

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 53003. EXTENSION OF PAY LIMITATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

(a) EXTENSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 147 of the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Public Law 111–242; 5 U.S.C. 5303 note) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “December 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”; and

(B) in subsection (c), by striking “December 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

(2) APPLICATION TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCH.—

(A) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—The extension of the pay limit for Federal employees through December 31, 2013, as established pursuant to the amendments made by paragraph (1), shall apply to Members of Congress in accordance with section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31).

(B) OTHER LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES.—

(1) LIMIT IN PAY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no cost of living adjustment required by statute with respect to a legislative branch employee which (but for this clause) would otherwise take effect during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2013, shall be made.

(ii) DEFINITION.—In this subparagraph, the term “legislative branch employee” means—

(I) an employee of the Federal Government whose pay is disbursed by the Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; and

(II) an employee of any office of the legislative branch who is not described in subclause (I).

(b) REDUCTION OF REVISED DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS TO ACHIEVE SAVINGS FROM FEDERAL EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS.—Paragraph (2) of section 251A of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 is amended to read as follows:

“(2) REVISED DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—The discretionary spending limits for fiscal years 2013 through 2021 under section 251(c) shall be replaced with the following:

“(A) For fiscal year 2013—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$546,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$499,000,000,000 in budget authority.

“(B) For fiscal year 2014—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$556,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$507,000,000,000 in budget authority.

“(C) For fiscal year 2015—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$566,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$517,000,000,000 in budget authority.

“(D) For fiscal year 2016—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$577,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$527,000,000,000 in budget authority.

“(E) For fiscal year 2017—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$590,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$538,000,000,000 in budget authority.

“(F) For fiscal year 2018—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$603,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$550,000,000,000 in budget authority.

“(G) For fiscal year 2019—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$616,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$562,000,000,000 in budget authority.

“(H) For fiscal year 2020—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$630,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$574,000,000,000 in budget authority.

“(I) For fiscal year 2021—

“(i) for the revised security category, \$644,000,000,000 in budget authority; and

“(ii) for the revised nonsecurity category, \$586,000,000,000 in budget authority.”.

SA 1827. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of division B, add the following:

SEC. ____ . ATTRIBUTION OF FIXED GUIDEWAY VEHICLE REVENUE MILES AND FIXED GUIDEWAY DIRECTIONAL ROUTE MILES.

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section the term “covered miles of a recipient” means the fixed guideway vehicle revenue miles or fixed guideway directional route miles in the public transportation system for which the recipient receives funds.

(b) ATTRIBUTION.—For purposes of section 5336(b)(2)(A) and section 5337(c)(3) of title 49, United States Code, as amended by this Act, the Secretary shall deem to be attributable to an urbanized area not less than 50 percent of the covered miles of a recipient that are located outside the urbanized area for which the recipient receives funds, in addition to the covered miles of the recipient that are located inside the urbanized area.

SA 1828. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 469, after line 22, add the following:

SEC. 1521. TRUCKING WEIGHT LIMITATIONS.

Section 127(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(13) HEAVY TRUCK PILOT PROGRAM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may carry out a pilot program under which the Secretary may authorize up to 3 States to allow, by special permit, the operation of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of up to 126,000 pounds on segments on the Interstate System in the State.

“(B) REQUIREMENTS.—A State authorized under the pilot program under subparagraph (A) shall—

“(i) identify, and submit to the Secretary for approval—

“(I) the segments on the Interstate System that will be subject to the pilot program; and

“(II) the configurations of vehicles to be allowed to operate under a special permit;

“(ii) allow vehicles subject to the program to operate on not more than 3 segments, which may be contiguous, of up to 25 miles each;

“(iii) require the loads of vehicles operating under a special permit to conform to such single axle, tandem axle, tridem axle, and bridge formula limits applicable in the State; and

“(iv) establish and collect a fee for vehicles operating under a special permit.

“(C) PROHIBITIONS.—The Secretary may prohibit the operation of a vehicle under a special permit if the Secretary determines

that the operation poses an unreasonable safety risk based on an analysis of engineering data, safety data, or other applicable data.

“(D) DURATION.—The Secretary may authorize a State to participate in the pilot program under this paragraph for a period not to exceed 4 years.”.

SA 1829. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . EXCEPTION TO GENERAL PROPERTY-CARRYING UNIT LIMITATION.

Section 3112(d)(4) of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(4) Subject to an appropriate permit from each State in which they will be operated, property-carrying units that were not in actual operation on June 1, 1991, may be operated within 1 or more adjacent States to transport sugar beets from the field where such sugar beets are harvested to storage, market, factory, or stockpile or from stockpile to storage, market, or factory if such vehicles—

“(A) are not more than 25 percent longer or 15 percent heavier than the maximum length and weight, respectively, otherwise permitted for similar property-carrying units;

“(B) are operated not more than 200 days per year; and

“(C) are operated within a range of not more than 90 aeronautical miles.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 8, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. 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 March 8, 2012, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Addressing the Housing Crisis in Indian Country: Leveraging Resources and Coordinating Efforts.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled “The Key to America’s Global Competitiveness: A Quality Education” on March 8, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 8, 2012, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 8, 2012, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 8, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Bonelli, a detailee to the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, be given floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of S. 1813.

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

WORLD PLUMBING DAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask we proceed to S. Res. 393.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 393) designating March 11, 2012, as "World Plumbing Day."

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 393) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 393

Whereas the industry of plumbing plays an important role in safeguarding the public health of the people of the United States and the world;

Whereas 884,000,000 people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water;

Whereas 2,600,000,000 people around the world live without adequate sanitation facilities;

Whereas the lack of sanitation is the largest cause of infection in the world;

Whereas in the developing world, 24,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from preventable causes, such as diarrhea contracted from unclean water;

Whereas safe and efficient plumbing helps save money and reduces future water supply costs and infrastructure costs;

Whereas the installation of modern plumbing systems must be accomplished in a specific, safe manner by trained professionals in order to prevent widespread disease, which can be crippling and deadly to the community;

Whereas the people of the United States rely on plumbing professionals to maintain, repair, and rebuild the aging water infrastructure of the United States;

Whereas Congress and plumbing professionals across the United States and the world are committed to safeguarding public health; and

Whereas the founding organization of World Plumbing Day, the World Plumbing Council, is currently being chaired by GP

Russ Chaney, a United States citizen: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates March 11, 2012, as "World Plumbing Day".

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until Monday, March 12, at 2 p.m.; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and 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 4 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1813, the surface transportation bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as I indicated, following morning business the Senate will resume consideration of the surface transportation bill. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday. Senators should expect several votes Tuesday morning, going into the afternoon or evening, to complete action on that bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012, AT 2 P.M.

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:52 p.m., adjourned until Monday, March 12, 2012, at 2 p.m.