

or entity established to foster the start-up of businesses or accelerate the growth of fledgling companies by providing entrepreneurs with resources and services to produce viable businesses that can help create jobs and restore vitality to distressed areas.

“(2) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘business incubator’ does not include an organization or entity that is organized primarily as a for-profit venture.

“(b) DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR CREATION OR EXPANSION OF BUSINESS INCUBATORS.—On receipt of an application from an eligible recipient (as determined by the Secretary in accordance with subsection (d)), the Secretary may provide grants to an eligible recipient for—

“(1) the development of feasibility studies and plans for the creation of new, or expansion of existing, business incubators;

“(2) the implementation of those studies and plans by supporting the creation of new, or expansion of existing, business incubators and related programmatic and technical assistance, which may include—

“(A) making investments in an early-stage business;

“(B) providing training, counseling, and other assistance to an early-stage business to support the development of the business;

“(C) carrying out due diligence activities to analyze and assess the desirability, value, and potential of an opportunity to provide assistance; or

“(D) meeting operational expenses of the business incubator; and

“(3) the temporary support of operations of business incubators, to the extent that the Secretary determines that the support is essential to assist a business incubator in becoming self-sustainable.

“(c) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—The amount of a grant provided to an eligible recipient under this section may not exceed—

“(1) \$750,000, if the grant is to be used for feasibility studies and plans; or

“(2) \$3,000,000, if the grant is to be used for implementation of those studies and plans.

“(d) PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING GRANTS.—

“(1) COMPETITIVE PROCESS REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall provide each grant under this section to an eligible recipient selected pursuant to a competitive process.

“(2) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall publish the criteria to be used in any competition under this paragraph for the selection of eligible recipients of grants under this section, including requirements relating to—

“(A) the projected number of jobs required to be created at a new or expanded business incubator for each of the first 6 years after the date of receipt of the grant;

“(B) the funding to be required to create or expand a business incubator during the first 5 years after the date of receipt of the grant;

“(C) the types of businesses and research entities expected in the business incubator and surrounding community;

“(D) letters of intent or support by businesses and research entities to establish a location in the business incubator;

“(E) the capability to attract a well-trained workforce to the business incubator;

“(F) the management of the business incubator; and

“(G) such other factors as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as are necessary for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter.

“(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.”

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3121 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 207 the following:

“Sec. 208. Business incubators.”

SA 471. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 5, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. ____ GRANTS FOR PUBLIC WORKS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT.

Section 201(b)(1)(B) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3141(b)(1)(B)) is amended by inserting “high-technology” before “employment”.

On page 13, strike lines 7 through 13 and insert the following:

(3) in paragraph (4), by striking “or” after the semicolon at the end; and

(4) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

“(5) the loss of information technology, aerospace, manufacturing, natural resource-based, agricultural, or service sector jobs, for reinvesting in and diversifying the economies of the communities; or

“(6) termination of a major civilian Federal program with commercial and industrial applications, for help in reinvesting and diversifying the economies of the communities and retaining the workforce necessary for technology-focused jobs.”

On page 19, after the matter following line 2 and before line 3, insert the following:

SEC. ____ ELIGIBILITY OF AREAS.

Section 301(a) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3161(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(4) CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SKILLED WORKFORCE; CAPACITY TO USE ASSISTANCE.—The area has—

“(A) a well-developed capital infrastructure and a skilled workforce; and

“(B) the capacity to effectively use Federal assistance to increase employment in a technology-focused or manufacturing sector.”

On page 20, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. ____ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS.

Section 401(a)(3) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3171(a)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively;

(2) by inserting before subparagraph (B) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

“(A) contains a specific plan to increase employment in manufacturing or a field with commercial, industrial, and military applications;”

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. 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 June 14, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2011, at 10 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2011, at 9 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2011, at 5 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2011, at 3:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2011, at 2 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 14, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kelsey Beltramea, Nikhil Sahai, and Cathryn Curoe of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's proceedings.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2011

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June

15; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate proceed to a period of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first hour equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the majority controlling the next 30 minutes.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:58 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 14, 2011:

THE JUDICIARY

CLAIRE C. CECCHI, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY.

ESTHER SALAS, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY.