

Department entities regarding voting by Department of Defense personnel. In carrying out that responsibility, the Business Transformation Agency shall be responsible for the implementation of any pilot programs and other programs carried out for purposes of voting by Department of Defense personnel.

(d) IMPROVEMENT OF BALLOT DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary of Defense shall undertake appropriate actions to streamline the distribution of ballots to Department of Defense personnel using electronic and Internet-based technology. In carrying out such actions, the Secretary shall seek to engage stakeholders in voting by Department of Defense personnel at all levels to ensure maximum participation in such actions by State and local election officials, other appropriate State officials, and members of the Armed Forces.

(e) REPORTS.—

(1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the status of efforts to implement the requirements of this section.

(2) REPORT ON PLAN OF ACTION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report setting forth a comprehensive plan of action to ensure that members of the Armed Forces have the full opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

**SA 3206.** Mr. INOUYE (for Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 207, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 8107. Paragraph 1(b) of rule XXXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) It is not a gift for a commercial airline to allow a Member, officer, or employee to make multiple reservations on scheduled flights consistent with Senate travel regulations.”

**SA 3207.** Mr. STEVENS proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3166 submitted by Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. INOUYE, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1 of amendment 3166, after line 7, insert the following:

“Not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on mechanisms for expanding public-private partnerships with military and family organizations for the purpose of increasing access to family support, in particular, for the minor dependent children of deployed service members.

“Such report shall identify: the adjustment needs of minor children of deployed service personnel, including children who have experienced multiple deployments of one or more parents or guardians; alternative support and recreational activities which have been shown to be effective in improving coping skills in young children of deployed service members; support networks beyond educational settings that have been effective in addressing the needs of children of deployed service members, to include summer and after-school recreational, sports and cultural activities; programs which can be accessed without charge to military families; gaps in services for minor dependent children of deployed personnel, and; opportunities for expanding public and private partnerships in support of such programs.

“Prior to submission of the report required by this section, the Secretary shall consult with military family advocacy organizations, and include the comments of such organizations within the required report to congressional defense committees.

“Plan Required:

“Not later than 60 days after submission of the report required by this section, the Secretary shall submit a plan to the congressional defense committees to address the needs and gaps in services identified in the report. Such a plan shall also address the comments and recommendations of military family advocacy organizations, as required by this section.”

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 2 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Pandemic Influenza: State and Local Efforts to Prepare.”

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on October 3, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Combating Genocide in Darfur: the Role of Divestment and Other Policy Tools.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in order to hold a nomination hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in order to hold a hearing on Burma.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled “An Examination of S. 772, the Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act” on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “The Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s Reactor Oversight Process.”

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet tomorrow, Wednesday, October 3, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Russell 325 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

On Monday, October 1, 2007, the Senate passed H.R. 1585, as amended, as follows:

H.R. 1585

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1585) entitled “An Act

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.”, do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

*This Act may be cited as the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008”.*

**SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

(a) **DIVISIONS.**—This Act is organized into three divisions as follows:

(1) **Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.**

(2) **Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.**

(3) **Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.**

(4) **Division D—Veteran Small Businesses.**

(5) **Division E—Maritime Administration.**

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. **Short title.**

Sec. 2. **Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.**

Sec. 3. **Congressional defense committees.**

**DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**

**TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**

**Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations**

Sec. 101. **Army.**

Sec. 102. **Navy and Marine Corps.**

Sec. 103. **Air Force.**

Sec. 104. **Defense-wide activities.**

Sec. 105. **Rapid Acquisition Fund.**

**Subtitle B—Army Programs**

Sec. 111. **Multiyear procurement authority for M1A2 Abrams System Enhancement Package upgrades.**

Sec. 112. **Multiyear procurement authority for M2A3/M3A3 Bradley fighting vehicle upgrades.**

Sec. 113. **Stryker Mobile Gun System.**

Sec. 114. **Consolidation of Joint Network Node program and Warfighter Information Network—Tactical program into single Army tactical network program.**

Sec. 115. **General Fund Enterprise Business System.**

**Subtitle C—Navy Programs**

Sec. 131. **Multiyear procurement authority for Virginia class submarine program.**

Sec. 132. **Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program.**

Sec. 133. **Advanced procurement for Virginia class submarine program.**

**Subtitle D—Air Force Programs**

Sec. 141. **Limitation on retirement of C-130E/H tactical airlift aircraft.**

Sec. 142. **Limitation on retirement of KC-135E aerial refueling aircraft.**

Sec. 143. **Sense of Congress on the procurement program for the KC-X tanker aircraft.**

Sec. 144. **Transfer to Government of Iraq of three C-130E tactical airlift aircraft.**

Sec. 145. **Modification of limitations on retirement of B-52 bomber aircraft.**

Sec. 146. **Sense of Congress on the Air Force strategy for the replacement of the aerial refueling tanker aircraft fleet.**

Sec. 147. **Sense of Congress on rapid fielding of Associate Intermodal Platform system and other innovative logistics systems.**

**TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**

**Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations**

Sec. 201. **Authorization of appropriations.**

Sec. 202. **Amount for defense science and technology.**

**Subtitle B—Program Requirements, Restrictions, and Limitations**

Sec. 211. **Advanced Sensor Applications Program.**

Sec. 212. **Active protection systems.**

Sec. 213. **Obligation and expenditure of funds for competitive procurement of propulsion system for the Joint Strike Fighter.**

Sec. 214. **Gulf War illnesses research.**

**Subtitle C—Missile Defense Programs**

Sec. 231. **Limitation on availability of funds for procurement, construction, and deployment of missile defenses in Europe.**

Sec. 232. **Limitation on availability of funds for deployment of missile defense interceptors in Alaska.**

Sec. 233. **Budget and acquisition requirements for Missile Defense Agency activities.**

Sec. 234. **Participation of Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, in missile defense test and evaluation activities.**

Sec. 235. **Extension of Comptroller General assessments of ballistic missile defense programs.**

**Subtitle D—Other Matters**

Sec. 251. **Modification of notice and wait requirement for obligation of funds for foreign comparative test program.**

Sec. 252. **Modification of cost sharing requirement for Technology Transition Initiative.**

Sec. 253. **Strategic plan for the Manufacturing Technology Program.**

Sec. 254. **Modification of authorities on coordination of Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research with similar Federal programs.**

Sec. 255. **Enhancement of defense nanotechnology research and development program.**

Sec. 256. **Comptroller General assessment of the Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.**

Sec. 257. **Study and report on standard soldier patient tracking system.**

Sec. 258. **Cost-benefit analysis of proposed funding reduction for High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility.**

**TITLE III—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations**

Sec. 301. **Operation and maintenance funding.**

**Subtitle B—Environmental Provisions**

Sec. 311. **Reimbursement of Environmental Protection Agency for certain costs in connection with Moses Lake Wellfield Superfund Site, Moses Lake, Washington.**

Sec. 312. **Reimbursement of Environmental Protection Agency for certain costs in connection with the Arctic Surplus Superfund Site, Fairbanks, Alaska.**

Sec. 313. **Payment to Environmental Protection Agency of stipulated penalties in connection with Jackson Park Housing Complex, Washington.**

Sec. 314. **Report on control of the brown tree snake.**

**Subtitle C—Program Requirements, Restrictions, and Limitations**

Sec. 321. **Availability of funds in Defense Information Systems Agency Working Capital Fund for technology upgrades to Defense Information Systems Network.**