

U.S.C. 1078-3 and 1087e(g)) to the extent that such loan was used to repay a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or a loan made under section 428 or 428H of such Act.

“(C) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—The Attorney General shall establish a program by which the Department of Justice shall assume the obligation to repay a student loan, by direct payments on behalf of a borrower to the holder of such loan, in accordance with subsection (d), for any borrower who—

“(1) is employed as a prosecutor or public defender; and

“(2) is not in default on a loan for which the borrower seeks forgiveness.

“(d) TERMS OF AGREEMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive repayment benefits under subsection (c), a borrower shall enter into a written agreement that specifies that—

“(A) the borrower will remain employed as a prosecutor or public defender for a required period of service of not less than 3 years, unless involuntarily separated from that employment;

“(B) if the borrower is involuntarily separated from employment on account of misconduct, or voluntarily separates from employment, before the end of the period specified in the agreement, the borrower will repay the Attorney General the amount of any benefits received by such employee under this section;

“(C) if the borrower is required to repay an amount to the Attorney General under subparagraph (B) and fails to repay such amount, a sum equal to that amount shall be recoverable by the Federal Government from the employee (or such employee's estate, if applicable) by such methods as are provided by law for the recovery of amounts owed to the Federal Government;

“(D) the Attorney General may waive, in whole or in part, a right of recovery under this subsection if it is shown that recovery would be against equity and good conscience or against the public interest; and

“(E) the Attorney General shall make student loan payments under this section for the period of the agreement, subject to the availability of appropriations.

“(2) REPAYMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any amount repaid by, or recovered from, an individual or the estate of an individual under this subsection shall be credited to the appropriation account from which the amount involved was originally paid.

“(B) MERGER.—Any amount credited under subparagraph (A) shall be merged with other sums in such account and shall be available for the same purposes and period, and subject to the same limitations, if any, as the sums with which the amount was merged.

“(3) LIMITATIONS.—

“(A) STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT AMOUNT.—Student loan repayments made by the Attorney General under this section shall be made subject to such terms, limitations, or conditions as may be mutually agreed upon by the borrower and the Attorney General in an agreement under paragraph (1), except that the amount paid by the Attorney General under this section shall not exceed—

“(i) \$10,000 for any borrower in any calendar year; or

“(ii) an aggregate total of \$60,000 in the case of any borrower.

“(B) BEGINNING OF PAYMENTS.—Nothing in this section shall authorize the Attorney General to pay any amount to reimburse a borrower for any repayments made by such borrower prior to the date on which the Attorney General entered into an agreement with the borrower under this subsection.

“(e) ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—On completion of the required period of service under an agreement under subsection (d), the borrower and the Attorney General may, subject to paragraph (2), enter into an additional agreement in accordance with subsection (d).

“(2) TERM.—An agreement entered into under paragraph (1) may require the borrower to remain employed as a prosecutor or public defender for less than 3 years.

“(f) AWARD BASIS; PRIORITY.—

“(1) AWARD BASIS.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Attorney General shall provide repayment benefits under this section—

“(A) giving priority to borrowers who have the least ability to repay their loans, except that the Attorney General shall determine a fair allocation of repayment benefits among prosecutors and public defenders, and among employing entities nationwide; and

“(B) subject to the availability of appropriations.

“(2) PRIORITY.—The Attorney General shall give priority in providing repayment benefits under this section in any fiscal year to a borrower who—

“(A) received repayment benefits under this section during the preceding fiscal year; and

“(B) has completed less than 3 years of the first required period of service specified for the borrower in an agreement entered into under subsection (d).

“(g) REGULATIONS.—The Attorney General is authorized to issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

“(h) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Government Accountability Office shall study and report to Congress on the impact of law school accreditation requirements and other factors on law school costs and access, including the impact of such requirements on racial and ethnic minorities.

“(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each succeeding fiscal year.”.

#### TO AMEND U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' CARE, KATRINA RECOVERY, AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture be discharged from further consideration of S. 1716 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The bill (S. 1716) to amend the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, to strike a requirement relating to forage producers.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the measure be printed in RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1716) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1716

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. CONTRACT WAIVER.

The U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28; 121 Stat. 112) is amended by striking section 9012.

#### TO AMEND TITLE 4, UNITED STATES CODE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1877, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1877) to amend title 4, United States Code, to prescribe that members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of flag.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1877) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 1877

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORM DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF FLAG.

Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking “all persons present” and all that follows through the end and inserting “those present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.”.

#### AUTHORIZING PRINTING OF BROCHURE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 190, just received from the House and is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 190) authorizing printing of the brochure entitled

“How Our Laws Are Made”, the document-sized, annotated version of the United States Constitution, and the pocket version of the United States Constitution.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 190) was agreed to.

## ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 26; that on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final portion; that at the close of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2638.

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

## ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mrs. MURRAY. If there is no further business today, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:11 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 25, 2007:

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HARRY K. THOMAS, JR., OF NEW YORK, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, VICE GEORGE MCDADE STAPLES.

JAMES D. MCGEE, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE.

VINCENT OBSITNIK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA.

### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT AS A PERMANENT COMMISSIONED REGULAR OFFICER IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

#### To be lieutenant

KRISTINE B. NEELEY, 0000

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

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#### To be general

GEN. KEVIN P. CHILTON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. DAVID A. DEPTULA, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be general

LT. GEN. CLAUDE R. KEHLER, 0000

### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. KENNETH W. HUNZAKER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. R. STEVEN WHITCOMB, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. JAMES D. THURMAN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

GEN. JAMES J. LOVELACE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. CARTER F. HAM, 0000

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

#### To be brigadier general

COL. LAWRENCE A. HASKINS, 0000

### IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. RICHARD K. GALLAGHER, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

#### To be vice admiral

REAR ADM. ROBERT T. MOELLER, 0000

### IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR REGULAR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

#### To be major

DAMION T. GOTTLIEB, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

#### To be lieutenant colonel

FRANCIS E. LOWE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be colonel

LISTA M. BENSON, 0000  
ALLISON W. BOWDEN, 0000  
MARLA D. BUCKLES, 0000

LILLY B. CHRISMAN, 0000  
LESLIE M. CLARAVALL, 0000  
RICHARD H. EAVES, 0000  
JOYCELYN ELAIHO, 0000  
BETH A. EWING, 0000  
JOHN R. EWING, 0000  
KATRINA A. GLAVANHEISE, 0000  
JANE C. HENDRICKSVESEL, 0000  
MARK S. HOLLAND, 0000  
JUDITH A. HUGHES, 0000  
BARBARA A. JONES, 0000  
ANDREW J. JORGENSEN, 0000  
KAREN M. KINNE, 0000  
CATHERINE F. MATTIE, 0000  
CORINNE O. NAUGHTON, 0000  
WILLIAM R. OSBORNE, 0000  
BEVERLY J. SMITH, 0000  
ROBIN E. SQUELLATI, 0000  
CECELIA W. SUTTON, 0000  
SANDRA C. TYNES, 0000  
ROSEANNE C. WARNER, 0000  
KAREN L. WEIS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be colonel

KEVIN C. BLAKLEY, 0000  
ROBERT V. BOWERSOX, 0000  
MARK E. BUTLER, 0000  
STEVEN C. CABERTO, 0000  
ROBERT J. CAMPBELL, 0000  
JOHN L. CHITWOOD, 0000  
SCOTT E. CORCORAN, 0000  
DALE A. FERGUSON, 0000  
LAWRENCE K. HARRINGTON, 0000  
DONALD C. HICKMAN, 0000  
SCOTT R. MARRS, 0000  
PARKER P. PLANTE, 0000  
BRYAN E. RAMSTACK, 0000  
MARTHA A. STOKES, 0000  
FRED P. STONE, 0000  
TERRY L. STOTLER, 0000  
ROBERT A. TETLA, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

#### To be colonel

ROBERT K. ABERNATHY, 0000  
DONALD R. ADAMS, JR., 0000  
DAVID J. ALCORN, 0000  
PATRICK R. ALLEN, 0000  
RANDY S. ALLIEN, 0000  
KENNETH ALLISON, 0000  
JAMES L. ANDERSON, 0000  
DAVID M. ANDERSON, 0000  
DEAN J. ANDERSON, 0000  
DOUGLAS P. ANDERSON, 0000  
KEVIN J. ANDERSON, 0000  
JOHN L. ARMANTROUT, 0000  
ROBERT G. ARMFIELD, 0000  
MERRILL G. ARMSTRONG, 0000  
ROBERT T. ATKINS, 0000  
KORVIN D. AUCH, 0000  
LAWRENCE M. AVERBECK, 0000  
FREDERICK C. BACON, 0000  
THOMAS M. BAILEY, 0000  
RONALD B. BALDINGER, 0000  
DIETER E. BAREIHS, 0000  
CHRIS BARGERY, 0000  
CASSIE E. B. BLOW, 0000  
EDWARD C. BARON, 0000  
RICHARD C. BARTON, 0000  
CHARLES L. BEAMES, 0000  
ARTHUR F. BEAUCHAMP, 0000  
JAMES J. BEISSNER, 0000  
ANDREW E. BELKO II, 0000  
FRANK K. BENJAMIN, 0000  
JOHN R. BERNIER, 0000  
HARRY A. BERRY, 0000  
GEORGE W. BIRSIC IV, 0000  
SCOTT C. BISHOP, 0000  
SCOTT C. BLUM, 0000  
ERIC A. BOE, 0000  
SCOTT C. BOWEN, 0000  
VICTORIA L. BOWENS, 0000  
LARRY D. BOWERS, 0000  
MARTIN C. BRAUN, 0000  
WILLIAM S. BRIEL, 0000  
GORDON D. BRIDGER, 0000  
KAREN M. BRIDGES, 0000  
KIM R. BROOKS, 0000  
TODD A. BROOKS, 0000  
DAVID W. BROWN, 0000  
EUGENE A. BROWN, JR., 0000  
KELLEY A. BROWN, 0000  
ROGER A. BROWN, 0000  
STANLEY L. BROWN, 0000  
KENRYU M. BYRSON, 0000  
DAVID T. BUCKMAN, 0000  
JOHN T. BUDD, 0000  
WILLIAM E. BURTON, JR., 0000  
TIMOTHY E. BUSH, 0000  
SCOTT R. CALISTI, 0000  
MARK D. CAMERER, 0000  
CRAIG P. CAMPBELL, 0000  
ROBERT C. CAMPBELL, JR., 0000  
WAYNE A. CANIPE, 0000  
DOUGLAS C. CATO, JR., 0000  
THOMAS J. CHIAVACCI, 0000  
CATHERINE M. CHIN, 0000  
GREGORY M. CHRIST, 0000  
STEVEN E. CLAPP, 0000  
AARON J. CLARK, 0000