

SENATE RESOLUTION 308—CONGRATULATING THE WARNER ROBINS AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM OF WARNER ROBINS, GEORGIA, FOR WINNING THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON, and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 308

Whereas, on August 26, 2007, the Warner Robins American Little League team defeated the Tokyo Kitasuna Little League team of Tokyo, Japan, by 3 runs to 2 runs to win the 61st annual Little League Baseball World Series;

Whereas the Warner Robins American Little League team had an impressive record of 20 wins and only 1 loss;

Whereas the success of the Warner Robins American Little League team depended on the tremendous dedication and sportsmanship of the team, including—

- (1) Keaton Allen, who played outfield and pitched for the team;
- (2) Dalton Carriker, who played shortstop and pitched for the team;
- (3) Zane Conlon, who played 2nd base, shortstop, outfield, and pitched for the team;
- (4) Hunter Jackson, who played 3rd base;
- (5) Taylor Lay, who played 2nd base and outfield;
- (6) Nick Martens, who played 2nd base and outfield;
- (7) Payton Purvis, who played outfield;
- (8) Kendall Scott, who pitched and caught for the team;
- (9) Hunt Smith, who played 1st base and outfield;
- (10) David Umphreyville, who played outfield and caught for the team;
- (11) Micah Wells, who played 1st base; and
- (12) Clint Wynn, who played outfield and pitched for the team;

Whereas the Warner Robins American Little League team was managed by Mickey Lay and coached by Mike Conlon, Tommy Morris, and Mike Smith, each of whom demonstrated leadership, professionalism, and respect for the players they led and the game of baseball;

Whereas the fans of the Warner Robins American Little League team showed enthusiasm, support, and courtesy for the game of baseball and all of the players and coaches;

Whereas the performance of the Warner Robins American Little League team demonstrated to parents and communities throughout the United States that athletic participation builds character and leadership in children;

Whereas the Warner Robins American Little League team became the second consecutive team from the State of Georgia to win the Little League World Series, following the win by the Columbus Northern Little League team in 2006;

Whereas Georgia is only the 4th State to produce back-to-back champions in the 61-year history of the Little League World Series and the first State to win back-to-back titles since 1992-1993;

Whereas every team from the State of Georgia that has participated in the Little League World Series has won the Championship; and

Whereas the Warner Robins American Little League team brought pride and honor to the State of Georgia and the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates and honors the Warner Robins American Little League team and the

loyal fans who supported the team on winning the 61st annual Little League Baseball World Series;

(2) recognizes and commends the hard work, dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence of the members, parents, coaches, and managers of the Warner Robins American Little League team;

(3) recognizes and commends the people of Warner Robins, Georgia, for the outstanding loyalty and support that they displayed for the Warner Robins American Little League team throughout the season;

(4) commends Little League Baseball for continuing the tradition of encouraging the development of sportsmanship and confidence in youth by sponsoring world-class baseball; and

(5) respectfully requests—

(A) that the American people recognize the achievements of the Warner Robins American Little League team; and

(B) that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

- (i) the City of Warner Robins; and
- (ii) the Warner Robins American Little League Baseball team for appropriate display.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2662. Mr. SALAZAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2663. Mr. HAGEL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2664. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2665. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2666. Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BUNNING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2667. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2668. Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2669. Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra.

SA 2670. Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2671. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2672. Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TESTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2673. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2674. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2675. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2676. Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2677. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra.

SA 2678. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2679. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra.

SA 2680. Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra.

SA 2681. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra.

SA 2682. Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. INOUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra.

SA 2683. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2684. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2685. Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2686. Mr. DEMINT proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.

SA 2687. Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2688. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, supra.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 2662.** Mr. SALAZAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 50, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

SEC. 408. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be

used for any action that is related to or promotes the expansion of the boundaries or size of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Colorado.

**SA 2663.** Mr. HAGEL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. It is the sense of Congress that, in order to expedite construction projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs and any other real property improvements of the Department that are authorized, or for which funds are appropriated, by this Act, use of the design-build method of project delivery, in which one entity provides both design and construction services, is encouraged.

**SA 2664.** Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used during fiscal year 2008 to round down dollar amounts to the next lower whole dollar for payments of the following:

(1) Disability compensation under section 1114 of 38, United States Code.

(2) Additional compensation for dependents under section 1115(1) of such title.

(3) Clothing allowance under section 1162 of such title.

(4) Dependency and indemnity compensation to surviving spouse under subsections (a) through (d) of section 1311 of such title.

(5) Dependency and indemnity compensation to children under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

**SA 2665.** Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "MEDICAL SERVICES", \$13,000,000 shall be available for the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

**SA 2666.** Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself and Mr. BUNNING) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 23, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

SEC. 127. (a) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for "CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE" is hereby increased by \$17,000,000.

(b) Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for "CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE", as increased by subsection (a), \$17,000,000 shall be available for the construction of a munitions demilitarization facility at Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky.

(c) The amount of the increase under subsection (a) shall be derived from unobligated balances from the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for military quality of life and veterans affairs from prior fiscal years.

**SA 2667.** Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING ADOPTION OF CERTAIN "CROWD-OUT" STRATEGIES AND CERTAIN ASSURANCES AS A CONDITION OF APPROVAL FOR EXPANSION OF AN INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVEL FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE STATE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SCHIP).

The requirements set forth in the August 17, 2007, letter to State Health Officials from the Director of the Center for Medicaid and State Operations in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services requiring States that expand the income eligibility level for children under the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) above 250 percent of the Federal poverty level to adopt the 5 crowd-out strategies described in such letter with the components identified therein, and to provide certain assurances described in such letter, are null and void and shall not be applied.

**SA 2668.** Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES.—The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "MEDICAL SERVICES" is hereby increased by \$125,000,000.

(b) AVAILABILITY.—(1) Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "MEDICAL SERVICES", as increased by subsection (a), \$125,000,000 shall be available for the Veterans Beneficiary Travel Program to use the mileage reimbursement rate prescribed by the Administrator of General Services under section 5707(b) of title 5, United States Code, for the use of privately owned vehicles by Government employees on official business (when a Government vehicle is available), without adjusting the deductible established under section 111(c)(1) of title 38, United States Code.

(2) The amount available for the Veterans Beneficiary Travel Program under this subsection is in addition to any other amounts available for that program under this title.

(c) OFFSET.—The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for the Veterans Health Administration under the heading "MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION" is hereby decreased by \$125,000,000.

**SA 2669.** Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BYRD, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. SALAZAR, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES.—The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "MEDICAL SERVICES" is hereby increased by \$125,000,000.

(b) AVAILABILITY.—Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "MEDICAL SERVICES", as increased by subsection (a), \$125,000,000 shall be available for the Veterans Beneficiary Travel Program. The amount available for the Veterans Beneficiary Travel Program under this subsection is in addition to any other amounts available for that program under this title.

(c) OFFSET.—The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for the Veterans Health Administration under the heading "MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION" is hereby decreased by \$125,000,000.

**SA 2670.** Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 23, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

SEC. 127. (a) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for "CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE" is hereby increased by \$32,000,000.

(b) Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for "CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE", as increased by subsection (a), \$32,000,000 shall be available for the construction of a munitions demilitarization facility at Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado.

(c) The amount of the increase under subsection (a) shall be derived from unobligated balances from the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for military quality of life and veterans affairs from prior fiscal years.

**SA 2671.** Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) REPORTS ON RECONSTRUCTION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.—(1) Not later than October 1 and April 1 each year, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Subcommittees of Congress referred to in section 407 a report on the current status of the reconstruction of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Each report shall include the following:

(A) The current status of the reconstruction of the Medical Center, including the status of any ongoing environmental assessments, the status of any current construction, and an assessment of the adequacy of funding necessary to complete the reconstruction.

(B) If reconstruction of the Medical Center is subject to any major delay—

(i) a description of each such delay;

(ii) an explanation for each such delay; and

(iii) a description of the action being taken or planned to address the delay.

(C) A description of current and anticipated funding for the reconstruction of the Medical Center, including an estimate of any additional funding required for the reconstruction.

(2) The requirement in paragraph (1) shall cease on the day that the reconstruction of the Medical Center referred to in that paragraph is completed.

(b) REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS AS POLYTRAUMA REHABILITATION CENTER OR POLYTRAUMA NETWORK SITE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Subcommittees of Congress referred to in section 407 a report setting forth the recommendation of the Secretary as to whether or not the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center being reconstructed in new Orleans, Louisiana, should be designated as a tier I polytrauma rehabilitation center or a polytrauma network site.

**SA 2672.** Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. TESTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 23, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

SEC. 127. (a) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE” is hereby increased by \$20,000,000.

(b) Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title for “MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE”, as increased by subsection (a), \$20,000,000 shall be available for the modernizing and renovation of canine facilities of the Armed Forces.

**SA 2673.** Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or any

other Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs may be used in a manner that is inconsistent with—

(1) section 842 of the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-115; 119 Stat. 2506); or

(2) section 8110(a)(5) of title 38, United States Code.

**SA 2674.** Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. Section 4332 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6) as paragraphs (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) respectively;

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph (2):

“(2) The number of complaints received by the Department of Defense under this chapter during the fiscal year for which the report is made regarding violations of the employment and reemployment rights of Reserves under this chapter.”; and

(3) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated, by striking “(2), or (3)” and inserting “(2), (3), or (4)”.

**SA 2675.** Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. Section 3485(a)(4) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “June 30, 2007” each place it appears and inserting “June 30, 2012”.

**SA 2676.** Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. Section 1980A(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(I) The inability to carry out the activities of daily living due to Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) that is acquired as a direct result of combat experience.”.

**SA 2677.** Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) AUTHORITY FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO TRAIN PSYCHOLOGISTS.—Upon a determination by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that such action is in the national interest, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may transfer not more than \$5,000,000 to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Graduate Psychology Education Program to support increased training of psychologists skilled in the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and related disorders.

(b) LIMITATION ON USE OF TRANSFERRED FUNDS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services may only use funds transferred under this section for the purposes described in subsection (a).

(c) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall notify Congress of any such transfer of funds under this section.

**SA 2678.** Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) REPORTS ON RECONSTRUCTION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.—(1) Not later than October 1 and April 1 each year, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs must submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report on the current status of the reconstruction of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Each report shall include the following:

(A) The current status of the reconstruction of the Medical Center, including the status of any ongoing environmental assessments, the status of any current construction, and an assessment of the adequacy of funding necessary to complete the reconstruction.

(B) If reconstruction of the Medical Center is subject to any major delay—

(i) a description of each such delay;

(ii) an explanation for each such delay; and

(iii) a description of the action being taken or planned to address the delay.

(C) A description of current and anticipated funding for the reconstruction of the Medical Center, including an estimate of any additional funding required for the reconstruction.

(2) The requirement in paragraph (1) shall cease on the day that the reconstruction of the Medical Center referred to in that paragraph is completed.

(b) REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS AS POLYTRAUMA REHABILITATION CENTER OR POLYTRAUMA NETWORK SITE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary must submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report setting forth the recommendation of the Secretary as to whether or not the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center being reconstructed in new Orleans, Louisiana, should be designated as a tier I polytrauma rehabilitation center or a polytrauma network site.

**SA 2679.** Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction,

the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) REPORTS ON RECONSTRUCTION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.—(1) Not later than October 1 and April 1 each year, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report on the current status of the reconstruction of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. Each report shall include the following:

(A) The current status of the reconstruction of the Medical Center, including the status of any ongoing environmental assessments, the status of any current construction, and an assessment of the adequacy of funding necessary to complete the reconstruction.

(B) If reconstruction of the Medical Center is subject to any major delay—

- (i) a description of each such delay;
- (ii) an explanation for each such delay; and
- (iii) a description of the action being taken or planned to address the delay.

(C) A description of current and anticipated funding for the reconstruction of the Medical Center, including an estimate of any additional funding required for the reconstruction.

(2) The requirement in paragraph (1) shall cease on the day that the reconstruction of the Medical Center referred to in that paragraph is completed.

(b) REPORT ON DESIGNATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS AS POLYTRAUMA REHABILITATION CENTER OR POLYTRAUMA NETWORK SITE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report setting forth the recommendation of the Secretary as to whether or not the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center being reconstructed in new Orleans, Louisiana, should be designated as a tier I polytrauma rehabilitation center or a polytrauma network site.

**SA 2680.** Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . LIEUTENANT COLONEL CLEMENT C. VAN WAGONER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CLINIC.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Affairs clinic located in Alpena, Michigan, shall be known and designated as the “Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Lieutenant Colonel Clement C. Van Wagoner Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic”.

**SA 2681.** Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making ap-

propriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert:

SEC. . The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out a major medical facility lease in fiscal year 2008 in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 to implement the recommendations outlined in the August, 2007 Study of South Texas Veterans’ Inpatient and Specialty Outpatient Health Care Needs.

**SA 2682.** Mr. STEVENS (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. INOUYE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) REPORT ON ACCESS TO MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO VETERANS IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS.—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report setting forth the following:

(1) A description of the following:

(A) The unique challenges and costs faced by veterans in remote rural areas of contiguous and non-contiguous States when obtaining medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(B) The need to improve access to locally-administered care for veterans who reside in remote rural areas.

(C) The need to fund alternative sources of medical services—

(i) in areas where facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs are not accessible to veterans without leaving such areas; and

(ii) in cases in which receipt of medical services by a veteran in a facility of the Department requires transportation of such veteran by air due to geographic and infrastructural constraints.

(2) An assessment of the potential for increasing local access to medical services for veterans in remote rural areas of contiguous and non-contiguous States through strategic partnerships with other government and local private health care providers.

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

(1) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Subcommittees referred to in section 407.

**SA 2683.** Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) PROHIBITION ON INTERMENT OR MEMORIALIZATION IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES OR ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY OF PERSONS COMMITTING FEDERAL OR STATE SEX CRIMES.—None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act may be

used to provide interments and memorializations in violation of section 2411 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by subsection (b).

(b) AMENDMENTS.—Section 2411 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (5);

(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraphs (3) and (4):

“(3) A person who has been convicted of a Federal sex crime.

“(4) A person who has been convicted of a State sex crime.”; and

(C) in paragraph (5)(A), as redesignated by subparagraph (A), by striking “or a State capital crime” and inserting “, a State capital crime, a Federal sex crime, or a State sex crime”;

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “under subsection (b)(3)” and inserting “under subsection (b)(5)”;

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (5); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraphs (3) and (4):

“(3) The term ‘Federal sex crime’ means a criminal offense under Federal law that has an element involving a sexual act or sexual contact with another, including rape or sexual assault.

“(4) The term ‘State sex crime’ means a criminal offense that is a felony under State law and has an element involving a sexual act or sexual contact with another, including rape or sexual assault.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply to interments and memorializations in cemeteries of the National Cemetery Administration or Arlington National Cemetery that occur after the date of the enactment of this section.

**SA 2684.** Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

On page 46, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 227. (a) PROHIBITION ON INTERMENT OR MEMORIALIZATION IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES OR ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY OF PERSONS COMMITTING FEDERAL OR STATE SEX CRIMES.—Section 2411 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

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(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (5);

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(2) in subsection (c), by striking “under subsection (b)(3)” and inserting “under subsection (b)(5)”;

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (5); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraphs (3) and (4):

“(3) The term ‘Federal sex crime’ means a criminal offense under Federal law that has

an element involving a sexual act or sexual contact with another, including rape or sexual assault.

“(4) The term ‘State sex crime’ means a criminal offense that is a felony under State law that has an element involving a sexual act or sexual contact with another, including rape or sexual assault.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to interments and memorializations in cemeteries of the National Cemetery Administration or Arlington National Cemetery that occur after the date of the enactment of this section.

**SA 2685.** Mr. SALAZAR (for himself and Mr. ALLARD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for the defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

At the end of title XXVIII, add the following:

**SEC. 2864. REPORT ON THE PINON CANYON MANEUVER SITE, COLORADO.**

(a) **REPORT ON THE PINON CANYON MANEUVER SITE.**—

(1) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site (referred to in this section as “the Site”).

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

(A) An analysis of whether existing training facilities at Fort Carson, Colorado, and the Site are sufficient to support the training needs of units stationed or planned to be stationed at Fort Carson, including the following:

(i) A description of any new training requirements or significant developments affecting training requirements for units stationed or planned to be stationed at Fort Carson since the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission found that the base has “sufficient capacity” to support four brigade combat teams and associated support units at Fort Carson.

(ii) A study of alternatives for enhancing training facilities at Fort Carson and the Site within their current geographic footprint, including whether these additional investments or measures could support additional training activities.

(iii) A description of the current training calendar and training load at the Site, including—

(I) the number of brigade-sized and battalion-sized military exercises held at the Site since its establishment;

(II) an analysis of the maximum annual training load at the Site, without expanding the Site; and

(III) an analysis of the training load and projected training calendar at the Site when all brigades stationed or planned to be stationed at Fort Carson are at home station.

(B) A report of need for any proposed addition of training land to support units stationed or planned to be stationed at Fort Carson, including the following:

(i) A description of additional training activities, and their benefits to operational readiness, which would be conducted by

units stationed at Fort Carson if, through leases or acquisition from consenting landowners, the Site were expanded to include—

(I) the parcel of land identified as “Area A” in the Potential PCMS Land expansion map;

(II) the parcel of land identified as “Area B” in the Potential PCMS Land expansion map; and

(III) the parcels of land identified as “Area A” and “Area B” in the Potential PCMS Land expansion map.

(ii) An analysis of alternatives for acquiring or utilizing training land at other installations in the United States to support training activities of units stationed at Fort Carson.

(iii) An analysis of alternatives for utilizing other federally owned land to support training activities of units stationed at Fort Carson.

(C) An analysis of alternatives for enhancing economic development opportunities in southeastern Colorado at the current Site or through any proposed expansion, including the consideration of the following alternatives:

(i) The leasing of land on the Site or any expansion of the Site to ranchers for grazing.

(ii) The leasing of land from private landowners for training.

(iii) The procurement of additional services and goods, including biofuels and beef, from local businesses.

(iv) The creation of an economic development fund to benefit communities, local governments, and businesses in southeastern Colorado.

(v) The establishment of an outreach office to provide technical assistance to local businesses that wish to bid on Department of Defense contracts.

(vi) The establishment of partnerships with local governments and organizations to expand regional tourism through expanded access to sites of historic, cultural, and environmental interest on the Site.

(vii) An acquisition policy that allows willing sellers to minimize the tax impact of a sale.

(viii) Additional investments in Army missions and personnel, such as stationing an active duty unit at the Site, including—

(I) an analysis of anticipated operational benefits; and

(II) an analysis of economic impacts to surrounding communities.

(3) **POTENTIAL PCMS LAND EXPANSION MAP DEFINED.**—In this subsection, the term “Potential PCMS Land expansion map” means the June 2007 map entitled “Potential PCMS Land expansion”.

(b) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the Secretary of Defense submits the report required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a review of the report and of the justification of the Army for expansion at the Site.

(c) **PUBLIC COMMENT.**—After the report required under subsection (b) is submitted to Congress, the Army shall solicit public comment on the report for a period of not less than 90 days. Not later than 30 days after the public comment period has closed, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a written summary of comments received.

**SA 2686.** Mr. DEMINT proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 44, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 45, line 23.

**SA 2687.** Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. ALLARD, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** For an additional amount \$100,000,000, with \$50,000,000 each to the Cities of Denver, Colorado, and St. Paul, Minnesota, shall be available to the Department of Homeland Security for State and local law enforcement entities for security and related costs, including overtime, associated with the Democratic National Convention and Republican National Convention in 2008. The Department of Homeland Security shall provide for an audit of all amounts made available under this section, including expenditures by State and local law enforcement entities. Amounts provided by this section are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress).

**SA 2688.** Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2642, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** (a) In this section:

(1) The term “City” means the City of Aurora, Colorado.

(2) The term “deed” means the quitclaim deed—

(A) conveyed by the Secretary to the City; and

(B) dated May 24, 1999.

(3) The term “non-Federal land” means—

(A) parcel I of the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Colorado; and

(B) the parcel of land described in the deed.

(4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(b)(1) In accordance with paragraph (2), and subject to each term and condition required under paragraph (3), to allow the City to convey to the United States the non-Federal land to be used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the construction of a veterans medical facility, the Secretary may execute such instruments as determined by the Secretary to be necessary to modify or release any condition under which the non-Federal land would revert to the United States.

(2) In carrying out paragraph (1), with respect to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall alter—

(A) each provision of the deed relating to a reversionary interest of the United States; and

(B) any other reversionary interest of the United States

to authorize the use of the property to include use as a veteran’s facility in addition to use for recreational purposes.

(3) The Secretary shall carry out paragraph (1) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary determines to be necessary to protect the interests of the United States.