a letter to, among others, the governments of the countries in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and of Russia, China, India, Japan, and Australia assuring them that “the United States will continue to act in accordance with its obligations as a signatory under international law, and will seek reconsideration of the Treaty at a later date when conditions are better suited for ratification” (in this section referred to as the “assurances letter”).

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General, submit to Congress a report on the status of United States obligations under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.

(2) CONTENT.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall specifically address each of the following issues:

(A) Whether the assurances regarding United States obligations under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty that were provided in the assurances letter are consistent with the current policy of the United States.

(B) If the assurances are not consistent with United States policy, a description of the steps taken by the President to communicate to the foreign governments that received the assurances letter that such assurances are no longer operative.

(C) If the assurances are not consistent with United States policy, whether the President has provided to the foreign governments that received the assurances letter written notice that the letter is no longer operative.

(D) Whether the President agrees with the statement by then-Secretary of State Albright in the assurances letter that the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty imposes on the United States continuing “obligations as a signatory under international law,” irrespective of the October 13, 1999, vote by the Senate not to give its advice and consent to the ratification of the Treaty.

(E) If the President believes that the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty does not impose on the United States continuing obligations as a signatory under international law—

(i) whether the President believes that the assertion in the assurances letter that such obligations existed was erroneous; and

(ii) if not, a description of the steps taken by the President to terminate the obligations that existed at the time of the assurances letter.

(F) If the President believes that the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty does impose on the United States continuing obligations as a signatory under international law, a description of the nature and extent of such obligations.

(G) Whether, as a matter of international law, the United States is, as of the time of the report, a signatory to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.

(H) Whether the official list of signatories to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty maintained by the depositary of the Treaty accurately reflects whether the United States is still a signatory to the Treaty.

(I) Whether the President has a constitutional duty to ensure that United States international legal obligations conform with domestic legislation subsequently enacted that is inconsistent with such obligations, and whether any such duty extends to reconciling or changing internationally-maintained records that purport to reflect the official status of the United States as a signatory to a treaty the ratification of which has been rejected by the Senate and is no longer supported by the President.

SA 4268. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PROHIBITION OF FUNDING FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT COMMISSION.

None of the funds authorized or otherwise made available by this Act or by any other Act may be obligated or expended in connection with United States participation in, or support for, the activities of the United Nations Disarmament Commission as long as Iran serves as a vice-chair of the Commission.

SA 4269. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4265 proposed by Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. MIKULSKI) to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following:

SEC. . UNITED STATES POLICY ON IRAQ.

(a) WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS FROM IRAQ.—

(1) SCHEDULE FOR WITHDRAWAL.—The President shall reach an agreement as soon as possible with the Government of Iraq on a schedule for the withdrawal of United States combat troops from Iraq by December 31, 2006, leaving only forces that are critical to completing the mission of standing up Iraqi security forces.

(2) CONSULTATION WITH CONGRESS REQUIRED.—The President shall consult with Congress regarding such schedule and shall present such withdrawal agreement to Congress immediately upon the completion of the agreement.

(3) MAINTENANCE OF OVER-THE-HORIZON TROOP PRESENCE.—The President should maintain an over-the-horizon troop presence to prosecute the war on terror and protect regional security interests.

(b) IRAQ SUMMIT.—The President should convene a summit as soon as possible that includes the leaders of the Government of Iraq, leaders of the governments of each country bordering Iraq, representatives of the Arab League, the Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, representatives of the European Union, and leaders of the governments of each permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, for the purpose of reaching a comprehensive political agreement for Iraq that addresses fundamental issues including federalism, oil revenues, the militias, security guarantees, reconstruction, economic assistance, and border security.

SA 4270. Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mrs. DOLE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

On page 187, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

(c) USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING TECHNOLOGY.—

(1) CONTINUATION OF INTERIM VOTING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM.—The Secretary of Defense shall continue the Interim Voting Assistance System (IVAS) ballot request program with respect to all absent uniformed services voters (as defined under section 107(1) of the Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6(1))), overseas employees of the Department of Defense, and the dependents of such voters and employees, for elections on or after November 1, 2006.

(2) REPORTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office for November 2006, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth—

(i) an assessment of the success of the implementation of the Interim Voting Assistance System ballot request program carried out under paragraph (1); and

(ii) recommendations for improvements to the program.

(B) FUTURE ELECTIONS.—Not later than January 15, 2007, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report detailing plans for expanding the use of electronic voting technology for individuals covered under the Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff et seq.) for elections on or after for November 1, 2010.

SA 4271. Mr. BOND (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of title IX, add the following:

Subtitle D—National Guard Bureau Matters

SEC. 931. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the “National Defense Enhancement and National Guard Empowerment Act of 2006”.

SEC. 9322. EXPANDED AUTHORITY OF CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU AND EXPANDED FUNCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.

(a) EXPANDED AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 10501 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “joint bureau of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force” and inserting “joint activity of the Department of Defense”.

(2) PURPOSE.—Subsection (b) of such section is amended by striking “between” and all that follows and inserting “between—

“(1)(A) the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the commanders of the combatant commands for the United States, and (B) the Department of the Army and the Department of the Air Force; and

“(2) the several States.”.

(b) ENHANCEMENTS OF POSITION OF CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.—

(1) ADVISORY FUNCTION ON NATIONAL GUARD MATTERS.—Subsection (c) of section 10502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “to the Secretary of Defense, to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” after “principal advisor”.

(2) GRADE.—Subsection (e) of such section, as redesignated by paragraph (2)(A)(i) of this subsection, is further amended by striking “lieutenant general” and inserting “general”.

(3) ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS ON VALIDATED REQUIREMENTS.—Section 10504 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) ANNUAL REPORT ON VALIDATED REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than December 31 each year, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall submit to Congress a report on the requirements validated under section 10503a(b)(1) of this title during the preceding fiscal year.”.

(c) ENHANCEMENT OF FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.—

(1) DEVELOPMENT OF CHARTER.—Section 10503 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “The Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force shall jointly develop” and inserting “The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force, shall develop”; and

(B) in paragraph (12), by striking “the Secretaries” and inserting “the Secretary of Defense”.

(2) ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—Such section is further amended—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (12), as amended by paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection, as paragraph (13); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (11) the following new paragraph (12):

“(12) Facilitating and coordinating with other Federal agencies, and with the several States, the use of National Guard personnel and resources for and in contingency operations, military operations other than war, natural disasters, support of civil authorities, and other circumstances.”.

(3) MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR CIVIL AUTHORITIES.—Chapter 1011 of such title is fur-

ther amended by inserting after section 10503 the following new section:

“§ 10503a. Functions of National Guard Bureau: military assistance to civil authorities

“(a) IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.—The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall—

“(1) identify gaps between Federal and State capabilities to prepare for and respond to emergencies; and

“(2) make recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on programs and activities of the National Guard for military assistance to civil authorities to address such gaps.

“(b) SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—In meeting the requirements of subsection (a), the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall, in coordination with the Adjutant Generals of the States, have responsibilities as follows:

“(1) To validate the requirements of the several States and Territories with respect to military assistance to civil authorities.

“(2) To develop doctrine and training requirements relating to the provision of military assistance to civil authorities.

“(3) To administer amounts provided the National Guard for the provision of military assistance to civil authorities.

“(4) To carry out any other responsibility relating to the provision of military assistance to civil authorities as the Secretary of Defense shall specify.

“(c) ASSISTANCE.—The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall assist the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in carrying out activities under this section.

“(d) CONSULTATION.—The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall carry out activities under this section in consultation with the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force.”.

(4) LIMITATION ON INCREASE IN PERSONNEL OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.—The Secretary of Defense shall, to the extent practicable, ensure that no additional personnel are assigned to the National Guard Bureau in order to address administrative or other requirements arising out of the amendments made by this subsection.

(d) CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of section 10503 of such title is amended to read as follows:

“§ 10503. Functions of National Guard Bureau: charter”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 1011 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 10503 and inserting the following new items:

“10503. Functions of National Guard Bureau: charter.

“10503a. Functions of National Guard Bureau: military assistance to civil authorities.”.

SEC. 933. REQUIREMENT THAT POSITION OF DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND BE FILLED BY A QUALIFIED NATIONAL GUARD OFFICER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The position of Deputy Commander of the United States Northern Command shall be filled by a qualified officer of the National Guard who is eligible for promotion to the grade of lieutenant general.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the requirement in subsection (a) is to ensure that information received from the National Guard Bureau regarding the operation of the National Guard of the several States is integrated into the plans and operations of the United States Northern Command.

SA 4272. Mr. MCCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year

2007 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; as follows:

SEC. ____ SENSE OF THE CONGRESS COMMENDING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ FOR AFFIRMING ITS POSITION OF NO AMNESTY FOR TERRORISTS WHO ATTACK U.S. ARMED FORCES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Armed Forces of the United States and coalition military forces are serving heroically in Iraq to provide all the people of Iraq a better future.

(2) The Armed Forces of the United States and coalition military forces have served bravely in Iraq since the beginning of military operations in March 2003.

(3) More than 2,500 of the Armed Forces of the United States and members of coalition military forces have been killed and more than 18,000 injured in operations to bring peace and stability to all the people of Iraq.

(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the new Government of Iraq is commended for its statement by the National Security Adviser of Iraq on June 15, 2006 that—

(1) thanked “the American wives and American women and American mothers for the treasure and the blood they have invested in this country . . . of liberating 30 million people in this country. . . . And we are ever so grateful.” and

(2) that affirmed their position that they “will never give amnesty to those who have killed American soldiers or killed Iraqi soldiers or civilians.”

SA 4273. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle F of title III, add the following:

SEC. 375. ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN WEAPONS PLATFORMS.

(a) **POLICY.**—It shall be the policy of the Department of Defense to improve the fuel efficiency of weapons platforms, consistent with mission requirements, in order to—

- (1) enhance platform performance;
- (2) reduce the size of the fuel logistics systems;
- (3) reduce the burden high fuel consumption places on agility;
- (4) reduce operating costs; and
- (5) dampen the financial impact of volatile oil prices.

(b) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the progress of the Department of Defense in implementing the policy established by subsection (a).

(2) **ELEMENTS.**—The report shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the feasibility of designating a senior Department of Defense official to be responsible for implementing the policy established by subsection (a).

(B) A summary of the recommendations made as of the time of the report by—

(i) the Energy Security Integrated Product Team established by the Secretary of Defense in April 2006;

(ii) the Defense Science Board Task Force on Department of Defense Energy Strategy established by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics on May 2, 2006; and

(iii) the January 2001 Defense Science Board Task Force report on Improving Fuel Efficiency of Weapons Platforms.

(C) For each recommendation summarized under subparagraph (B)—

(i) the steps that the Department has taken to implement such recommendation;

(ii) any additional steps the Department plans to take to implement such recommendation; and

(iii) for any recommendation that the Department does not plan to implement, the reasons for the decision not to implement such recommendation.

(D) An assessment of the extent to which the research, development, acquisition, and logistics guidance and directives of the Department for weapons platforms are appropriately designed to address the policy established by subsection (a).

(E) An assessment of the extent to which such guidance and directives are being carried out in the research, development, acquisition, and logistics programs of the Department.

(F) A description of any additional actions that, in the view of the Secretary, may be needed to implement the policy established by subsection (a).

SA 4274. Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HATCH, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. THOMAS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following:

SEC. 147. MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) In the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference on H.R. 1815, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, the conferees state that the policy of the United States “is to deploy a force of 500 ICBMs”. The conferees further note “that unanticipated strategic developments may compel the United States to make changes to this force structure in the future.”

(2) The Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) conducted under section 118 of title 10, United States Code, in 2005 finds that maintaining a robust nuclear deterrent “remains a keystone of United States national power”. However, notwithstanding that finding and without providing any specific justification for the recommendation, the Quadrennial Defense Review recommends reducing the number of deployed Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) from 500 to 450 beginning in fiscal year 2007. The Quadrennial Defense Review also fails to identify what unanticipated strategic developments compelled the United States to re-

duce the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile force structure.

(3) The commander of the Strategic Command, General James Cartwright, testified before the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate that the reduction in deployment of Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles is required so that the 50 missiles withdrawn from the deployed force could be used for test assets and spares to extend the life of the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile well into the future. If spares are not modernized, the Air Force may not have sufficient replacement missiles to sustain the force size.

(b) **MODERNIZATION OF INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES REQUIRED.**—The Air Force shall modernize Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles in the United States inventory such that a sufficient supply of launch test assets and spares is retained to sustain the deployed force of such missiles through 2030.

(c) **LIMITATION ON TERMINATION OF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM PENDING REPORT.**—No funds authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for the termination of any Minuteman III ICBM modernization program, or for the withdrawal of any Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile from the active force, until 30 days after the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth the following:

(1) A detailed strategic justification for the proposal to reduce the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile force from 500 to 450 missiles, including an analysis of the effects of the reduction on the ability of the United States to assure allies and dissuade potential competitors.

(2) A detailed analysis of the strategic ramifications of continuing to equip a portion of the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile force with multiple independent warheads rather than single warheads as recommended by past reviews of the United States nuclear posture.

(3) An assessment of the test assets and spares required to maintain a force of 500 deployed Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles through 2030.

(4) An assessment of the test assets and spares required to maintain a force of 450 deployed Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles through 2030.

(5) An inventory of currently available Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile test assets and spares.

(6) A plan to sustain and complete the modernization of all deployed and spare Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, a test plan, and an analysis of the funding required to carry out modernization of all deployed and spare Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

(7) An assessment of whether halting upgrades to the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles withdrawn from the deployed force would compromise the ability of those missiles to serve as test assets.

(8) A description of the plan of the Department of Defense for extending the life of the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile force beyond fiscal year 2030.

(d) **ICBM MODERNIZATION PROGRAM DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “ICBM Modernization program” means each of the following for the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile:

(1) The Guidance Replacement Program (GRP).

(2) The Propulsion Replacement Program (PRP).

(3) The Propulsion System Rocket Engine (PSRE) program.

(4) The Safety Enhanced Reentry Vehicle (SERV) program.

SA 4275. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

SEC. 215. ADVANCED ALUMINUM AEROSTRUCTURES INITIATIVE.

(a) **ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(3) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Air Force is hereby increased by \$2,000,000.

(b) **AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNT.**—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(3) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Air Force, as increased by subsection (a), \$2,000,000 may be available for Aerospace Technology Development and Demonstration (PE #603211F) for the Advanced Aluminum Aerostructures Initiative (A3I).

(c) **OFFSET.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(4) for operation and maintenance for the Air Force is hereby decreased by \$2,000,000.

SA 4276. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

SEC. 215. LEGGED MOBILITY ROBOTIC RESEARCH.

(a) **ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(1) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army is hereby increased by \$1,000,000.

(b) **AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNT.**—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(1) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army, as increased by subsection (a), \$1,000,000 may be available for Combat Vehicle and Automotive Technology (PE #602601A) for legged mobility robotic research for military applications.

(c) **OFFSET.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(1) for operation and maintenance for the Army is hereby decreased by \$1,000,000.

SA 4277. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

SEC. 215. ARDEC COMMERCIAL PARTNERSHIP, PROJECT NUMBER 859.

(a) **ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(1) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army is hereby increased by \$1,000,000.

(b) **AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNT.**—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 201(1) for research, development, test, and evaluation for the Army, as increased by subsection (a), \$1,000,000 may be available for Munitions Standardization, Effectiveness, and Safety (PE #605805A) for ARDEC Commercial Partnership, Project No. 859.

(c) **OFFSET.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(1) for operation and maintenance for the Army is hereby decreased by \$1,000,000.

SA 4278. Mr. WARNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1008. INCORPORATION OF CLASSIFIED ANNEX.

(a) **STATUS OF CLASSIFIED ANNEX.**—The Classified Annex prepared by the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate to accompany S. 2766 of the 109th Congress and transmitted to the President is hereby incorporated into this Act.

(b) **CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER PROVISIONS OF ACT.**—The amounts specified in the Classified Annex are not in addition to amounts authorized to be appropriated by other provisions of this Act.

(c) **LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.**—Funds appropriated pursuant to an authorization contained in this Act that are made available for a program, project, or activity referred to in the Classified Annex may only be expended for such program, project, or activity in accordance with such terms, conditions, limitations, restrictions, and requirements as are set out for such program, project, or activity in the Classified Annex.

(d) **DISTRIBUTION OF CLASSIFIED ANNEX.**—The President shall provide for appropriate distribution of the Classified Annex, or of appropriate portions of the annex, within the executive branch of the Government.

SA 4279. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. SALAZAR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

On page 93, strike lines 23 through 25 and insert the following:

(c) **ADDITIONAL LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.**—(1) **PAYMENT CONDITIONAL ON PERFORMANCE.**—No payment may be made under an

incentives clause under this section unless the Secretary determines that the contractor concerned has satisfactorily performed its duties under such incentives clause.

(2) **PAYMENT CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATIONS.**—An incentives clause under this section shall specify that the obligation of the Government to make payment under such incentives clause is subject to the availability of appropriations for that purpose. Amounts appropriated for Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction, Defense, shall be available for payments under incentives clauses under this section.

SA 4280. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1223. REPEAL OF CERTAIN REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) **REPORTS ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMON DEFENSE.**—Section 1003 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (22 U.S.C. 1928 note) is amended by striking subsections (c) and (d).

(b) **COST-SHARING REPORT.**—Section 1313 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 (Public Law 103-337; 108 Stat. 2894; 22 U.S.C. 1928 note) is amended—

- (1) by striking subsection (c); and
- (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c).

SA 4281. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

On page 296, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

“(c) **INCREMENTS.**—In the event any increment of a major automated information system program separately meets the requirements for treatment as a major automated information system program, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to such increment as well as to the overall major automated information system program of which such increment is a part.

On page 297, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

“(c) **BASELINE.**—(1) For purposes of this chapter, the initial submittal to Congress of the documents required by subsection (a) with respect to a major automated information system program shall constitute the original estimate or information originally submitted on such program for purposes of the reports and determinations on program changes in section 2445c of this title.

“(2) An adjustment or revision of the original estimate or information originally submitted on a program may be treated as the original estimate or information originally submitted on the program if the adjustment or revision is the result of a critical change in the program covered by section 2445c(d) of this title.

“(3) In the event of an adjustment or revision to the original estimate or information originally submitted on a program under paragraph (2), the Secretary of Defense shall include in the next budget justification documents submitted under subsection (a) after such adjustment or revision a notification to the congressional defense committees of such adjustment or revision, together with the reasons for such adjustment or revision.

On page 302, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

“(g) PROHIBITION ON OBLIGATION OF FUNDS.—(1) If the determination of a critical change to a program is made by the senior Department official responsible for the program under subsection (d)(2) and a report is not submitted to Congress within the 60-day period provided by subsection (d)(1), appropriated funds may not be obligated for any major contract under the program.

“(2) The prohibition on the obligation of funds for a program under paragraph (1) shall cease to apply on the date on which Congress has received a report in compliance with the requirements of subsection (d)(2).

SA 4282. Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CRAIG and Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1066. REPORT ON INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE CERTAIN MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TO SERVE IN THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report assessing the desirability and feasibility of offering incentives to covered members and former members of the Armed Forces for the purpose of encouraging such members to serve in the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

(b) COVERED MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—For purposes of this section, covered members and former members of the Armed Forces are the following:

(1) Members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces.

(2) Former members of the Armed Forces within two years of separation from service in the Armed Forces.

(c) REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.—

(1) NATURE OF INCENTIVES.—In considering incentives for purposes of the report required by subsection (a), the Secretaries shall consider such incentives, whether monetary or otherwise and whether or not authorized by current law or regulations, as the Secretaries jointly consider appropriate.

(2) TARGETING OF INCENTIVES.—In assessing any incentive for purposes of the report, the Secretaries shall give particular attention to the utility of such incentive in—

(A) encouraging service in the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection after service in the Armed Forces by covered members and former of the Armed Forces who have provided border patrol or border security assistance to the Bureau as part of their duties as members of the Armed Forces; and

(B) leveraging military training and experience by accelerating training, or allowing

credit to be applied to related areas of training, required for service with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

(3) PAYMENT.—In assessing incentives for purposes of the report, the Secretaries shall assume that any costs of such incentives shall be borne by the Department of Homeland Security.

(d) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of various monetary and non-monetary incentives considered for purposes of the report.

(2) An assessment of the desirability and feasibility of utilizing any such incentive for the purpose specified in subsection (a), including an assessment of the particular utility of such incentive in encouraging service in the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection after service in the Armed Forces by covered members and former members of the Armed Forces described in subsection (c)(2).

(3) Any other matters that the Secretaries jointly consider appropriate.

(e) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committees on Armed Services, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committees on Armed Services, Homeland Security, and Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 4283. Mr. LEVIN (for Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. BINGAMAN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title III, add the following:

SEC. 375. ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN WEAPONS PLATFORMS.

(a) POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the Department of Defense to improve the fuel efficiency of weapons platforms, consistent with mission requirements, in order to—

- (1) enhance platform performance;
- (2) reduce the size of the fuel logistics systems;
- (3) reduce the burden high fuel consumption places on agility;
- (4) reduce operating costs; and
- (5) dampen the financial impact of volatile oil prices.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the progress of the Department of Defense in implementing the policy established by subsection (a).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of the feasibility of designating a senior Department of Defense official to be responsible for implementing the policy established by subsection (a).

(B) A summary of the recommendations made as of the time of the report by—

(i) the Energy Security Integrated Product Team established by the Secretary of Defense in April 2006;

(ii) the Defense Science Board Task Force on Department of Defense Energy Strategy established by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics on May 2, 2006; and

(iii) the January 2001 Defense Science Board Task Force report on Improving Fuel Efficiency of Weapons Platforms.

(C) For each recommendation summarized under subparagraph (B)—

(i) the steps that the Department has taken to implement such recommendation;

(ii) any additional steps the Department plans to take to implement such recommendation; and

(iii) for any recommendation that the Department does not plan to implement, the reasons for the decision not to implement such recommendation.

(D) An assessment of the extent to which the research, development, acquisition, and logistics guidance and directives of the Department for weapons platforms are appropriately designed to address the policy established by subsection (a).

(E) An assessment of the extent to which such guidance and directives are being carried out in the research, development, acquisition, and logistics programs of the Department.

(F) A description of any additional actions that, in the view of the Secretary, may be needed to implement the policy established by subsection (a).

SA 4284. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. INHOFE for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. CORNYN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1209. MODIFICATION OF LIMITATIONS ON ASSISTANCE UNDER THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEMBERS' PROTECTION ACT OF 2002.

Section 2013(13)(A) of the American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002 (title II of Public Law 107-206; 116 Stat. 909; 22 U.S.C. 7432(13)(A)) is amended by striking “or 5”.

SA 4285. Mr. WARNER (for Mr. LUGAR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

On page 480, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

SEC. 1304. REMOVAL OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON PROVISION OF COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ASSISTANCE.

(a) REPEAL OF RESTRICTIONS.—

(1) SOVIET NUCLEAR THREAT REDUCTION ACT OF 1991.—Section 211(b) of the Soviet Nuclear Threat Reduction Act of 1991 (title II of Public Law 102-228; 22 U.S.C. 2551 note) is repealed.

(2) COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACT OF 1993.—Section 1203(d) of the Cooperative Threat Reduction Act of 1993 (title XII of Public Law 103-160; 22 U.S.C. 5952(d)) is repealed.

(3) RUSSIAN CHEMICAL WEAPONS DESTRUCTION FACILITIES.—Section 1305 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65; 22 U.S.C. 5952 note) is repealed.

(b) INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER RESTRICTIONS.—

Section 502 of the Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-511; 106 Stat. 3338; 22 U.S.C. 5852) shall not apply to any Cooperative Threat Reduction program.

SA 4286. Mr. WARNER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

Strike section 822 and insert the following:
SEC. 822. APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SPECIALTY METALS.

(a) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ITEMS.—Subsection (i) of section 2533a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “, DUAL-USE ITEMS, AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS” after “COMMERCIAL ITEMS”;

(2) by inserting “(1)” before “this section”;

(3) in paragraph (1), as so designated, by inserting “described in subsection (b)(1)” after “commercial items”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(2) This section is not applicable to—

“(A) a contract or subcontract for the procurement of a commercial item containing specialty metals described in subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3); or

“(B) specialty metals that are incorporated into an electronic component, where the value of the specialty metal used in the component is de minimis in relation to the value of the electronic component.

“(3) For purposes of paragraph (2)(A), a commercial item does not include—

“(A) any item that contains noncommercial modifications that cost or are expected to cost, in the aggregate, more than 5 percent of the total price of such item;

“(B) any item that would not be considered to be a commercial item, but for sales to government entities or inclusion in items that are sold to government entities;

“(C) forgings or castings for military unique end items;

“(D) fasteners other than commercial off-the-shelf items (as defined in section 35(c) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 431(c)); or

“(E) specialty metals.”.

(b) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN DUAL-USE ITEMS TO FACILITATE CIVIL-MILITARY INTEGRATION.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(k) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN DUAL-USE ITEMS TO FACILITATE CIVIL-MILITARY INTEGRATION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to the procurement of an item from a contractor or a first-tier subcontractor if the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department determines that—

“(1) the item is or will be produced using the same production facilities, a common supply chain, and the same or similar production processes that are used for the production of similar items delivered to non-defense customers; and

“(2) the contractor or subcontractor has made a contractual commitment to purchase a quality, grade, and amount of domestically-melted specialty metals for use by the purchaser during the period of contract performance in the production of the item and

other similar items delivered to non-defense customers that is not less than the greater of—

“(A) the amount of specialty metals that is purchased by the contractor for use in the item delivered to the Department of Defense; or

“(B) 40 percent of the amount of specialty metals purchased by the contractor or subcontractor for use during such period in the production of the item and similar items delivered to non-defense contractors.”.

(c) DE MINIMIS STANDARD FOR SPECIALTY METALS.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(1) MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR SPECIALTY METALS.—Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department may accept delivery of an item containing specialty metals that were not grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States if the total amount of noncompliant specialty metals in the item does not exceed 2 percent of the total amount of specialty metals in the item.”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (c) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to items accepted for delivery on or after that date.

(2) CIVIL-MILITARY INTEGRATION.—The amendment made by subsection (b) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply to contracts entered into on or after that date.

SA 4287. Mr. LEVIN (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title IX, add the following:

SEC. 924. SENSE OF SENATE ON NOMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

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

(1) Congress established the position of Director of Operational Test and Evaluation of the Department of Defense in 1983 to ensure the operational effectiveness and suitability of weapon systems in combat.

(2) The Director of Operational Test and Evaluation serves as the principal adviser to the Secretary of Defense on operational test and evaluation and is vital to ensuring the operational effectiveness of weapon systems in combat.

(3) The position of Director of Operational Test and Evaluation has been held on an acting basis since February 15, 2005.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the President should submit to the Senate the nomination of an individual for the position of Director of Operational Test and Evaluation as soon as practicable.

SA 4288. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 746. STUDY OF HEALTH EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary for Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall conduct a comprehensive study of the health effects of exposure to depleted uranium munitions on uranium-exposed soldiers and on children of uranium-exposed soldiers who were born after the exposure of the uranium-exposed soldiers to depleted uranium.

(b) URANIUM-EXPOSED SOLDIERS.—In this section, the term “uranium-exposed soldiers” means a member or former member of the Armed Forces who handled, came in contact with, or had the likelihood of contact with depleted uranium munitions while on active duty, including members and former members who—

(1) were exposed to smoke from fires resulting from the burning of vehicles containing depleted uranium munitions or fires at depots at which depleted uranium munitions were stored;

(2) worked within environments containing depleted uranium dust or residues from depleted uranium munitions;

(3) were within a structure or vehicle while it was struck by a depleted uranium munition;

(4) climbed on or entered equipment or structures struck by a depleted uranium munition; or

(5) were medical personnel who provided initial treatment to members of the Armed Forces described in paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (4).

SA 4289. Mr. CRAIG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

Strike subsection (k).

SA 4290. Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2766, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 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:

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 707. EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY OF SELECTED RESERVE MEMBERS UNDER TRICARE PROGRAM.

(a) GENERAL ELIGIBILITY.—Subsection (a) of section 1076d of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “(a) ELIGIBILITY.—A member” and inserting “(a) ELIGIBILITY.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a member”;

(2) by striking "after the member completes" and all that follows through "one or more whole years following such date"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a member who is enrolled, or is eligible to enroll, in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5."

(b) **CONDITION FOR TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.**—Subsection (b) of such section is amended—

(1) by striking "(b) PERIOD OF COVERAGE.—(1) TRICARE Standard" and all that follows through "(4) Eligibility" and inserting "(b) TERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY UPON TERMINATION OF SERVICE.—Eligibility"; and

(2) by striking paragraph (5).

(c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) Such section is further amended—

(A) by striking subsection (e);

(B) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (e) and transferring such subsection within such section so as to appear following subsection (d); and

(C) by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (f).

(2) The heading for such section is amended to read as follows:

"§ 1076d. TRICARE program: TRICARE standard coverage for members of the Selected Reserve".

(d) **REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISION.**—Effective October 1, 2007, section 1076b of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(e) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—Effective October 1, 2007, the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the item relating to section 1076b; and

(2) by striking the item relating to section 1076d and inserting the following:

"1076d. TRICARE program: TRICARE Standard coverage for members of the Selected Reserve."

(f) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—Enrollments in TRICARE Standard that are in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act under section 1076d of title 10, United States Code, as in effect on such day, shall be continued until terminated after such day under such section 1076d as amended by this section.

(g) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that health care under TRICARE Standard is provided under section 1076d of title 10, United States Code, as amended by this section, beginning not later than October 1, 2007.

SA 4291. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 409, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand; as follows:

On page 2, in the third Whereas clause of the resolution, strike "Agency" and insert "Program".

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like 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, June 22, 2006, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 2747, to enhance energy efficiency and conserve oil and natural gas, and for other purposes.

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 John Peschke at (202) 224-4797 or Shannon Ewan at (202) 224-7555.

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. 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 June 15, 2006, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "The OFHEO Report of the Special Examination of Fannie Mae."

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 Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on a nomination.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 10 a.m. for a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

Agenda

Legislation

1. S. 2145, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2005;

2. S. 1554, a bill to establish an inter-governmental grant program to identify and develop homeland security information, equipment, capabilities, technologies, and services to further the homeland security of the United States and to address the homeland security needs of Federal, State, and local governments;

3. S. 1741, Disaster Area Health and Environmental Monitoring Act;

4. S. 1838, Federal and District of Columbia Real Property Act of 2005;

5. S. 2068, a bill to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia;

6. S. 2146, a bill to extend relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees;

7. S. 2296, Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Latin Americans of Japanese Descent Act;

8. H.R. 3508, 2005 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act.

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 markup on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in the Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 226. The agenda will be provided when it becomes available.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 2 p.m., in the Senate Dirksen Office Building Room 226.

Witness list

Panel I: The Honorable Thad Cochran; the Honorable Trent Lott; the Honorable James Inhofe; and the Honorable Luis Fortuño.

Panel II: Jerome A. Holmes to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Panel III: Daniel P. Jordan III to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi; Gustavo A. Gelpe to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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 authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND THE COAST GUARD

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Fisheries and the Coast Guard be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. on the Coast Guard's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Request.

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 a hearing on Thursday, June 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct oversight of the Superfund Program.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Michael Pollock and Alison Garfield, detailees