

(b) authorize offensive combat activities by United States Armed Forces in Iran, Syria, or any other state in the Middle East region.

SEC. 6. REPORT.

The President shall submit to Congress not later than 90 days after enactment of this joint resolution, and every 90 days thereafter, a report outlining the activities of the United States Armed Forces pursuant to this joint resolution, and on the progress that has been made in training the security forces of Iraq and promoting a sustainable political settlement.

SEC. 7. DURATION OF AUTHORIZATION.

The authorization under Section 4(a) shall expire on the date that is 12 months after the date of enactment of this joint resolution, unless Congress extends such authorization.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 34—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT SHOULD INCREASE BASIC PAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Mr. KERRY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. CON RES. 34

Whereas the United States continues to rely extensively upon the personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard who are deployed overseas and stationed at military support installations within the United States;

Whereas uniformed services personnel, regardless of branch of service or whether serving in the active or a reserve component, have carried out their mission objectives with valor, distinction, and steadfast dedication to the cause of liberty and democracy;

Whereas 1,600,000 uniformed service men and women have deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan, many of whom have served multiple deployments;

Whereas there are currently more than 3,000,000 family members and dependents of those serving on active duty and reserve components;

Whereas nearly 40 percent of the members of the Armed Forces, while deployed away from their permanent duty stations, have left families with children behind;

Whereas over ½ of all service men and women who have deployed to Iraq are married;

Whereas military families have persevered in the face of challenges and continue to provide critically important comfort and care and numerous other contributions to their loved ones deployed overseas or stationed across the Nation;

Whereas there currently is a 4 percent gap between the pay of our service men and women and the private sector, and;

Whereas it is in our national interest to offer to the members of the Armed Forces comparable pay to that which the civilian sector provides in order to retain our highly qualified men and women in uniform and to faithfully reward their valiant service to our Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress and the President should increase basic pay for members of all components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps by 3.5 percent, effective January 1, 2008; and

(2) Congress and the President should provide a special survivor indemnity allowance for persons affected by required Survivor Benefit Plan annuity offsets for dependency and indemnity compensation.

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, today I am introducing a resolution to insure that our troops get the pay raise they deserve. We are all proud of our men and women in the American military who continue to perform magnificently in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the world. They represent the best that this country has to offer, and America owes them and their families a special debt of honor and gratitude. In light of their sacrifice, my resolution simply states that the Congress and the President should support a 3.5-percent increase in military pay in 2008 and provide a special survivor indemnity allowance to help American military families.

Unfortunately, these provisions are opposed by the Bush administration.

On May 16, the Office of Management and Budget's Statement of Administration Policy for the House fiscal year 2008 Department of Defense Authorization bill opposes section 644 of the bill, which would pay military families a monthly special survivor indemnity allowance from the Department of Defense Military Retirement Fund, calling the existing benefits "sufficient." The Statement of Administration Policy also "strongly opposes" the provision of the House bill which provides a 0.5-percent increase in military pay above the President's proposed 3.0 percent across-the-board pay increase, calling it "unnecessary."

I am concerned that the Bush administration's actions have failed to appropriately honor our military families who have made the ultimate sacrifice. These actions also stand in direct contrast to the will of the American people who support all efforts to support our troops.

Just go to the Military Times' own blog and read what the troops themselves say, more eloquently than any politician could put it: "If there is someone in the administration that feels that we, the hard working American soldiers, don't need additional pay raises, then maybe they should get from behind their desk and pick up a gun and vest and go stand guard at the entry control points in Iraq. And while they are out there, let's take away their 6 figure income and give them \$3.50 per day on top of anywhere from \$15 to \$45K per year. For all that we give to keep our country safe, the administration should at least want to help us eliminate any burden we may have financially. No I'm not saying make us rich and no one who enters the armed services expects to ever be rich but we don't expect to have to

take out loans just to put food on the table for our families either."

On this issue of fundamental fairness, the administration told Congress to back down. On this question, the troops will not back down and neither will we.

Those who have stood for us should know that we stand with them, today and always. Maintaining these provisions can do something to ease their burden, but truly supporting our troops requires that we act not just as individuals, but as a nation. I ask all my colleagues to support this resolution to honor our troops and our military families.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1255. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1256. Mr. REID (for Mr. DORGAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 398, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1255. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1348, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 602 and insert the following:
SEC. 602. PROHIBITION ON ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS FOR Z NONIMMIGRANTS.

(a) PROHIBITION ON IMMIGRANT VISAS.—A Z nonimmigrant may not be issued an immigrant visa pursuant to section 221 or 222 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1201 and 1202).

(b) PROHIBITION ON ADJUSTMENT.—The status of a Z nonimmigrant may not be adjusted to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

SA 1256. Mr. REID (for Mr. DORGAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 398, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 20, strike lines 10 through 13 and insert the following:

(a) OFFENSES COMMITTED WITHIN INDIAN COUNTRY.—Section 1153(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking "felony child abuse or neglect" and inserting "felony child abuse, felony child neglect".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session

to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 53, 54, 55, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 103, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118 through 137, 141, 144 through 151, and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Douglas Menarchik, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Katherine Almquist, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Paul J. Bonicelli, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Douglas G. Myers, of California, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

Lotsee Patterson, of Oklahoma, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2011.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Stephen W. Porter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2012.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Cynthia Allen Wainscott, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Steven Jeffrey Isakowitz, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Mario Mancuso, of New York, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

NATIONAL CONSUMER COOPERATIVE BANK

Janis Herschkowitz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

Nguyen Van Hanh, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank for a term of three years.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Michael K. Kussman, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the

Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brigadier General Michael D. Dubie, 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

Maj. Gen. Kevin J. Sullivan, 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. Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Army under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Charles W. Hooper, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

To be brigadier general

Col. Loree K Sutton, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Chaplains, United States Army and appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 3036:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Douglas L. Carver, 0000

The following named 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. Juan A. Ruiz, 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. Ronald L. Burgess, Jr., 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. Michael A Vane, 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. David P. Fridovich, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the United States Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. John G. Castellaw, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the United States Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer, 0000

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant general in the United States Marine Corps while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Joseph F. Weber, 0000

IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. Lyden, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Christine S. Hunter, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Adam M. Robinson, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment in United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Richard C. Vinci, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. William M. Roberts, 0000

Capt. Alton L. Stocks, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. Robert J. Bianchi, 0000

Capt. Thomas C. Traaen, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Gerald R. Beaman, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Mark S. Boensel, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Dan W. Davenport, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) William E. Gortney, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Cecil E.D. Haney, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Harry B. Harris, Jr., 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Joseph D. Kernan, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael A. Lefever, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Charles J. Leidig, Jr., 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Archer M. Macy, Jr., 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Charles W. Martoglio, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Richard O'Hanlon, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Scott R. Van Buskirk, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael C. Vitale, 0000

Rear Adm. (lh) Richard B. Wren, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Captain Joseph P. Aucoin, 0000

Captain Patrick H. Brady, 0000

Captain Ted N. Branch, 0000

Captain Paul J. Bushong, 0000

Captain James F. Caldwell, Jr., 0000

Captain Thomas H. Copeman, III, 0000

Captain Philip S. Davidson, 0000

Captain Kevin M. Donegan, 0000

Captain Patrick Driscoll, 0000

Captain Earl L. Gay, 0000

Captain Mark D. Guadagnini, 0000

Captain Joseph A. Horn, 0000

Captain Anthony M. Kurta, 0000

Captain Richard B. Landolt, 0000

Captain Sean A. Pybus, 0000

Captain John M. Richardson, 0000

Captain Thomas S. Rowden, 0000

Captain Nora W. Tyson, 0000

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mark P. Lagon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea.

R. Niels Marquardt, of California, 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 Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Union of Comoros.

Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, 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 Cameroon.

Cameron R. Hume, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Indonesia.

James R. Keith, of Virginia, 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 Malaysia.

Miriam K. Hughes, 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 Federated States of Micronesia.

Ravic Rolf Huso, of Hawaii, 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 Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, 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 Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN374 AIR FORCE nominations (61) beginning JENNIFER S. AARON, and ending ROBERT S. ZAUNER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 19, 2007.

PN532 AIR FORCE nomination of Anil P. Rajadhyax, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

PN533 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning DAREN S. DANIELSON, and ending COLLEEN M. FITZPATRICK, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

PN534 AIR FORCE nominations (4) beginning BRET R. BOYLE, and ending CHAD A. WEDDELL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

PN535 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning LILLIAN C. CONNER, and ending JONATHAN L. RONES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

PN536 AIR FORCE nominations (10) beginning NANCY J. S. ALTHOUSE, and ending

PHICK H. NG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

IN THE ARMY

PN469 ARMY nomination of Timothy E. Trainor, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 26, 2007.

PN537 ARMY nomination of Glen L. Dornier, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

PN538 ARMY nominations (2) beginning SHIRLEY S. MIRESEPASSI, and ending SCOTT L. DIERING, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN115-3 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Ross Marvin Hicks, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 10, 2007.

PN312-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (217) beginning Patricia A. Miller, and ending Dean L. Smith, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 7, 2007.

PN387 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (21) beginning Edward W. Birgells, and ending Andrea J. Yates, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 22, 2007.

IN THE NAVY

PN539 NAVY nomination of George N. Thompson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

PN553 NAVY nomination of Dea Brueggemeyer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

PN554 NAVY nominations (2) beginning NEAL P. RIDGE, and ending RALPH L. RAYA, which nominations the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 9, 2007.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

AUTHORITY TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

ORDER FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE CALENDAR BUSINESS ON MAY 31, 2007

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, notwithstanding the recess of the Senate, the Senate committees may report leg-

islative and executive calendar business.

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

INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY VIOLENCE ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2007

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 110, S. 398.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 398) to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be considered agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider laid on the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, as if read, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 1256) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To modify the conforming amendments section)

On page 20, strike lines 10 through 13 and insert the following:

(a) OFFENSES COMMITTED WITHIN INDIAN COUNTRY.—Section 1153(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “felony child abuse or neglect” and inserting “felony child abuse, felony child neglect”.

The bill (S. 398), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 398

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Amendments of 2007”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

Section 402 of the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act (25 U.S.C. 3201) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively; and

(ii) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:

“(E) the Federal Government and certain State governments are responsible for investigating and prosecuting certain felony crimes, including child abuse, in Indian country, pursuant to chapter 53 of title 18, United States Code;” and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “two” and inserting “the”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

(iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and