

If you are going to send out thousands of robocalls, there is no justification for using false caller ID, regardless of whether you meet the underlying standard in this bill.

Again, I thank the bill's sponsor for working with me to solidify this through my amendment in committee, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this bill.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE POST-9/11 VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2007

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, today I am proud to stand before this chamber and introduce the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007. This bill was first introduced in the Senate by my friend and fellow Virginia colleague, Senator JIM WEBB, earlier this year.

Not since Pearl Harbor has a single event so shaped a generation until the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Like Pearl Harbor, September 11th became a call to arms for many Americans to join the Armed Forces.

For the 15 million veterans who returned home from World War II, Congress passed the first G.I. Bill of Rights of 1944. The first G.I. Bill helped veterans readjust to civilian life and afforded them the opportunity to do something that many had missed out on—getting a college education. That first G.I. Bill paid for veterans' tuition, books, fees, room and board, and even provided them a monthly stipend. Approximately 7.8 million World War II veterans used the benefits in the G.I. Bill of 1944 to increase their quality of life through education.

After World War II, Congress passed several other G.I. Bills to provide educational benefits for veterans returning home from the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Since the Vietnam War, Congress passed two G.I. Bills that established peacetime educational benefits for members of the all volunteer Armed Services. Although the current Montgomery G.I. Bill of 1985 provides peacetime educational benefits, the current program was not designed to meet the needs of our current global situation—a situation in which several hundred thousand men and woman in uniform are fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq. Our military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq have strained our entire all-volunteer military, forcing

many of our Reservist and National Guard units into extended tours of duty. Many of our men and women in the Army, Air Force, Navy, and the Marine Corps have served more than one tour of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

With hundreds of thousands of our brave men and woman currently fighting overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq, we need a new G.I. Bill to honor these veterans when they all finally return home. The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007 is designed to expand the educational benefits that our nation offers to our brave men and women who have served us so honorably and who have sacrificed so much since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The bill that I am introducing today is designed to give this generation, who took it upon themselves to enlist after 9/11, benefits very similar to those provided to the veterans of World War II.

Madam Speaker, the bill that I am introducing today would specifically increase educational benefits to members of the military who have served at least 2 years of active duty, with at least some period of active duty time served beginning on or after September 11, 2001. Veterans will be eligible to receive these benefits for no more than 36 months or 4 academic years and would have 15 years to exercise these benefits. The version of this legislation that I am introducing today limits benefit payments to the cost of the most expensive public institution in the state in which the veteran is enrolled. If the veteran chooses to attend a private institution, the veteran must pay the difference between the cost of the college of his or her choice and the most expensive public institution of the state in which the veteran is enrolled. Like the G.I. Bill of 1944, the Post-9/11 G.I. bill will pay for tuition, books, fees, room and board, and provide a monthly stipend of \$1,000.

Madam Speaker, while in law school, I was privileged to serve in the Massachusetts National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves. I fortunately was never called into active duty, but the circumstances of our global situation today have pulled thousands of Guard and Reservists out of college into active duty. I am proud to represent the Third Congressional District of Virginia which is home to thousands of military personnel. You can't go very far in my district without running into a military installation or a member of our Armed Forces. I see the sacrifices of our men and women and their families each and every time I return home.

Madam Speaker, it is time that we pass a G.I. Bill on the same scale of the first G.I. Bill that was passed at the end of World War II to

meet the sacrifices of this generation. I am pleased to join Senator WEBB by introducing the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2007 in the House today and I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CHRISTINE "CHRIS" TORRES, UPON HER RECEIPT OF THE 2007 SUBURBAN REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S TRIBUTE TO WOMEN AWARD

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Ms. Christine "Chris" Torres, upon her receipt of the 2007 Suburban Republican Women's Tribute to Women Award.

Since 1983, Chris has been actively involved in promoting the conservative principles of the Republican Party in Michigan. She supported Ronald Reagan's historic campaign for the Presidency and, later, became a precinct delegate by walking through Redford neighborhoods with her children and their friends, all the while dropping off literature and obtaining signatures for legislative proposals. In the years since, she also dedicated herself to the Bush-Cheney campaigns of 2000 and 2004, the gubernatorial campaigns of Dick Posthumus and Richard Devos, and the reelection campaigns of Mike Cox for Attorney General and Laura Toy for state Senate.

In 2004, she became a member of the Suburban Republican Women's Club where she serves as Chairman of Hospitality and as Chaplain. As the proud wife of Juan Manuel Torres for 30 years and the mother of six outstanding children, Chris is a deserving recipient of the Suburban Republican Women's Club's highest honor, the 2007 Tribute to Women Award. Importantly, Chris has also dedicated her time to the Michigan Right to Life organization by participating in annual benefits dinners in the southeastern district.

Madam Speaker, Chris's leadership and courage of convictions are an inspiration to her peers in the Suburban Republican Women's Club and our entire community. Thus, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Christine Torres for her selfless service to our community and our country.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

June 19

9:30 a.m.

Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the federal government, focusing on a model public-private partnership accelerating research toward a cure.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Frederick B. Cook, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Robert B. Nolan, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho, and Maurice S. Parker, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the passport backlog and the Department of State's response to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

SD-419

Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency.

SD-106

4 p.m.

Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

Business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

SD-124

June 20

9:30 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider original bills entitled, "The Higher Education Access Reconciliation Act", and "The Higher Education Amendments of 2007", and other pending calendar business.

SD-628

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine rising crime in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

SD-226

2 p.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the Hope VI Program.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine foreign aviation repair stations.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending judicial nominations.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne Woods Patterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Nepal, Joseph Adam Erel, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Richard Boyce Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, and Stephen A. Seche, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen.

SD-419

June 21

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John L. Withers II, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Charles Lewis English, of New York, to be Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameron Munter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Roderick W. Moore, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Montenegro, and J. Christian Kennedy, of Indiana, to be Amba-

sador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Science, Technology, and Innovation Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine energy efficiency technologies and programs.

SR-253

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

June 26

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the preparedness of the federal land management agencies for the 2007 wildfire season and efforts to contain the costs of wildfire management activities.

SD-366

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending executive nomination.

SD-226

June 27

9:30 a.m.

Judiciary

Constitution Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the federal death penalty.

SD-226

Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to markup pending legislation; to be immediately followed by a full committee hearing to examine the nomination of Charles L. Hopkins, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Operations, Preparedness, Security and Law Enforcement).

SD-562

June 28

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

SR-253

July 11

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Veterans Affairs health care funding.

SD-562

July 25

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense education issues.

SD-562