

“(A) a law enforcement officer, as defined in section 5541;

“(B) any employee in or under the Federal Bureau of Investigation who is not described in subparagraph (A); and

“(C) a customs and border protection officer, as defined in section 8331(31); and

“(2) the term ‘qualified expense’, as used with respect to an immediate family changing its place of residence, means the transportation expenses of the immediate family, the expenses of moving (including transporting, packing, crating, temporarily storing, draying, and unpacking) the household goods and personal effects of such immediate family, not in excess of 18,000 pounds net weight, and, when authorized or approved by the agency head (or designee), the transportation of 1 privately owned motor vehicle.”.

(b) NO RELEVANCE AS TO COMPENSATION CLAIMS.—No determination made under section 5724d of title 5, United States Code, shall be deemed relevant to or be considered in connection with any claim for compensation under chapter 81 of that title or under any other law under which compensation may be provided on account of death or personal injury, nor shall any determination made with respect to any such claim be deemed relevant to or be considered in connection with any request for payment of expenses under such section 5724d.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5724c the following:

“Sec. 5724d. Transportation and moving expenses for immediate family of certain deceased Federal employees.”.

SA 4044. Mr. DODD (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2711, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation and moving expenses for the immediate family of certain Federal employees who die in the performance of their duties; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation and moving expenses for the immediate family of certain Federal employees who die in the performance of their duties.”.

SA 4045. Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 431, strike lines 14 through 20 and insert the following:

(ii) results from—

(I) the merger or whole acquisition of a commercial firm that directly or indirectly controls the industrial bank, credit card bank, or trust bank in a bona fide merger with or acquisition by another commercial firm, as determined by the appropriate Federal banking agency; or

(II) an acquisition of voting shares in a publicly traded holding company of a indus-

trial bank if, after the acquisition, the acquiring shareholder (or group of shareholders acting in concert)—

(aa) holds less than 25 percent of the voting shares of the company; and

(bb) has obtained all regulatory approvals required for such change of control under section 7(j) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and any applicable State law.

SA 4046. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 749, line 17 strike all through page 752, line 11, and insert the following:

“(2) PROHIBITION OF DISCLOSURE OF IDENTITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (B) of this subsection, or with the written consent of the whistleblower, the Commission may not disclose the name, identity or identifying information about the whistleblower who has provided information to the Commission.

“(B) NOTICE AND APPLICABILITY TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND FOREIGN AUTHORITIES.—Whenever the Commission makes a disclosure to other agencies and foreign authorities, it shall provide reasonable advance notice to the whistleblower if disclosure of that person's identity or identifying information is to occur. Any entity that receives such as disclosure shall protect the whistleblower's confidentiality in accordance with this subsection.

SA 4047. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 990, line 7, strike all through page 993, line 7, and insert the following:

“(2) PROHIBITION OF DISCLOSURE OF IDENTITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (B), or with the written consent of the whistleblower, the Commission may not disclose the name, identity or identifying information about the whistleblower who has provided information to the Commission.

“(B) NOTICE AND APPLICABILITY TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND FOREIGN AUTHORITIES.—Whenever the Commission makes a disclosure to other agencies and foreign authorities, it shall provide reasonable advance notice to the whistleblower if disclosure of that person's identity or identifying information is to occur. Any entity that receives such as disclosure shall protect the whistleblower's confidentiality in accordance with this subsection.

SPECIAL AGENT SAMUEL HICKS FAMILIES OF FALLEN HEROES ACT

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 234, H.R. 2711.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2711) to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of the dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with amendments; as follows:

(The parts of the bill intended to be stricken are shown in boldface brackets and the parts of the bill intended to be inserted are shown in italics.)

H.R. 2711

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 “Special Agent Samuel Hicks Families of Fallen Heroes Act”.

SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION OF DEPENDENTS, REMAINS, AND EFFECTS OF CERTAIN FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5724c the following:

“§5724d. Transportation of dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Under regulations prescribed under section 5738 and when the head of the agency concerned (or a designee thereof) authorizes or approves, if a covered employee dies while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties, the agency may pay from Government funds—

“(1) the qualified expenses of the immediate family of the employee, if the place where the family will reside following the death of the employee is—

“(A) different from the place where the family resided at the time of the employee's death; and

“(B) within the United States; and

“(2) the expenses of preparing and transporting the remains of the deceased to—

“(A) the place where the immediate family will reside following the death of the employee; or

“(B) such other place, appropriate for interment, as is determined by the agency head (or designee).

“(b) QUALIFIED EXPENSES.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified expenses’, as used with respect to a family changing its place of residence, means the moving expenses, transportation expenses, and relocation expenses of the family which are attributable to the change in place of residence.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) the term ‘covered employee’ means—

“(A) a law enforcement officer, as defined [by] in section 5541; [and]

“(B) any employee in or under the Federal Bureau of Investigation who is not described in subparagraph (A); and

“(C) a customs and border protection officer, as defined in section 8331(31);

“(2) the term ‘moving expenses’, as used with respect to a family, includes the expenses of transporting, packing, crating, temporarily storing, draying, and unpacking the household goods and personal effects of such family, not in excess of 18,000 pounds net weight; and

“(3) the term ‘relocation expenses’ has the meaning given such term under regulations prescribed under section 5738, including relocation expenses and relocation services described in sections 5724a and 5724c, respectively.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5724c the following:

“5724d. Transportation of dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees.”.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee-reported amendments be withdrawn, that a Lieberman substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the bill, as amended be read a third time and passed; that a title amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee-reported amendments were withdrawn.

The amendment (No. 4043) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Special Agent Samuel Hicks Families of Fallen Heroes Act”.

SEC. 2. TRANSPORTATION AND MOVING EXPENSES FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY OF CERTAIN DECEASED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 5724c the following:

“§5724d. Transportation and moving expenses for immediate family of certain deceased Federal employees

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Under regulations prescribed by the President, the head of the agency concerned (or a designee) may determine that a covered employee died as a result of personal injury sustained while in the performance of the employee’s duty and authorize or approve the payment by the agency, from Government funds, of—

“(1) any qualified expense of the immediate family of the covered employee attributable to a change in their place of residence, if the place where the immediate family will reside following the death of the employee is—

“(A) different from the place where the immediate family resided at the time of the employee’s death; and

“(B) within the United States; and

“(2) any expense of preparing and transporting the remains of the deceased to—

“(A) the place where the immediate family will reside following the death of the employee; or

“(B) such other place appropriate for interment as is determined by the agency head (or designee).

“(b) NO DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—No expenses may be paid under this section if those expenses are paid from Government funds under section 5742 or any other authority.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) the term ‘covered employee’ means—

“(A) a law enforcement officer, as defined in section 5541;

“(B) any employee in or under the Federal Bureau of Investigation who is not described in subparagraph (A); and

“(C) a customs and border protection officer, as defined in section 8331(31); and

“(2) the term ‘qualified expense’, as used with respect to an immediate family changing its place of residence, means the transportation expenses of the immediate family, the expenses of moving (including transporting, packing, crating, temporarily storing, draying, and unpacking) the household goods and personal effects of such immediate family, not in excess of 18,000 pounds net weight, and, when authorized or approved by the agency head (or designee), the transportation of 1 privately owned motor vehicle.”.

(b) NO RELEVANCE AS TO COMPENSATION CLAIMS.—No determination made under section 5724d of title 5, United States Code, shall be deemed relevant to or be considered in connection with any claim for compensation under chapter 81 of that title or under any other law under which compensation may be provided on account of death or personal injury, nor shall any determination made with respect to any such claim be deemed relevant to or be considered in connection with any request for payment of expenses under such section 5724d.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5724c the following:

“Sec. 5724d. Transportation and moving expenses for immediate family of certain deceased Federal employees.”.

The amendment (No. 4044) was agreed to, as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation and moving expenses for the immediate family of certain Federal employees who die in the performance of their duties.”.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 2711), as amended, was passed.

RV CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MONTH

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 410 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 410) supporting and recognizing the goals and ideals of “RV Centennial Celebration Month” to commemorate 100 years of enjoyment of recreation vehicles in the United States.

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

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 410) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 410

Whereas 1910 marks the first year of mass-produced, manufactured, motorized campers and camping trailers;

Whereas 1 in 12 households in the United States own a recreation vehicle (referred to in this preamble as an “RV”), and over 30,000,000 RV enthusiasts take part in this affordable and environmentally friendly form of vacationing;

Whereas RV vacations allow families in the United States to build stronger relationships, explore the great outdoors, and take part in healthy activities;

Whereas this homegrown industry, including RV manufacturers, suppliers, dealers, and campgrounds, employs hundreds of thousands of people in good-paying jobs across all 50 States;

Whereas traveling in an RV offers the freedom, comfort, and flexibility to see all parts of the United States, from historic landmarks and National Parks to local campgrounds and sporting events; and

Whereas the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the RV into the marketplace in the United States will be celebrated June 7, 2010, at the RV/MH Hall of Fame in Elkhart, Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports and recognizes the goals and ideals of “RV Centennial Celebration Month” to commemorate 100 years of enjoyment of recreation vehicles in the United States; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to celebrate this anniversary by taking part in recreation vehicle vacations.

COMMEMORATING WASHINGTON STATE FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 521 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 521) commemorating and celebrating the lives of Deputy Sheriff Stephen Michael Gallagher, Jr., Officer Timothy Q. Brenton, Officer Tina G. Griswold,