

amount of the liabilities assumed (within the meaning of section 357(c)).”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (3) of section 361(b) is amended by striking the last sentence.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to exchanges after December 31, 2010.

(2) TRANSITION RULE.—The amendments made by this section shall not apply to any exchange pursuant to a transaction which is—

(A) made pursuant to a written agreement which was binding on December 31, 2010, and at all times thereafter,

(B) described in a ruling request submitted to the Internal Revenue Service on or before December 2, 2010, or

(C) described on or before December 31, 2010, in a public announcement or in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## TITLE X—BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

### SEC. 1001. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled ‘Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation’ for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

### SEC. 1002. EMERGENCY DESIGNATIONS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO.—The provisions of this Act other than those that qualify for the current policy adjustments under section 7 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-139; 2 U.S.C. 933(g)) are designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 4(g) of such Act (Public Law 111-139; 2 U.S.C. 933(g)).

(b) HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—In the House of Representatives, this Act is designated as an emergency for purposes of pay-as-you-go principles.

(c) SENATE.—In the Senate, this Act is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 403(a) of S. Con. Res. 13 (111th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010.

**SA 4729.** Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

The Senate Finance Committee is requested to study the impact of any delay in extending tax cuts to middle income Americans with incomes up to \$250,000.

**SA 4730.** Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4729 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, insert the following:

“including specific information on the impact of the delay in extending the tax cuts”

**SA 4731.** Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 4730 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 4729 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 4853, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, insert the following:  
“and include statistics which reflect regional differences”

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2010, at 9 a.m.

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

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Tax Reform: Historical Trends in Income and revenue.”

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

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2010 at 3 p.m.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION OPERATIONS, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a meeting during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2010, at 2:15 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled “International Aviation Screening Standards.”

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing enti-

tled, “Oversight of the Consumer Product Safety Commission: Product Safety in the Holiday Season.”

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 2, 2010, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, “Finding Solutions to the Challenges Facing the U.S. Postal Service.”

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Erin Bibb, Dillon Kiel, and Susan Dixon of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today’s proceedings.

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

## ENACTING CERTAIN LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC CONTRACTS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1107 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1107) to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts.”

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a Sessions amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4726) was agreed to, as follows:

On page 2, in the item related to chapter 35 in the subtitle analysis, strike

“and”

and insert

“or”.

On page 7, strike lines 14 through 20 and insert “In this subtitle, the term ‘supplies’ has the same meaning as the terms ‘item’ and ‘item of supply’”.

On page 9, line 20, strike “support” and insert “support”.

On page 25, lines 11 and 12, strike “under section 5376 of title 5” and insert “for level IV of the Executive Schedule”.

On page 48, line 34, strike “employee from State or local governments” and insert “individual”.

On page 55, line 36, strike “\$2,500” and insert “\$3,000”.

On page 56, line 15, strike “\$2,500” and insert “\$3,000”.

On page 56, line 19, strike “\$2,500” and insert “\$3,000”.

On page 77, line 1, strike “his representatives” and insert “representatives of the Comptroller General”.

On page 93, lines 18 and 19, strike “under section 5376 of title 5” and insert “for level IV of the Executive Schedule”.

On page 110, line 21, strike “AND” and insert “OR”.

Beginning on page 131, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 132, line 19, and insert the following:

(c) **CONTRACT PERIOD.**—The period of a task order contract entered into under this section, including all periods of extensions of the contract under options, modifications, or otherwise, may not exceed 5 years unless a longer period is specifically authorized in a law that is applicable to the contract.

On page 185, line 39, strike “AMOUNT” and insert “AMOUNTS”.

On page 185, line 40, strike “amount” and insert “amounts”.

On page 186, line 1, strike “amount” and insert “amounts”.

On page 201, line 13, strike “under section 5376 of title 5” and insert “for level IV of the Executive Schedule”.

On page 204, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

(3) **PERSON.**—The term “person” means a corporation, partnership, business association of any kind, trust, joint-stock company, or individual.

On page 204, line 11, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

On page 204, line 14, strike “(4)” and insert “(5)”.

On page 204, line 17, strike “(5)” and insert “(6)”.

On page 204, line 20, strike “(6)” and insert “(7)”.

On page 204, line 24, strike “(7)” and insert “(8)”.

On page 204, line 31, strike “(8)” and insert “(9)”.

On page 208, line 6, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 209, line 3, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 213, line 36, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 213, line 39, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 214, line 8, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 214, line 13, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 214, line 16, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 214, line 19, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 214, line 24, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 214, line 27, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 214, line 39, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 215, line 3, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 215, line 6, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 215, line 10, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

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On page 215, line 19, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 217, line 28, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 219, line 30, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 219, line 33, strike “(except section 3302)” and insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)”.

On page 219, line 38, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 220, line 5, insert “(EXCEPT SECTIONS 1704 AND 2303)” after “DIVISION B”.

On page 220, line 8, insert “(except sections 1704 and 2303)” after “division B”.

On page 220, line 13, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 220, line 16, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 220, line 18, insert “(except sections 1704 and 2303)” after “division B”.

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On page 221, line 26, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 221, line 29, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 222, line 18, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 222, line 22, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 222, line 37, insert “(except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711)” after “division C”.

On page 223, line 25, insert “(EXCEPT SECTIONS 1704 AND 2303)” after “DIVISION B”.

On page 236, strike “2006” in the column relating to “Date”.

On page 236, strike the item related to Public Law 109-364.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 1107), as amended, was passed, as follows:

H.R. 1107

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1107) entitled “An Act to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, “Public Contracts.”, do pass with the following amendments:

(1) On page 2, in the item related to chapter 35 in the subtitle analysis, strike

[and]

and insert

or

(2) On page 7, strike lines 14 through 20 and insert *In this subtitle, the term “supplies” has the same meaning as the terms “item” and “item of supply”*

(3) On page 9, line 20, strike [support] and insert *support*

(4) On page 25, lines 11 and 12, strike [under section 5376 of title 5] and insert *for level IV of the Executive Schedule*

(5) On page 48, line 34, strike [employee from State or local governments] and insert *individual*

(6) On page 55, line 36, strike [\$2,500] and insert *\$3,000*

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(8) On page 56, line 19, strike [\$2,500] and insert *\$3,000*

(9) On page 77, line 1, strike [his representatives] and insert *representatives of the Comptroller General*

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(12) Beginning on page 131, strike line 8 and all that follows through page 132, line 19, and insert the following:

(c) **CONTRACT PERIOD.**—The period of a task order contract entered into under this section, including all periods of extensions of the contract under options, modifications, or otherwise, may not exceed 5 years unless a longer period is specifically authorized in a law that is applicable to the contract.

(13) On page 185, line 39, strike [AMOUNT] and insert *AMOUNTS*

(14) On page 185, line 40, strike [amount] and insert *amounts*

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(16) On page 201, line 13, strike [under section 5376 of title 5] and insert *for level IV of the Executive Schedule*

(17) On page 204, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

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(43)On page 219, line 33, strike [(*except section 3302*)] and insert (*except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711*)

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(60)On page 236, strike [2006] in the column relating to “Date”

(61)On page 236, strike the item related to Public Law 109-364.

#### THE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed en bloc to the following postal-naming bills, Calendar Nos. 665 through 669, S. 3784, H.R. 5758, H.R. 6118, H.R. 6237, and H.R. 6387.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read a third time and passed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD.

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

#### MARINE SGT. JEREMY E. MURRAY POST OFFICE

The bill (S. 3784) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4865 Tallmadge Road in Rootstown, Ohio, as the “Marine Sgt. Jeremy E. Murray Post Office” was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 3784

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

#### SECTION 1. MARINE SGT. JEREMY E. MURRAY POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4865 Tallmadge Road in Rootstown, Ohio, shall be known and designated as the “Marine Sgt. Jeremy E. Murray Post Office”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “Marine Sgt. Jeremy E. Murray Post Office”.

#### SERGEANT ROBERT BARRETT POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 5758) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Government Center in Fall River Massachusetts, as the “Sergeant Robert Barrett Post Office Building,” was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### DOROTHY I. HEIGHT POST OFFICE

The bill (H.R. 6118) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE., in Washington, D.C., as the “Dorothy I. Height Post Office,” was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### TOM KONGSGAARD POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 6237) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1351 2nd Street in Napa, California, as the “Tom Kongsgaard Post Office Building,” was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### SAM SACCO POST OFFICE BUILDING

The bill (H.R. 6387) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 337 West Clark Street in Eureka, California, as the “Sam Sacco Post Office Building,” was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### CONDEMNING THE ATTACK BY THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 693, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 693) condemning the attack by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea against the Republic of Korea, and affirming support for the United States-Republic of Korea Alliance.

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

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent to have my name added as a co-sponsor of that measure.

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

Mr. DURBIN. 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 that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 693) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 693

Whereas Yeonpyeong Island is located in the Yellow Sea (West Sea) about 50 miles west of the city of Incheon and is inhabited by more than 1,000 citizens and military personnel from the Republic of Korea;

Whereas the United Nations Command established the Northern Limit Line in 1953, marking the line of military control between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Korea;

Whereas, on November 23, 2010, the Republic of Korea military conducted military exercises in the Yellow Sea (West Sea) on the southern side of the Northern Limit Line;

Whereas, on that day, North Korea military forces fired approximately 170 artillery shells at Yeonpyeong Island, resulting in military and civilian casualties, including the death of 2 marines and 2 civilians from the Republic of Korea;

Whereas North Korea's shelling caused widespread damage to military installations and civilian property;

Whereas North Korea's attack against South Korea infringes upon the commitments made in the Korean War Armistice Agreement of 1953 that oblige military commanders to “order and enforce a complete cessation of all hostilities in Korea by all armed forces under their control”;