

SA 2800. Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2801. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2802. Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2803. Mr. BROWN, of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2804. Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2805. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2806. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2807. Mr. BROWN, of Ohio (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2808. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2789 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY to the bill S. 3457, supra.

SA 2809. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2808 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2789 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY to the bill S. 3457, supra.

SA 2810. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3457, supra.

SA 2811. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2810 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, supra.

SA 2812. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3457, supra.

SA 2813. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, supra.

SA 2814. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2813 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2812 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, supra.

SA 2815. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2816. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2790. Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . VICTORY FOR VETERANS STAMP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title 39, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 414 the following:

“§ 414a. Victory for Veterans stamp

“(a) In order to provide members of the public an opportunity to honor their vet-

erans by supporting veterans’ employment programs, to reduce the deficit, and to preserve the vital role of the United States Postal Service, the Postal Service shall issue a special stamp (referred to in this section as the ‘Victory for Veterans Stamp’) in accordance with the provisions of this section.

“(b) The Victory for Veterans Stamp—

“(1) shall not be valid for purposes of postage; and

“(2) shall be offered at a cost equal to 25 cents.

“(c)(1) The amounts becoming available from the sale of the Victory for Veterans Stamp shall be used as follows:

“(A) One-third of such amounts shall be transferred to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of funding vocational rehabilitation programs for veterans under chapter 31 of title 38.

“(B) One-third of such amounts shall be transferred to the general fund of the Treasury for purposes of deficit reduction.

“(C) One-third of such amounts shall be used by the Postal Service to satisfy obligations incurred under section 2005.

“(2) Amounts transferred under this subsection to an agency under paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B) shall be made under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual agreement with such agency establish in order to carry out the purposes of this section.

“(3) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts becoming available from the sale of the Victory for Veterans Stamp’ means—

“(A) the total amounts received by the Postal Service that it would not have received but for the enactment of this section, reduced by

“(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out this section, including those attributable to the printing, sale, and distribution of the Victory for Veterans Stamp under this section, as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that it shall prescribe.

“(d) Amounts transferred under subsection (c)(1)(A) to the Department of Veterans Affairs shall not be taken into account in any decision relating to the level of appropriations or other Federal funding to be furnished in any year to the Department.

“(e) The Victory for Veterans Stamp shall be made available to the public beginning on such date as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in no event later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this section.

“(f) The Postmaster General shall include in each report rendered under section 2402 information concerning the operation of this section.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for title 39, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 414 the following:

“414a. Victory for Veterans stamp.”.

SA 2791. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . VETERANS EDUCATION OUTREACH PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end of subchapter II the following new section:

“§ 3697B. Veterans education outreach program

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide funding for offices of veterans affairs at

institutions of higher learning, as defined in section 3452(f), in accordance with this section.

“(b) PAYMENTS TO INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.—(1)(A) The Secretary shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, make payments to any institution of higher learning, under and in accordance with this section, during any fiscal year if the number of persons eligible for services from offices assisted under this section at the institution is at least 50, determined in the same manner as the number of eligible veterans or eligible persons is determined under section 3684(c) of this title.

“(B) The persons who are eligible for services from the offices assisted under this section are persons receiving educational assistance administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, including assistance provided under chapter 1606 of title 10.

“(2) To be eligible for a payment under this section, an institution of higher learning or a consortium of institutions of higher learning, as described in paragraph (3), shall submit an application to the Secretary. The application shall—

“(A) set forth such policies, assurances, and procedures that will ensure that—

“(i) the funds received by the institution, or each institution in a consortium of institutions described in paragraph (3), under this section will be used solely to carry out this section;

“(ii) for enhancing the functions of its veterans education outreach program, the applicant will expend, during the academic year for which a payment is sought, an amount equal to at least the amount of the award under this section from sources other than this or any other Federal program; and

“(iii) the applicant will submit to the Secretary such reports as the Secretary may require or as are required by this section;

“(B) contain such other statement of policies, assurances, and procedures as the Secretary may require in order to protect the financial interests of the United States;

“(C) set forth such plans, policies, assurances, and procedures as will ensure that the applicant will maintain an office of veterans’ affairs which has responsibility for—

“(i) veterans’ certification, outreach, recruitment, and special education programs, including the provision of or referral to educational, vocational, and personal counseling for veterans; and

“(ii) providing information regarding other services provided veterans by the Department, including the readjustment counseling program authorized under section 1712A of this title and the programs carried out under chapters 41 and 42 of this title; and

“(D) be submitted at such time or times, in such manner, in such form, and contain such information as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the functions of the Secretary under this section.

“(3) An institution of higher learning which is eligible for funding under this section and which the Secretary determines cannot feasibly carry out, by itself, any or all of the activities set forth in paragraph (2)(C), may carry out such program or programs through a consortium agreement with one or more other institutions of higher learning in the same community.

“(4) The Secretary shall not approve an application under this subsection unless the Secretary determines that the applicant will implement the requirements of paragraph (2)(C) within the first academic year during which it receives a payment under this section.

“(c) AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—(1)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the amount of the payment which any institution shall receive under this section for any fiscal year shall be

\$100 for each person who is described in subsection (b)(1)(B).

“(B) The maximum amount of payments to any institution of higher learning, or any branch thereof which is located in a community which is different from that in which the parent institution thereof is located, in any fiscal year is \$150,000.

“(2)(A) The Secretary shall pay to each institution of higher learning which has had an application approved under subsection (b) the amount which it is to receive under this section. If the amount appropriated for any fiscal year is not sufficient to pay the amounts which all such institutions are to receive, the Secretary shall ratably reduce such payments. If any amount becomes available to carry out this section for a fiscal year after such reductions have been imposed, such reduced payments shall be increased on the same basis as they were reduced.

“(B) In making payments under this section for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall apportion the appropriation for making such payments, from funds which become available as a result of the limitation on payments set forth in paragraph (1)(B), in an equitable manner.

“(d) COORDINATION AND PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL CONSULTATION, AND INFORMATION.—The Secretary, in carrying out the provisions of this section, shall seek to assure the coordination of programs assisted under this section with other programs carried out by the Department pursuant to this title, and the Secretary shall provide all assistance, technical consultation, and information otherwise authorized by law as necessary to promote the maximum effectiveness of the activities and programs assisted under this section.

“(e) BEST PRACTICES AND ADMINISTRATION.—(1) From the amounts made available for any fiscal year under subsection (f), the Secretary shall retain one percent or \$20,000, whichever is less, for the purpose of collecting information about exemplary veterans educational outreach programs and disseminating that information to other institutions of higher learning having such programs on their campuses. Such collection and dissemination shall be done on an annual basis.

“(2) From the amounts made available under subsection (f), the Secretary may retain not more than two percent for the purpose of administering this section.

“(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 3697A the following new item:

“3697B. Veterans education outreach program.”.

SA 2792. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . DEPARTMENT OF LABOR PROGRAM TO SECURE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED VETERAN.—In this subsection, the term “covered veteran” means a veteran with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Labor, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy.

(3) VETERAN.—The term “veteran” means a veteran, as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall carry out a program through which the Secretary shall—

(1) provide technical assistance to prospective employers and employers of covered veterans, to enable the prospective employers and employers to employ and retain covered veterans;

(2) provide technical assistance for entities in the workforce development system, to enable the entities to help covered veterans obtain employment and succeed in that employment;

(3) receive referrals for technical assistance described in paragraphs (1) and (2) from reserve components described in section 101 of title 10, United States Code, business organizations, and Federal agencies; and

(4) conduct outreach concerning such technical assistance through regional offices of the Department of Labor.

(c) INFORMATION ON BEST PRACTICES.—The Secretary shall disseminate information on best practices related to assisting covered veterans in obtaining employment and developing strategies to succeed in that employment. The Secretary shall disseminate the information to business organizations and employers (including veteran-owned businesses), human resource organizations, government agencies, and Federal contractors.

(d) INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP.—The Secretary shall establish a working group, consisting of representatives of Federal agencies with programs that assist covered veterans in obtaining or maintaining employment.

(2) DUTIES OF WORKING GROUP.—The working group shall share information on best practices, share resources, and develop a plan, for providing such assistance to the covered veterans. The working group shall submit the plan to the heads of the Federal agencies.

(3) FUNCTIONS OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Each head of a Federal agency receiving the plan shall consider the plan and make appropriate changes to carry out functions that assist covered veterans in obtaining and maintaining employment.

SA 2793. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . IMPROVEMENTS TO PLANS FOR VETERANS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FOR REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY.

Section 1710C(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (5) as paragraphs (5) through (7), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraphs:

“(3) With respect to individuals who are veterans described in subsection (b) of section 3120 of this title, participation in programs of independent living services provided under subsection (a) of such section.

“(4) Employment support services provided under section 1718(d)(2) of this title.”.

SA 2794. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . DISPOSAL OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

The Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs establishing procedures under which a veteran may deliver a controlled substance to an employee of the Veterans Health Administration to be disposed of in accordance with section 302(g) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 822(g)).

SA 2795. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . NATIONAL RIGHT TO WORK.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT.—

(1) RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES.—Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 157) is amended by striking “except to” and all that follows through “authorized in section 8(a)(3)”.

(2) UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES.—Section 8 of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 158) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “: *Provided, That*” and all that follows through “retaining membership”;

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (2), by striking “or to discriminate” and all that follows through “retaining membership”; and

(ii) in paragraph (5), by striking “covered by an agreement authorized under subsection (a)(3) of this section”; and

(C) in subsection (f), by striking clause (2) and redesignating clauses (3) and (4) as clauses (2) and (3), respectively.

(b) AMENDMENT TO THE RAILWAY LABOR ACT.—Section 2 of the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 152) is amended by striking paragraph Eleven.

SA 2796. Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . EXCLUSION OF MEDICAL DEVICES SOLD UNDER THE TRICARE FOR LIFE PROGRAM OR VETERAN'S HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS FROM TAX ON SUCH DEVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 4191 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) EXCLUSION OF MEDICAL DEVICES SOLD UNDER THE TRICARE FOR LIFE PROGRAM OR VETERAN'S HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS.—Such term shall not include any device which is sold to individuals covered under the TRICARE for Life program or the veteran's health care program under chapter 17 of title

38, United States Code, any portion of the cost of which is paid or reimbursed under either such program.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to sales after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 2797. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. ____ DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACTIONS ON INELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN PROPRIETARY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3681 the following new section:

“§ 3681A. Ineligibility of certain proprietary institutions of higher education for participation in Department of Veterans Affairs programs of educational assistance

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon receipt of a notice from the Secretary of Education under clause (iii) of section 487(d)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(d)(2)(A)) that a proprietary institution of higher education is ineligible for participation in or receipt of funds under any program of Federal educational assistance by reason of such section, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that no educational assistance under the provisions of law specified in subsection (b) is available or used for education at the institution for the period of institutional fiscal years covered by such notice.

“(b) COVERED ASSISTANCE.—The provisions of law specified in this subsection are the provisions of law on educational assistance through the Department under chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of this title.

“(c) NOTICE ON INELIGIBILITY.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall take appropriate actions to notify persons receiving or eligible for educational assistance under the provisions of law specified in subsection (b) of the application of the limitations in section 487(d)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to particular proprietary institutions of higher education.

“(2) The actions taken under this subsection with respect to a proprietary institution shall include publication, on the Internet website of the Department that provides information to persons described in paragraph (1), of the following:

“(A) The name of the institution.

“(B) The extent to which the institution failed to meet the requirements of section 487(a)(24) of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

“(C) The length of time the institution will be ineligible for participation in or receipt of funds under any program of Federal educational assistance by reason of section 487(d)(2)(A) of that Act.

“(D) The nonavailability of educational assistance through the Department for enrollment, attendance, or pursuit of a program of education at the institution by reason of such ineligibility.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 36 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 3681 the following new item:

“3681A. Ineligibility of certain proprietary institutions of higher education for participation in Department of Veterans Affairs programs of educational assistance.”.

(b) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 101 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2008 the following new section:

“§ 2008a. Ineligibility of certain proprietary institutions of higher education for participation in Department of Defense programs of educational assistance

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon receipt of a notice from the Secretary of Education under clause (iii) of section 487(d)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094(d)(2)(A)) that a proprietary institution of higher education is ineligible for participation in or receipt of funds under any program of Federal educational assistance by reason of such section, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that no educational assistance under the provisions of law specified in subsection (b) is available or used for education at the institution for the period of institutional fiscal years covered by such notice.

“(b) COVERED ASSISTANCE.—The provisions of law specified in this subsection are the provisions of law on educational assistance through the Department of Defense as follows:

“(1) This chapter.

“(2) Chapters 105, 106A, 1606, 1607, and 1608 of this title.

“(3) Section 1784a of this title.

“(c) NOTICE ON INELIGIBILITY.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall take appropriate actions to notify persons receiving or eligible for educational assistance under the provisions of law specified in subsection (b) of the application of the limitations in section 487(d)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to particular proprietary institutions of higher education.

“(2) The actions taken under this subsection with respect to a proprietary institution shall include publication, on the Internet website of the Department of Defense that provides information to persons described in paragraph (1), of the following:

“(A) The name of the institution.

“(B) The extent to which the institution failed to meet the requirements of section 487(a)(24) of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

“(C) The length of time the institution will be ineligible for participation in or receipt of funds under any program of Federal educational assistance by reason of section 487(d)(2)(A) of that Act.

“(D) The nonavailability of educational assistance through the Department for enrollment, attendance, or pursuit of a program of education at the institution by reason of such ineligibility.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 101 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2008 the following new item:

“2008a. Ineligibility of certain proprietary institutions of higher education for participation in Department of Defense programs of educational assistance.”.

SEC. ____ PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS FOR PROPRIETARY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Section 487 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1094) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(24)—

(A) by inserting “that receives funds provided under this title” before “, such institution”; and

(B) by striking “other than funds provided under this title, as calculated in accordance

with subsection (d)(1)” and inserting “other than Federal educational assistance, as defined in subsection (d)(5) and calculated in accordance with subsection (d)(1)”; and

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “NON-TITLE IV” and inserting “NON-FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL”;

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “that receives funds provided under this title” before “shall”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “assistance under this title” and inserting “Federal educational assistance”; and

(II) in clause (ii)(I), by inserting “, or on a military base if the administering Secretary for a program of Federal educational assistance under clause (ii), (iii), or (iv) of paragraph (5)(B) has authorized such location” before the semicolon;

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking “program under this title” and inserting “program of Federal educational assistance”;

(iv) in subparagraph (E), by striking “funds received under this title” and inserting “Federal educational assistance”; and

(v) in subparagraph (F)—

(I) in clause (iii), by striking “under this title” and inserting “of Federal educational assistance”; and

(II) in clause (iv), by striking “under this title” and inserting “of Federal educational assistance”;

(C) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) INELIGIBILITY.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a proprietary institution of higher education receiving funds provided under this title that fails to meet a requirement of subsection (a)(24) for two consecutive institutional fiscal years shall be ineligible to participate in or receive funds under any program of Federal educational assistance for a period of not less than two institutional fiscal years.

“(ii) REGAINING ELIGIBILITY.—To regain eligibility to participate in or receive funds under any program of Federal educational assistance after being ineligible pursuant to clause (i), a proprietary institution of higher education shall demonstrate compliance with all eligibility and certification requirements for the program for a minimum of two institutional fiscal years after the institutional fiscal year in which the institution became ineligible. In order to regain eligibility to participate in any program of Federal educational assistance under this title, such compliance shall include meeting the requirements of section 498 for such 2-year period.

“(iii) NOTIFICATION OF INELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of Education shall determine when a proprietary institution of higher education that receives funds under this title is ineligible under clause (i) and shall notify all other administering Secretaries of the determination.

“(iv) ENFORCEMENT.—Each administering Secretary for a program of Federal educational assistance shall enforce the requirements of this subparagraph for the program concerned upon receiving notification under clause (iii) of a proprietary institution of higher education’s ineligibility.”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(aa) by striking “In addition” and all that follows through “education fails” and inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addition to such other means of enforcing the requirements of a program of Federal educational assistance as may be available to the administering Secretary, if

a proprietary institution of higher education that receives funds provided under this title fails"; and

(bb) by striking "the programs authorized by this title" and inserting "all programs of Federal educational assistance"; and

(II) in clause (i), by inserting "with respect to a program of Federal educational assistance under this title," before "on the expiration date";

(D) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking "sources under this title" and inserting "Federal educational assistance"; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

"(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

"(A) ADMINISTERING SECRETARY.—The term 'administering Secretary' means the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or the Secretary of a military department responsible for administering the Federal educational assistance concerned.

"(B) FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—The term 'Federal educational assistance' means funds provided under any of the following provisions of law:

"(i) This title.

"(ii) Chapter 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, or 35 of title 38, United States Code.

"(iii) Chapter 101, 105, 106A, 1606, 1607, or 1608 of title 10, United States Code.

"(iv) Section 1784a of title 10, United States Code."

SA 2798. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . GRANTS FOR TRAINING OF VETERANS WHO OWN SMALL BUSINESSES ON APPLYING FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may award a grant to a non-profit organization to assist such organization in providing training to a veteran who is an owner of a small business concern on how to apply for and win a contract with the Federal Government.

(b) MAXIMUM AMOUNTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The total amount of grants awarded under subsection (a) may not exceed \$1,000,000.

(2) INDIVIDUAL GRANT AMOUNTS.—A grant awarded under subsection (a) may not exceed \$200,000.

(c) MATCHING FUNDS.—The Secretary may award a grant under subsection (a) to a non-profit organization to conduct training only if the organization agrees to make contributions toward the cost of conducting such training, from non-Federal sources, in an amount equal to not less than the amount of the grant.

(d) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN DEFINED.—In this section, the term "small business concern" has the meaning given such term under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

SA 2799. Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . NATIONAL VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended by striking section 33 (15 U.S.C. 657c).

(b) CORPORATION.—On and after the date of enactment of this Act, the National Veterans Business Development Corporation and any successor thereto may not represent that the corporation is federally chartered or in any other manner authorized by the Federal Government.

(c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.), as amended by this section, is amended—

(A) by redesignating sections 34 through 45 as sections 33 through 44, respectively;

(B) in section 9(k)(1)(D) (15 U.S.C. 638(k)(1)(D)), by striking "section 34(d)" and inserting "section 33(d)";

(C) in section 33 (15 U.S.C. 657d), as so redesignated—

(i) by striking "section 35" each place it appears and inserting "section 34";

(ii) in subsection (a)—

(I) in paragraph (2), by striking "section 35(c)(2)(B)" and inserting "section 34(c)(2)(B)";

(II) in paragraph (4), by striking "section 35(c)(2)" and inserting "section 34(c)(2)"; and

(III) in paragraph (5), by striking "section 35(c)" and inserting "section 34(c)"; and

(iii) in subsection (h)(2), by striking "section 35(d)" and inserting "section 34(d)";

(D) in section 34 (15 U.S.C. 657e), as so redesignated—

(i) by striking "section 34" each place it appears and inserting "section 33"; and

(ii) in subsection (c)(1), by striking section "34(c)(1)(E)(ii)" and inserting section "33(c)(1)(E)(ii)";

(E) in section 36(d) (15 U.S.C. 657i(d)), as so redesignated, by striking "section 43" and inserting "section 42";

(F) in section 39(d) (15 U.S.C. 657l(d)), as so redesignated, by striking "section 43" and inserting "section 42"; and

(G) in section 40(b) (15 U.S.C. 657m(b)), as so redesignated, by striking "section 43" and inserting "section 42".

(2) TITLE 10.—Section 1142(b)(13) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking "and the National Veterans Business Development Corporation".

(3) TITLE 38.—Section 3452(h) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "any of the" and all that follows and inserting "any small business development center described in section 21 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648), insofar as such center offers, sponsors, or cosponsors an entrepreneurship course, as that term is defined in section 3675(c)(2)".

(4) FOOD, CONSERVATION, AND ENERGY ACT OF 2008.—Section 12072(c)(2) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (15 U.S.C. 636g(c)(2)) is amended by striking "section 43 of the Small Business Act, as added by this Act" and inserting "section 42 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657o)".

(5) VETERANS ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1999.—Section 203(c)(5) of the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (15 U.S.C. 657b note) is amended by striking "In cooperation with the National Veterans Business Development Corporation, develop" and inserting "Develop".

SA 2800. Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 18, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 7. IDENTIFICATION OF UNCLAIMED AND ABANDONED HUMAN REMAINS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress recognizes the tireless work and dedication of the

members of the Missing in America Project, in conjunction with numerous veterans service organizations, in identifying the unclaimed remains of veterans.

(b) IDENTIFICATION OF UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED HUMAN REMAINS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall cooperate with veterans service organizations to assist entities in possession of unclaimed or abandoned human remains in determining if any such remains are the remains of veterans or other individuals eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

(c) BURIAL OF UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED HUMAN REMAINS.—

(1) FUNERAL EXPENSES.—Section 2302(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "who was a veteran of any war or was discharged or released from the active military, naval, or air service for a disability incurred or aggravated in line of duty, whose body is held by a State (or a political subdivision of a State), and".

(2) TRANSPORTATION COSTS.—Section 2308 of such title is amended—

(A) by striking "Where a veteran" and all that follows through "compensation, the" and inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—The";

(B) in subsection (a), as designated by subparagraph (A), by inserting "described in subsection (b)" after "of the deceased veteran"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b) DECEASED VETERAN DESCRIBED.—A deceased veteran described in this subsection is any of the following veterans:

"(1) A veteran who dies as the result of a service-connected disability.

"(2) A veteran who dies while in receipt of disability compensation (or who but for the receipt of retirement pay or pension under this title, would have been entitled to compensation).

"(3) A veteran whom the Secretary determines is eligible for funeral expenses under section 2302 of this title by virtue of the Secretary determining that the veteran has no next of kin or other person claiming the body of such veteran pursuant to subsection (a)(2)(A) of such section."

SA 2801. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 10. DOMICILE REQUIREMENT FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Section 3131(a)(12) of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(12)(A) Except as provided in subparagraphs (B) and (C), the State may issue a commercial driver's license only to an individual who operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle and is domiciled in the State.

"(B) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, the State may issue a commercial driver's license to an individual who—

"(i) operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle; and

"(ii) is not domiciled in a State that issues commercial driver's licenses.

"(C) The State may issue a commercial driver's license to an individual who—

"(i) operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle;

"(ii) is a member of the active duty military, military reserves, National Guard, active duty United States Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary; and

"(iii) is not domiciled in the State, but whose temporary or permanent duty station is located in the State."

SA 2802. Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . SPECTRUM INCENTIVE AUCTION BIDDING CREDIT.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall establish a program to promote the hiring of veterans by providing an eligible bidder in an incentive auction conducted under section 309(j)(8)(G) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309(j)(8)(G)) a bidding credit if the workforce of the eligible bidder is comprised of not less than a minimum percentage of veterans to be determined by the Federal Communications Commission in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SA 2803. Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE UNDER POST-9/11 EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS PURSUING A DEGREE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, OR MATH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3316 the following new section:

“§ 3316A. Additional educational assistance for veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall pay to each individual entitled to educational assistance under this chapter who is pursuing a program of education described in subsection (b) an amount equal to \$2,000 per academic year, or fraction thereof for enrollment lasting less than one academic year. Amounts payable to an individual under this section are in addition to any other amounts payable to such individual under this chapter.

“(b) COVERED PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION.—A program of education described in this subsection is a program of education with a focus (as determined in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary for purposes of this section) on science, technology, engineering, or math.

“(c) FREQUENCY OF PAYMENT.—Payment of the amount payable under subsection (a) shall be made in a lump-sum amount for the entire quarter, semester, or term, as applicable, of the program of education at the start of the commencement of such quarter, semester, or term.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 30 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 3020 the following new item:

“3316A. Additional educational assistance for veterans pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math.”

SA 2804. Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require

the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 18, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 7. PROVISION OF STATUS UNDER LAW BY HONORING CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES AS VETERANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 107 the following new section:

“§ 107A. Honoring as veterans certain persons who performed service in the reserve components

“Any person who is entitled under chapter 1223 of title 10 to retired pay for nonregular service or, but for age, would be entitled under such chapter to retired pay for nonregular service shall be honored as a veteran but shall not be entitled to any benefit by reason of this section.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 107 the following new item:

“107A. Honoring as veterans certain persons who performed service in the reserve components.”

SA 2805. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . UNENFORCEABILITY OF AGREEMENTS TO ARBITRATE DISPUTES ARISING UNDER USERRA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 4328. Unenforceability of agreements to arbitrate disputes

“(a) PROTECTION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any clause of any agreement between an employer and an employee that requires arbitration of a dispute arising under this chapter shall not be enforceable.

“(b) EXCEPTIONS.—(1) Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to any dispute if, after such dispute arises, the parties involved knowingly and voluntarily agree to submit such dispute to arbitration.

“(2) Subsection (a) shall not preclude the enforcement of any of the rights or terms of a valid collective bargaining agreement.

“(c) VALIDITY AND ENFORCEMENT.—Any issue as to whether this section applies to an arbitration clause shall be determined by Federal law. Except as otherwise provided in chapter 1 of title 9, the validity or enforceability of an agreement to arbitrate referred to in subsection (a) or (b)(1) shall be determined by a court, rather than the arbitrator, regardless of whether the party resisting arbitration challenges the agreement to arbitrate specifically or in conjunction with other terms of the agreement.

“(d) APPLICATION.—This section shall apply with respect to all contracts and agreements between an employer and an employee in force before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this section.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 4327 the following new item:

“4328. Unenforceability of agreements to arbitrate disputes.”

(c) APPLICATION.—The provisions of section 4328 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply to—

(1) any failure to comply with a provision of or any violation of chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, that occurs before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) to all actions or complaints filed under such chapter 43 that are pending on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. ____ . EXPANSION OF EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF UNIFORMED SERVICES TO INCLUDE PROTECTION FOR ABSENCES FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT RELATING TO SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4303(13) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “a period for which a person is absent from a position of employment for the purpose of medical or dental treatment for an injury or illness incurred or aggravated in line of duty during a period of service in the uniformed services,” after “for any such duty.”

(b) FMLA.—

(1) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of that section 4303(13) and each covered provision—

(A) the reference in that section 4303(13) to a period for which a person is absent from a position of employment for the purpose of medical or dental treatment shall not be considered to be a reference to a period of leave under a covered provision; and

(B) the person’s employer shall not designate the period of absence as such a period of leave,

unless the person requests and obtains the leave under the corresponding covered provision.

(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “covered provision” means—

(A) title I of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), including the application of that title under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.) and chapter 5 of title 3, United States Code; and

(B) subchapter V of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. ____ . SUSPENSION, TERMINATION, OR DEBARMENT OF CONTRACTORS FOR REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF EMPLOYMENT OR REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OF MEMBERS OF UNIFORMED SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 4329. Suspension, termination, or debarment of contractors

“(a) GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION, TERMINATION, OR DEBARMENT.—Payment under a contract awarded by a Federal executive agency may be suspended and the contract may be terminated, and the contractor who made the contract with the agency may be suspended or debarred in accordance with the requirements of this section, if the head of the agency determines that the contractor as an employer has repeatedly failed or refused to comply with a provision of this chapter.

“(b) CONDUCT OF SUSPENSION, TERMINATION, AND DEBARMENT PROCEEDINGS.—A contracting officer who determines in writing that cause for suspension of payments, termination, or suspension or debarment exists shall initiate an appropriate action, to be

conducted by the agency concerned in accordance with applicable law, including Executive Order 12549 or any superseding executive order, the Federal Acquisition Regulation, and any other regulations prescribed to implement the law or executive order.

“(c) EFFECT OF DEBARMENT.—A contractor debarred by a final decision under this section is ineligible for award of a contract by a Federal executive agency, and for participation in a future procurement by a Federal executive agency, for a period specified in the decision, not to exceed 5 years.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 43 of such title, as amended by section 2, is further amended by inserting after the item relating to section 4328, as added by such section, the following new item:

“4329. Suspension, termination, or debarment of contractor.”

(c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation to carry out section 4329 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 4329 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to failures and refusals to comply with provisions of chapter 43 of such title occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 2806. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . LIMIT ON AWARDS AND BONUSES TO EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

For each of fiscal years 2013 through 2017, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not pay more than \$357,613,229 in awards or bonuses under chapter 45 or 53 of title 5, United States Code, or any other awards or bonuses authorized under such title.

TITLE II—TRANSFER OF CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

SEC. 201. TRANSFER OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR VETERANS PROGRAMS TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Effective October 1, 2014, there shall be transferred to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs all functions performed under the following programs of the Department of Labor, and all personnel, assets, and liabilities pertaining to such programs, immediately before such transfer occurs:

(A) Job counseling, training, and placement services for veterans under chapter 41 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Federal Government employment services by the Secretary of Labor under section 4214 of such title.

(C) Administration of employment and re-employment rights of members of the uniformed services under chapter 43 of such title.

(D) Homeless veterans reintegration programs under chapter 20 of such title.

(E) Employment and veterans benefits training under the Transition Assistance Program under section 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

(2) MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter into memorandums of agreement with the Secretary of Labor and with States (as defined in section 4101(6) of title 38, United

States Code), as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines necessary, to implement the transition of the programs specified under paragraph (1).

(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title may be construed to affect the role and responsibility of the Secretary of Labor with respect to programs not administered by the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training Service as of the day before the date of the enactment of this Act that are specified under paragraph (1).

(b) BUDGET REQUEST.—Under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the President shall include in the President's budget request for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2015, and for each subsequent fiscal year, funding requested for the functions referred to in subsection (a)(1).

(c) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any other Federal law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation of authority, or any document of or pertaining to a department or office from which a function is transferred by this title—

(1) to the head of such department or office is deemed to refer to the head of the department or office to which such function is transferred; or

(2) to such department or office is deemed to refer to the department or office to which such function is transferred.

(d) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.—Except as otherwise provided by law, a Federal official to whom a function is transferred by this title may, for purposes of performing the function, exercise all authorities under any other provision of law that were available with respect to the performance of that function to the official responsible for the performance of the function immediately before the effective date of the transfer of the function under this title.

(e) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

(1) LEGAL DOCUMENTS.—All orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, certificates, licenses, and privileges—

(A) that have been issued, made, granted, or allowed to become effective by the President, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, any officer or employee of any office transferred by this title, or any other Government official, or by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the performance of any function that is transferred by this title, and

(B) that are in effect on the effective date of such transfer (or become effective after such date pursuant to their terms as in effect on such effective date), shall continue in effect according to their terms until modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in accordance with law by the President, any other authorized official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or operation of law.

(2) PROCEEDINGS.—This title shall not affect any proceedings or any application for any benefits, service, license, permit, certificate, or financial assistance pending on the date of the enactment of this Act before an office transferred by this title, but such proceedings and applications shall be continued. Orders shall be issued in such proceedings, appeals shall be taken therefrom, and payments shall be made pursuant to such orders, as if this title had not been enacted, and orders issued in any such proceeding shall continue in effect until modified, terminated, superseded, or revoked by a duly authorized official, by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of law. Nothing in this subsection shall be considered to prohibit the discontinuance or modification of any such proceeding under the same terms and conditions and to the same extent that such pro-

ceeding could have been discontinued or modified if this title had not been enacted.

(3) SUITS.—This title shall not affect suits commenced before the date of the enactment of this Act, and in all such suits, proceedings shall be had, appeals taken, and judgments rendered in the same manner and with the same effect as if this title had not been enacted.

(4) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, action, or other proceeding commenced by or against the Department of Labor or the Secretary of Labor, or by or against any individual in the official capacity of such individual as an officer or employee of an office transferred by this title, shall abate by reason of the enactment of this Act.

(5) CONTINUANCE OF SUITS.—If any Government officer in the official capacity of such officer is party to a suit with respect to a function of the officer, and under this title such function is transferred to any other officer or office, then such suit shall be continued with the other officer or the head of such other office, as applicable, substituted or added as a party.

(6) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Except as otherwise provided by this title, any statutory requirements relating to notice, hearings, action upon the record, or administrative or judicial review that apply to any function transferred by this title shall apply to the exercise of such function by the head of the Federal agency, and other officers of the agency, to which such function is transferred by this title.

(f) TRANSFER OF ASSETS.—Except as otherwise provided in this title, so much of the personnel, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds employed, used, held, available, or to be made available in connection with a function transferred to an official or agency by this title shall be available to the official or the head of that agency, respectively, at such time or times as the Director of the Office of Management and Budget directs for use in connection with the functions transferred.

(g) DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT.—Except as otherwise expressly prohibited by law or otherwise provided in this title, an official to whom functions are transferred under this title (including the head of any office to which functions are transferred under this title) may delegate any of the functions so transferred to such officers and employees of the office of the official as the official may designate, and may authorize successive re-delegations of such functions as may be necessary or appropriate. No delegation of functions under this section or under any other provision of this title shall relieve the official to whom a function is transferred under this title of responsibility for the administration of the function.

(h) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED.—

(1) DETERMINATIONS.—If necessary, the Director of Management and Budget shall make any determination of the functions that are transferred under this title.

(2) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—The Director, at such time or times as the Director shall provide, may make such determinations as may be necessary with regard to the functions transferred by this title, and to make such additional incidental dispositions of personnel, assets, liabilities, grants, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds held, used, arising from, available to, or to be made available in connection with such functions, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title. The Director shall provide for the termination of the affairs of all entities

terminated by this title and for such further measures and dispositions as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this title.

(i) CERTAIN VESTING OF FUNCTIONS CONSIDERED TRANSFERS.—For purposes of this title, the vesting of a function in a department or office pursuant to reestablishment of an office shall be considered to be the transfer of the function.

(j) AVAILABILITY OF EXISTING FUNDS.—Existing appropriations and funds available for the performance of functions, programs, and activities terminated pursuant to this title shall remain available, for the duration of their period of availability, for necessary expenses in connection with the termination and resolution of such functions, programs, and activities.

(k) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this title—

(1) the term “function” includes any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privilege, activity, or program; and

(2) the term “office” includes any office, administration, agency, bureau, institute, council, unit, organizational entity, or component thereof.

SEC. 202. DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 4102A of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.—There is established within the Department a Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training, who shall formulate and implement all departmental policies and procedures to carry out the purposes of this chapter, chapter 20, and chapter 43 of this title and the Transition Assistance Program under section 1144 of title 10, United States Code.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 41 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) The section heading of section 4102A of such title is amended to read as follows:

“§ 4102A. Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training; program functions; Regional Administrators”.

(2) The item relating to such section in the table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended to read as follows:

“4102A. Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training; program functions; Regional Administrators.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

SEC. 203. CONSOLIDATION OF DISABLED VETERANS OUTREACH PROGRAM AND LOCAL VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

(a) CONSOLIDATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4104 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 4104. Veteran employment specialists

“(a) REQUIREMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT BY STATES.—(1) Subject to approval by the Secretary, a State shall employ and assign such full- or part-time veteran employment specialists in an agency of the State as the State determines appropriate and efficient to carry out the following:

“(A) Employment, training, and placement services under this chapter.

“(B) Intensive services under this chapter to meet the employment needs of eligible veterans with the following priority in the provision of services:

“(i) Special disabled veterans.

“(ii) Other disabled veterans.

“(iii) Other eligible veterans in accordance with priorities determined by the Secretary taking into account applicable rates of unemployment and the employment emphases set forth in chapter 42 of this title.

“(2) In the provision of services in accordance with this subsection, maximum emphasis in meeting the employment and training needs of veterans shall be placed on assisting economically or educationally disadvantaged veterans.

“(b) PRINCIPAL DUTIES.—As principal duties, veteran employment specialists shall—

“(1) conduct outreach to employers in the area to assist veterans and disabled veterans in gaining employment, including conducting seminars for employers and, in conjunction with employers, conducting job search workshops and establishing job search groups; and

“(2) facilitate employment, training, and placement services furnished to veterans and disabled veterans in a State under the applicable State employment service delivery systems.

“(c) REQUIREMENT FOR QUALIFIED VETERANS.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), a State shall, to the maximum extent practicable, employ qualified veterans to carry out the services referred to in subsection (a). Preference shall be given in the appointment of such specialists to qualified disabled veterans. Preference shall be accorded in the following order:

“(A) To qualified service-connected disabled veterans.

“(B) If no veteran described in subparagraph (A) is available, to qualified eligible veterans.

“(C) If no veteran described in subparagraph (A) or (B) is available, then to qualified eligible persons.

“(2) During any period in which more than 10 percent of the individuals employed to carry out the services referred to in subsection (a) are non-veterans, the preference accorded under paragraph (1) shall be as follows:

“(A) To qualified service-connected disabled veterans.

“(B) If no veteran described in subparagraph (A) is available, to qualified eligible veterans.

“(3)(A) Each State that employs a veteran employment specialist under this section shall submit to the Secretary an annual report on the qualifications used by the State in making hiring determinations for such specialists and the salary structure under which such specialists are compensated.

“(B) The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives an annual report summarizing the reports submitted under subparagraph (A).

“(C) The first report submitted by the Secretary under subparagraph (B) shall include an evaluation of whether the pay for veteran employment specialists should be scheduled on a standard basis for each State and include locality pay.

“(d) PART-TIME EMPLOYEES.—A part-time veteran employment specialist shall perform the functions of a veteran employment specialist under this section on a halftime basis.

“(e) REPORTING.—Each veteran employment specialist shall be administratively responsible to the manager of the employment service delivery system and shall provide reports, not less frequently than quarterly, to the manager of such office and to the Director for Veterans’ Employment and Training for the State regarding compliance with Federal law and regulations with respect to special services and priorities for eligible veterans and eligible persons.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is

amended by striking the item relating to section 4104 and inserting the following new item:

“4104. Veteran employment specialists.”.

(3) TRAINING.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that an individual who is a veteran employment specialist under section 4104 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by paragraph (1), is properly trained to carry out the duties of such position.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such title is further amended—

(1) by striking section 4103A and by striking the item relating to such section in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 41 of such title;

(2) in section 4102A—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (5)—

(I) by striking subparagraph (B) and redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B);

(II) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as follows:

“(A) veteran employment specialists appointed under section 4104(a) of this title; and”;

(III) in subparagraph (B), as so redesignated, by striking “such specialists and representatives described in subparagraphs (A) and (B)” and inserting “such representatives described in subparagraph (A)”;

(ii) in paragraph (7), by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialists and through local veterans’ employment representatives” and inserting “veteran employment specialists”;

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by striking “sections 4103A(a) and” and inserting “section”; and

(II) by striking “section 4103A or”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(A)—

(I) in clause (i)(I)—

(aa) by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialists and local veterans’ employment representatives” and inserting “veteran employment specialists”; and

(bb) by striking “sections 4103A and 4104” and inserting “section 4104”;

(II) in clause (iii), by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialist or a local veterans’ employment representative” and inserting “veteran employment specialist”;

(iii) in paragraph (4), by striking “4103A or”;

(iv) in paragraph (5), by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialist and local veterans’ employment representative” and inserting “veteran employment specialist”;

(v) in paragraph (7), by striking “4103A or”; and

(vi) in paragraph (8)(A)—

(I) by striking “4103A or”; and

(II) by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialist or a local veterans’ employment representative” and inserting “veteran employment specialist”; and

(C) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialists and local veterans’ employment representatives” and inserting “veteran employment specialists”;

(3) in section 4109(a), by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialists, local veterans’ employment representatives” and inserting “veteran employment specialists”;

(4) in section 4112(d)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialist” and inserting “veteran employment specialist”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2); and

(5) in section 3672(d)(1), by striking “disabled veterans’ outreach program specialists under section 4103A” and inserting “veteran employment specialists appointed under section 4104(a)”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

SEC. 204. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) CHAPTER 41.—Chapter 41 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by this title, is further amended as follows:

(1) By striking “Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training” each place it appears and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training”.

(2) By striking “Department of Labor” each place it appears and inserting “Department”.

(3) By striking “Secretary of Labor” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

(4) In section 4101, by striking paragraph (8).

(5) In section 4102A(b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “such Assistant Secretary” and inserting “such Deputy Under Secretary”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and consulting with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs”.

(6) In section 4105(b), by striking “and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs” both places it appears.

(7) In section 4106(a), by striking “chapters 42 and” and inserting “chapter”.

(8) By striking section 4108.

(9) In the table of sections at the beginning of such chapter, by striking the item relating to section 4108.

(10) In section 4110(d), by striking paragraph (1) and redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) as paragraphs (1) through (5), respectively.

(11) In section 4110A(b), by striking “Congress” and inserting “the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives”.

(12) In subsections (b) through (h) of section 4114, by striking “Assistant Secretary” each place it appears and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary”.

(b) CHAPTER 42.—Chapter 42 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) In section 4212(c), by striking “include as part” and inserting “shall transmit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion as part”.

(2) In section 4215(d)(1)—

(A) by striking “In the” and inserting “For inclusion as part of the”; and

(B) by striking “shall evaluate” and inserting “shall transmit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs an evaluation of”.

(c) CHAPTER 43.—Chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) In section 4303, by striking paragraph (11).

(2) By striking “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

(3) In section 4321, by striking “(through the Veterans’ Employment and Training Service)”.

(4) In section 4332(a)(1), by striking “of Labor”.

(5) In section 4333, by striking “, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs” and inserting “and the Secretary of Defense”.

(d) CHAPTER 20.—Chapter 20 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) In section 2003(a)(4), by striking “of the Department of Labor”.

(2) In section 2011(g)(2), by striking “the Department of Labor”.

(3) In section 2021—

(A) by striking “Secretary of Labor” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) by striking the subsection heading and inserting the following:

“(c) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.—”; and

(ii) by striking “Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training” and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training”.

(4) In section 2021A—

(A) by striking “Secretary of Labor” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”;

(B) in subsection (d)—

(i) by striking the subsection heading and inserting the following:

“(d) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.—”; and

(ii) by striking “Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training” and inserting “Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training”.

(5) In Section 2023—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “and the Secretary of Labor (hereinafter in this section referred to as the ‘Secretaries’)”; and

(B) by striking “Secretaries” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary”.

(6) In section 2065(b)(5), by striking subparagraph (E) and redesignating subparagraphs (F) through (H) as subparagraphs (E) through (G), respectively.

(7) In section 2066(a)(3), by striking subparagraph (A) and redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (G) as subparagraphs (A) through (F), respectively.

(e) OTHER PROVISIONS OF TITLE 38.—Title 38, United States Code, is further amended as follows:

(1) In section 542(a)(2)(B), by striking clause (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

(2) In section 544(a)(2)(B), by striking clause (i) and redesignating clauses (ii) through (vi) as clauses (i) through (v), respectively.

(3) In section 3118(b), by striking “and the Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment in the Department of Labor”.

(4) In section 3119(c), by striking “Education, the Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment in the Department of Labor”.

(5) In section 3121(a)(3)—

(A) by striking “, (B)” and inserting “and (B)”;

(B) by striking “, and (C) one representative of the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training of the Department of Labor. (b) The Secretary shall, on a regular basis, consult with and seek the advice of the Committee with respect to the administration of veterans’ rehabilitation programs under this title”.

(6) In section 3692(a), by striking “and the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training shall be ex officio members” and inserting “an ex officio member”.

(7) In section 6306—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “shall arrange with the Secretary of Labor for the State employment service to match” and inserting “shall ensure that the State employment service matches”; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking “, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor”.

(f) TITLE 10.—

(1) TAP PROGRAM.—Section 1144 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by striking “Secretary of Labor” each place it appears and inserting “Secretary of Veterans Affairs”;

(B) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Sec-

retary of Veterans Affairs” and inserting “and the Secretary of Homeland Security”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall cooperate with the Secretary of Labor” and inserting “and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall cooperate with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs”;

(C) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “Department of Labor to” and inserting “Department of Veterans Affairs to”; and

(D) in the heading, by striking “: Department of Labor”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 58 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 1144 and inserting the following new item:

“1144. Employment assistance, job training assistance, and other transitional services.”.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2014.

SEC. 205. STUDY AND REPORT ON TRANSFER OF PROGRAMS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Labor shall jointly conduct a study on implementing—

(1) the transfer of functions under section 201; and

(2) the amendments made by this title.

(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The study conducted under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A comprehensive discussion of the improvements to services for veterans made by the transfer of functions under section 201.

(2) An analysis of the personnel, assets, and liabilities of the Department of Labor and the Department of Veterans Affairs that would be involved in such transfer.

(3) An analysis of the Deputy Under Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training established under section 4102A(a) of title 38, United States Code, as amended by this title, including—

(A) an explanation of where such position would exist within the organization chart of the Department;

(B) to whom such position would report to; and

(C) the functions that would be carried out by such a position.

(4) A detailed estimate of the cost to the Federal Government to implement such transfer, including any costs or savings resulting from—

(A) carrying out such implementation; and

(B) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs carrying out the functions so transferred.

(5) A plan to implement such transfer, including—

(A) a detailed time line of such implementation;

(B) a list of the rules, regulations, and laws in effect on the date of the study that would need to be revised for such implementation;

(C) a list of the memorandums of agreement entered into with Federal or State departments or agencies that would need to be revised for such implementation;

(D) a detailed description of how to effectively enforce the administration of employment and employment rights of members of the uniformed services under chapter 43 of title 38, United States Code, during such implementation; and

(E) how the transfer of employees will be implemented, including—

(i) options available to employees who do not want to be transferred;

(ii) the locations of where former Department of Labor employees will be assigned in the Department of Veterans Affairs; and

(iii) any organizational changes required in the Department of Veterans Affairs to accommodate such new employees.

(6) A detailed plan to train employees who carry out activities under section 4104 of title 38, United States Code, to carry out the functions so transferred, including—

(A) how current training manuals would need to be revised;

(B) whether the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of Labor would have responsibility for any such revision; and

(C) where such employees would be located.

(7) Any other issues the Secretaries consider appropriate.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretaries shall jointly submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the study conducted under subsection (a), including—

(1) the recommendation of each Secretary as to best implement the transfer of functions described in such study;

(2) the advantages and disadvantages of such transfer;

(3) a list of regulatory and statutory actions required to implement such transfer that are not included under this title;

(4) the amount of time each Secretary determines necessary to carry out such transfer;

(5) whether, to carry out such transfer, any interoperability capabilities will need to be developed to electronically exchange information between the Department of Veterans Affairs and employees who were formerly under the Department of Labor before such transfer;

(6) whether each Secretary plans to continue collaborating with the other Secretary after such transfer is completed, including an explanation of such planned collaboration;

(7) an estimate of the training required to carry out the functions so transferred, including the number of employees requiring training and for which programs; and

(8) any other matters the Secretaries consider appropriate.

SA 2807. Mr. BROWN, of Ohio (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BEGICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to sit on the table; as follows:

On page 23, after line 20, add the following:
SEC. 10. ACCESS TO NATIONAL WAR MEMORIALS BY TOURS ORGANIZED BY VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the National Park Service) shall jointly—

(1) establish procedures for veterans service organizations to register for annual visitor passes to the Korean War Veterans Memorial, National World War II Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that would facilitate veterans service organizations in bringing groups of veterans and immediate family members of the veterans to visit those memorials; and

(2) provide for a reduction or waiver of the visitor fees, and a reduction in the paperwork requirements, applicable to veterans service organizations in bringing groups of veterans and immediate family members of the veterans to visit the memorials described in paragraph (1).

SA 2808. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2789 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following new section:
Sec. ____.

This Act shall become effective 7 days after enactment.

SA 2809. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2808 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2789 proposed by Mrs. MURRAY to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “7 days” and insert “6 days”.

SA 2810. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following new section:
Sec. ____.

This Act shall become effective 5 days after enactment.

SA 2811. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2810 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “5 days” and insert “4 days”.

SA 2812. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end, add the following new section:
Sec. ____.

This Act shall become effective 3 days after enactment.

SA 2813. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2812 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “3 days” and insert “2 days”.

SA 2814. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2813 proposed by Mr. REID to the amendment SA 2812 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; as follows:

In the amendment, strike “2 days” and insert “1 day”.

SA 2815. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . LIMITATION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO LIBYA AND EGYPT.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided under subsection (b), no amounts may be obligated or expended to provide any direct United States assistance, loan guarantee, or debt relief to the Government of Egypt or the Government of Libya.

(b) WAIVER AND CERTIFICATION.—Beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) with respect to the Government of Libya or the Government of Egypt if the President certifies to Congress that—

(1) the Government is cooperating or has cooperated fully with investigations into the September 11, 2012, attack on the United States consulate in Benghazi, Libya, or the September 11, 2012, attack on the United States Embassy in Cairo, Egypt, as the case may be; and

(2) all identifiable persons associated with organizing, planning, or participating in the attack—

(A) have been identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and

(B) are in the custody of the United States Government.

(c) REPORT ON UNSECURED WEAPONS IN LIBYA.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit a report to Congress examining the extent to which advanced weaponry remaining unsecured after the fall of Moammar Qaddafi was used by the individuals responsible for the September 11, 2012, attack on the United States consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed as an authorization for the use of military force.

SA 2816. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3457, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a veterans jobs corps, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 10. PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES, THEIR DEPENDENTS, AND VETERANS.

(a) PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPENDENTS.—The Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General shall jointly carry out a program (commonly referred to as a “prescription drug take-back program”) under which members of the Armed Forces and dependents of members of the Armed Forces may deliver controlled substances to military medical treatment facilities to be disposed of in accordance with section 302(g) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 822(g)).

(b) PROGRAM FOR VETERANS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Attorney General shall jointly carry out a program under which veterans may deliver controlled substances to be disposed of in accordance with section 302(g) of the Controlled Substances Act.

(c) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The programs required by this section shall provide for the following:

(1) In the case of the program required by subsection (a), the delivery of controlled substances under the program to such members of the Armed Forces, medical professionals, and other employees of the Department of Defense, and to such other acceptance mechanisms, as the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General jointly specify for purposes of the program.

(2) In the case of the program required by subsection (b), the delivery of controlled substances under the program to such employees of the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and to such other acceptance mechanisms, as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Attorney General jointly specify for purposes of the program.

(3) Appropriate guidelines and procedures to prevent the diversion, misuse, theft, or loss of controlled substances delivered under such programs.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing will be to hear testimony on four items:

S. 3265, a bill to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to collect land use fees for land that has been sold, exchanged, or otherwise transferred from Federal ownership but that is subject to a power site reservation;

H.R. 2842, Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act of 2012;

S. 3464, Mni Wiconi Project Act Amendments of 2012; and

S. 3483, Crooked River Collaborative Water Security Act.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Meagan_Gins@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sara Tucker at (202) 224-6224 or Meagan Gins at (202) 224-0883.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. 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 September 12, 2012, at 2 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will conduct a hearing entitled, "The Path from LEO to Mars."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. 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 September 12, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2012, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 406 to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight Hearing: NRC's Implementation of Recommendations for Enhancing Nuclear Reactor Safety in the 21st Century."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled, "Update on the Crisis in Syria and Iran".

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2012, at 2:45 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. 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 September 12, 2012, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Moving from Scandal to Strategy: The Future of the General Services Administration."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Citizens United Court and the Continuing Importance of the Voting Rights Act."

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session on September 12, 2012, in room 418 of the

Senate Russell Office Building beginning at 10 a.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Andrea Chapman, Claire Green, Sarah Weaver, Sterling Laudon, Owen Haacke, James Mathis, and Joseph Steffens, staff of the Finance Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the 112th Congress.

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

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Robert Morus, an intern in the office of the Senator from Oregon, be granted the privilege of the floor for the balance of the day.

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

ACCEPTING AND DEPICTING FREDERICK DOUGLASS STATUE

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 6336.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6336) to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, the statues and busts in the U.S. Capitol depicting distinguished Americans number more than 120. However, among the collection are only two African Americans, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sojourner Truth. This disparity fails to acknowledge the historically significant contributions of African Americans to our Nation. I am pleased that passage of H.R. 6336 today begins to address this need to display in the U.S. Capitol the statues and busts of outstanding African Americans whose contributions to the country deserve such recognition.

In my fiscal year 2013 Senate Financial Services and General Government appropriations bill reported by the committee on June 14, I included a provision to permit the District of Columbia to donate and the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue of Frederick Douglass for placement in the United States Capitol. All costs of the transportation and placement of the statue would be borne by the District of Columbia. Subsequently, I joined Senator SCHUMER in introducing a free-standing resolution for acquisition of the Douglass statue. The House acted on its own measure and unanimously approved it earlier this week.

Frederick Douglass was one of the most influential orators and writers of