

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ FLEXIBILITY IN PAYING ANNUITIES TO CERTAIN FEDERAL RETIREES WHO RETURN TO WORK.

Section 9902(j) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(j) PROVISIONS RELATING TO REEMPLOYMENT.—

“(1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), if an annuitant receiving an annuity from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund becomes employed in a position within the Department of Defense, his annuity shall continue. An annuitant so reemployed shall not be considered an employee for purposes of chapter 83 or 84.

“(2)(A) An annuitant receiving an annuity from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund who becomes employed in a position within the Department of Defense following retirement under section 8336(d) or 8414(b) shall be subject to section 8344 or 8468.

“(B) The Secretary of Defense may, under procedures and criteria prescribed under subparagraph (C), waive the application of the provisions of section 8344 or 8468 on a case-by-case or group basis, for employment of an annuitant referred to in subparagraph (A) in a position in the Department of Defense.

“(C) The Secretary shall prescribe procedures for the exercise of any authority under this paragraph, including criteria for any exercise of authority and procedures for a delegation of authority.

“(D) An employee as to whom a waiver under this paragraph is in effect shall not be considered an employee for purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84.

“(3) An annuitant receiving an annuity from the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund who was employed in a position within the Department of Defense following retirement under section 8336(d) or 8414(b) after the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 103-160) shall, within 90 days after the Department of Defense issues regulations on this subsection and after the Department takes reasonable efforts to notify employees, be able to elect to be covered by paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection.”.

SA 2127. Mr. WEBB (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL) 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:

On page 236, line 8, strike “and accounting for” and insert “accounting for, and keeping appropriate records of”.

On page 236, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(C) a process for the registration and identification of armored vehicles, helicopters, and other military vehicles operated by contractors and subcontractors performing private security functions in an area of combat operations;

On page 236, line 15, strike “(C)” and insert “(D)”.

On page 236, beginning on line 15, strike “for the reporting of all incidents in which—” and insert “under which contractors are required to report all incidents, and persons other than contractors are permitted to report incidents, in which—”.

On page 236, line 19, strike “or”.

On page 236, strike line 22 and insert the following:

ations are filled or injured; or

(iii) persons are killed or injured, or property is destroyed, as a result of conduct by contractor personnel;

On page 236, line 23, strike “(D)” and insert “(E)”.

On page 236, line 23, strike “investigating—” and insert “the independent review and, where appropriate, investigation of—”.

On page 236, line 25, strike “(C)” and insert “(D)”.

On page 237, line 4, strike “(E)” and insert “(F)”.

On page 237, line 8, strike “(F)” and insert “(G)”.

On page 237, strike line 15 and insert the following:

(ii) predeployment training requirements for personnel performing private security functions in an area of combat operations, addressing the requirements of this section, resources and assistance available to contractor personnel, country information and cultural training, and guidance on working with host country nationals; and

On page 237, line 16, strike “(ii)” and insert “(iii)”.

On page 237, line 16, strike “rules of engagement” and insert “rules on the use of force”.

On page 238, beginning on line 15, strike “and accounting for” and insert “accounting for, and keeping appropriate records of”.

On page 238, strike line 23 and insert the following:

ations;

(iii) registration and identification of armored vehicles, helicopters, and other military vehicles operated by contractors and subcontractors performing private security functions in an area of combat operations; and

On page 238, line 24, strike “(iii)” and insert “(iv)”.

On page 239, line 4, strike “or”.

On page 239, strike line 7 and insert the following:

bat operations are killed or injured; or

(III) persons are killed or injured, or property is destroyed, as a result of conduct by contractor personnel;

On page 239, line 10, strike “comply with—” and insert “are briefed on and understand their obligation to comply with—”.

On page 240, line 3, strike “rules of engagement” and insert “rules on the use of force”.

SA 2128. Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 226, recognizing the month of November 2007 as “National Homeless Youth Awareness Month”; as follows:

On page 3 line 5 after “November.” Strike the period and insert “2007.”

SA 2129. Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 226, recognizing the month of November 2007 as “National Homeless Youth Awareness Month”; as follows:

Amend the title to read:

“Recognizing the month of November 2007 as “National Homeless Youth Awareness Month”.

SA 2130. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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 mili-

tary 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 XII, add the following:

SEC. 1234. REPORT ON SECURITY CAPABILITIES NEEDED TO STABILIZE DARFUR, SUDAN.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States should assemble a multinational coalition to stabilize the Darfur region of Sudan; and

(2) the United States Government, with the concurrence of the Government of Chad, should help provide for the necessary improvements to the airfield located in Abeche, Chad, in order to support potential multinational operations, facilitate a possible United Nations deployment to Chad and Darfur, and support humanitarian operations.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to Congress a report on the security capabilities needed to stabilize Darfur.

(2) CONTENT.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) identify countries and multinational organizations, including the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the capacity to contribute to the stabilization of Darfur;

(B) describe the current operational status of the airfield located in Abeche, Chad, and include recommendations for upgrades to the Abeche airfield to support enhanced operations and a large increase in air traffic, including a cost-estimate for such upgrades; and

(C) identify the level of forces needed to achieve and maintain stability in Darfur.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEVIN, Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2007, at 9 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing on the nominations of the Honorable Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; Ms. Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a member of the board of directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; Mr. William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; Mr. William S. Jaisens, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; and Mr. Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LEVIN. 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, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will examine the weather and environmental satellite programs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including the role of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in developing such satellites.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Carried Interest, Part 1."

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Strengthening the Unique Role of the Nation's Inspectors General."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Preserving Prosecutorial Independence: Is the Department of Justice Politicizing the Hiring and Firing of U.S. Attorneys?—Part VI" on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

Witness list

Sara M. Taylor, Formerly Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Political Affairs, The White House.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 11, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "Review of EPA's Proposed Revision to the Ozone NAAQS."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Georgia.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. I ask unanimous consent that Julie Blanks, a legislative fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the remainder of the debate on H.R. 1585.

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

NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 226 and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 226) recognizing the month of November as "National Homeless Youth Awareness Month."

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to, the resolution, as amended, be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the title amendment at the desk be agreed to; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 2128) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 3 line 5 after "November," strike the period and insert "2007."

The resolution (S. Res. 226), as amended, was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The amendment (No. 2129) was agreed to, as follows:

Amend the title to read:

Recognizing the month of November 2007 as "National Homeless Youth Awareness Month".

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, reads as follows:

(The resolution will be printed in a future edition of the RECORD.)

NATIONAL SAVE FOR RETIREMENT WEEK

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 240.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 240) designating October 21 through October 27, 2007, as "National Save for Retirement Week."

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 240) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 240

Whereas the cost of retirement continues to rise, in part, because people in the United States are living longer than ever before, the number of employers providing retiree health coverage continues to decline, and retiree health care costs continue to increase at a rapid pace;

Whereas Social Security remains the bedrock of retirement income for the great majority of the people of the United States, but was never intended by Congress to be the sole source of retirement income for families;

Whereas recent data from the Employee Benefit Research Institute indicates that, in the United States, less than 3% of workers or their spouses are currently saving for retirement and that the actual amount of retirement savings of workers lags far behind the amount that is realistically needed to adequately fund retirement;

Whereas many employees have available to them through their employers access to defined benefit and defined contribution plans to assist them in preparing for retirement;

Whereas many employees may not be aware of their retirement savings options and may not have focused on the importance of and need for saving for their own retirement;

Whereas many employees may not be taking advantage of workplace defined contribution plans at all or to the full extent allowed by the plans or under Federal law; and

Whereas all workers, including public- and private-sector employees, employees of tax-exempt organizations, and self-employed individuals, can benefit from increased awareness of the need to save for retirement and the availability of tax-advantaged retirement savings vehicles to assist them in saving for retirement: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates October 21 through October 27, 2007, as "National Save for Retirement Week";

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Save for Retirement Week, including raising public awareness about the importance of adequate retirement savings and the availability of employer-sponsored retirement plans; and

(3) calls on the Federal Government, States, localities, schools, universities, nonprofit organizations, businesses, other entities, and the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs and activities with the goal of increasing the retirement savings of all the people of the United States.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., tomorrow morning, July 12; that on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved