

COLORADO.—Pursuant to the authority granted for this project by section 2401(a) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997 (Public Law 104-201; 110 Stat. 2775), as amended by section 2406 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (division B of Public Law 106-65; 113 Stat. 839) and section 2407 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (division B of Public Law 107-314; 116 Stat. 2698), the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 2403(14) of this Act for the construction of increment 9 of a munitions demilitarization facility at Pueblo Chemical Activity, Colorado may, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense, be increased by up to \$32,000,000 using funds from the amounts authorized to be appropriated by section 2403(1) of this Act.

(c) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Prior to exercising the authority provided in subsection (a) or (b), the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense committees the following:

(1) Certification that the increase in the amount authorized to be appropriated—

(A) is in the best interest of national security; and

(B) will facilitate compliance with the deadline set forth in subsection (d)(1).

(2) A statement that the increased amount authorized to be appropriated will be used to carry out authorized military construction activities.

(3) A notification of the action in accordance with section 2811.

(d) DEADLINE FOR DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS STOCKPILE.—

(1) DEADLINE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Defense shall complete work on the destruction of the entire United States stockpile of lethal chemical agents and munitions, including those stored at Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky, and Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado, by the deadline established by the Chemical Weapons Convention, and in no circumstances later than December 31, 2017.

(2) REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than December 31, 2007, and every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the parties described in paragraph (2) a report on the progress of the Department of Defense toward compliance with this subsection.

(B) PARTIES RECEIVING REPORT.—The parties referred to in paragraph (1) are the Speaker of the House of the Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, and the congressional defense committees.

(C) CONTENT.—Each report submitted under subparagraph (A) shall include the updated and projected annual funding levels necessary to achieve full compliance with this subsection. The projected funding levels for each report shall include a detailed accounting of the complete life-cycle costs for each of the chemical disposal projects.

(3) CHEMICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “Chemical Weapons Convention” means the Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, with annexes, done at Paris, January 13, 1993, and entered into force April 29, 1997 (T. Doc. 103-21).

(4) APPLICABILITY; RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This subsection shall apply to fiscal year 2008 and each fiscal year thereafter, and shall not be modified or repealed by implication.

**SA 2863.** Mr. CHAMBLISS 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; as follows:

At the end of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. 703. SENSE OF SENATE ON COLLABORATIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ON HEALTH CARE FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS.**

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

(1) There have been recent collaborations between the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the civilian medical community for purposes of providing high quality medical care to America’s wounded warriors. One such collaboration is occurring in Augusta, Georgia, between the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, the Augusta Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the Medical College of Georgia, and local health care providers under the TRICARE program.

(2) Medical staff from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center and the Augusta Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center have been meeting weekly to discuss future patient cases for the Active Duty Rehabilitation Unit (ADRU) within the Uptown Department of Veterans Affairs facility. The Active Duty Rehabilitation Unit, along with the Polytrauma Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, provide rehabilitation for members of the Armed Forces on active duty.

(3) Since 2004, 1,037 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines have received rehabilitation services at the Active Duty Rehabilitation Unit, 32 percent of whom served in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

(4) The Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center and the Augusta Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center have combined their neurosurgery programs and have coordinated on critical brain injury and psychiatric care.

(5) The Department of Defense, the Army, and the Army Medical Command have recognized the need for expanded behavioral health care services for members of the Armed Forces returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. These services are currently being provided by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the Department of Defense should encourage continuing collaboration between the Army and the Department of Veterans Affairs in treating America’s wounded warriors and, when appropriate and available, provide additional support and resources for the development of such collaborations, including the current collaboration between the Active Duty Rehabilitation Unit at the Augusta Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Georgia, and the behavioral health care services program at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Georgia.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at

9:30 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing on S. 1905, the Regional Presidential Primary and Caucus Act of 2007, to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national nominating convention, and for other purposes.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee, 224-6352.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will focus on the reauthorization of the Federal Trade Commission.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the status of energy efficient lighting technologies and on S. 2017, the Energy Efficient Lighting for a Brighter Tomorrow Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider an original bill entitled, “The Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 2007”; H.J. Res 43, “Increasing the Statutory Limit on the Public Debt”; and revising subcommittee assignments for the 110th Congress.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of the Honorable Julie L. Myers to be Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing entitled “Regulatory Preemption: Are Federal Agencies Usurping Congressional and State Authority?” On Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 11 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

## Witness list:

The Honorable Donna Stone, Delaware General Assembly [R-32], President, National Conference of State Legislatures, Dover, DE; Alan Untereiner, Attorney, Robbins, Russell, Englert, Orseck & Untereiner LLP, Washington, DC; Collyn Peddie, Attorney, Williams Kherkher, Houston, TX; Viet Dinh, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, DC; David Vladeck, Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC.

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

## COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on the Nomination of Robert C. Tapella of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

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

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2007— MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Tuesday, September 18, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader, the Senate proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 257, S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS). Is there objection?

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, there is an objection on this side of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 257, S. 1257, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 257, S. 1257, a bill to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat, and for other purposes.

Harry Reid, Joe Lieberman, Patrick Leahy, Russell D. Feingold, Benjamin L. Cardin, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Bernard Sanders, Barbara A. Mikulski, Byron L. Dorgan, Patty Murray, Dianne Feinstein, Mary Landrieu, Kent Conrad, Robert Menendez, Mark Pryor, Ken Salazar, Jim Webb.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum be waived.

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

Mr. REID. I now withdraw the motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture vote on this motion to proceed occur at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 18, and that the 15 minutes immediately prior to that be for debate with respect to the motion, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed, the motion be agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar, and the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1585, the Defense authorization bill; provided further that if cloture is invoked and the bill is returned to the calendar, then the majority leader, after consultation with the Republican leader, may turn to the consideration of S. 1257 at a later time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, once again, on this side of the aisle there is an objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 1124

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, September 18, following morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1124, under the following limitations; that the only amendments in order be the following; a Coburn amendment, at the desk, on the topic of scholarships; that it be considered and agreed to; another Coburn amendment on the subject of public colleges, which is also at the desk; that there be a total of 65 minutes for debate with respect to the bill and amendments,

with Senator COBURN controlling 30 minutes, Senator VOINOVICH controlling 20 minutes, and Senator AKAKA controlling 15 minutes; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote in relation to the Coburn amendment; that upon disposition of the Coburn amendment, the

bill, as amended, be read a third time, and the Senate vote on passage of the bill; that no points of order be considered, and if there are any, they be waived by virtue of this agreement.

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

## TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF INTERSTATE ROUTE 395 LOCATED IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AS “CAL RIPKEN WAY”

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3218.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 3218) to designate a portion of Interstate Route 395 located in Baltimore, Maryland, as “Cal Ripken Way.”

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

Mr. REID. I just note in passing, the Orioles could use Cal Ripken today.

I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 3218) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. REID. In fact, even though he has been retired a number of years, I think he could still fit into that team as well.

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

## FEDERAL CHARTER TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 347, S. 1692.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1692) to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1692) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

## S. 1692

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

## SECTION 1. GRANT OF FEDERAL CHARTER TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

(a) GRANT OF CHARTER.—Part B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, is amended—