

“(12) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator and the Commandant such sums as are necessary to carry out this subsection for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.”.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1760. Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes.

SA 1761. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1763. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CARDIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1774. Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BROWN) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1773 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr.

MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN)) to the bill H.R. 1911, supra.

SA 1775. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1776. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1777. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1778. Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MURPHY) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1773 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN)) to the bill H.R. 1911, of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes.

SA 1779. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1780. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1783. Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1784. Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1785. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1786. Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. HATCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1787. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1788. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1789. Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1795. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1796. Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1797. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1760. Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 38, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

SEC. 127. The Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing the percentages of lane miles and highway bridge deck in each State that are in good condition, fair condition, and poor condition, and the percentage of Federal amounts each State expends on the repair and maintenance of highway infrastructure and on new capacity construction.

SA 1761. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 169, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

SEC. 2. BUDGET-NEUTRAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR ENERGY AND WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENTS AT MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (referred to in this section as the “Secretary”) shall establish a demonstration program under

which, during the period beginning on October 1, 2013, and ending on September 30, 2016, the Secretary may enter into budget-neutral, performance-based agreements that result in a reduction in energy or water costs with such entities as the Secretary determines to be appropriate under which the entities shall carry out projects for energy or water conservation improvements at multifamily residential units participating in—

(1) the project-based rental assistance program under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f); or

(2) the supportive housing for the elderly program under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q).

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) PAYMENTS CONTINGENT ON SAVINGS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide to an entity a payment under an agreement under this section only during applicable fiscal years for which an energy or water cost savings is achieved with respect to the applicable multifamily portfolio of properties, as determined by the Secretary, in accordance with subparagraph (B).

(B) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Each agreement under this section shall include a pay-for-success provision—

(I) that will serve as a payment threshold for the term of the agreement; and

(II) pursuant to which the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall share a percentage of the savings at a level determined by the Secretary.

(ii) LIMITATION.—A payment made by the Secretary under an agreement under this section shall not exceed the utility savings achieved during the term of the agreement as a result of the improvements made under the agreement.

(2) TERM.—The term of an agreement under this section shall be not longer than 12 fiscal years.

(c) FUNDING.—For each fiscal year during which an agreement under this section is in effect, the Secretary may use to carry out this section any funds appropriated to the Secretary for—

(1) project-based rental assistance under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f); and

(2) the supportive housing for the elderly program under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q).

(d) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—Not less frequently than once every 5 years after the date on which an initial agreement is entered into under this section, and not later than 2 years after the date of expiration of the final agreement in effect under this section, the Secretary shall—

(1) conduct an evaluation of the program under this section; and

(2) submit to Congress a report describing each evaluation conducted under paragraph (1).

SA 1762. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ (a) Congress finds the following:

(1) On May 10, 2013, the Internal Revenue Service admitted that it singled out advocacy groups, based on ideology, seeking tax-exempt status.

(2) This action raises pertinent questions about the agency's ability to implement and oversee the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152).

(3) This action could be an indication of future Internal Revenue Service abuses in relation to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, given that it is their responsibility to enforce a key provision, the individual mandate.

(4) Americans accept the principle that patients, families, and doctors should be making medical decisions, not the Federal Government.

(b) The Secretary of the Treasury, or any delegate of the Secretary, shall not implement or enforce any provisions of or amendments made by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) or the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152).

SA 1763. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CARDIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 26, line 4, insert “bridge” before “projects”.

On page 26, line 5, insert “and title 49” after “title 23”.

On page 26, line 9, insert “to carry out programs under title 23, United States Code, or transfer funds under this heading to other Federal agencies to carry out programs under title 49, United States Code, as applicable” after “States”.

On page 26, line 14, strike “of such title” and insert “of title 23 or subtitle V of title 49, United States Code, as applicable”.

SA 1764. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 52, after line 24, add the following:

SEC. 155. None of the funds made available under this Act may be used to subsidize costs related to food and beverage and first class services on any route operated by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

SA 1765. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 52, after line 24, add the following:

SEC. 155. Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, Amtrak shall submit to Congress a report on profits and losses related to food and beverage and first class services, with the data aggregated by route or rail line.

SA 1766. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 55, strike lines 11 through 13.

SA 1767. Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 38, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

SEC. 1 _____. The Secretary of Transportation shall submit to Congress an annual report that lists for programs carried out under chapter 2 of title 23, United States Code, the total amounts made available to carry out—

(1) each section of that chapter; and

(2) as applicable, each eligible project type under that chapter.

SA 1768. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 101, line 2, strike “\$1,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*” and insert “\$950,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the HOME investment partnerships program under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) to determine the adequacy and effectiveness of such program and that upon the completion of the study, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives setting forth the findings and conclusions of the study: *Provided further*”.

SA 1769. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of, and prepare a report on—

(1) the extent to which U.S. Customs and Border Protection (referred to in this subsection as “CBP”) uses nonfederal roads along the Southern border, including State,

county, or locally-maintained primitive roads;

(2) the places where CBP use represents a significant percentage of the use of the roads described in paragraph (1);

(3) the extent to which the CBP use of such roads causes increased degradation and increased maintenance costs for State, county, or local entities; and

(4) possible ways for CBP to assist State, county, and local entities with the maintenance of the nonfederal roads adversely affected by CBP use.

SA 1770. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 42, between lines 20 and 21, insert the following:

SEC. 1. None of the funds made available under this Act shall be made available to the Secretary of Transportation to carry out activities of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration unless the Secretary extends the application of the exception described in section 395.1(d)(2) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to on-duty time not including waiting time at a natural gas or oil well site) to the operators of commercial motor vehicles transporting supplies, equipment, or materials (including produced fluids, drilling and completion fluids, and any other fluids or materials used in the drilling, completion, and production of an oil or gas well) to or from a natural gas or oil well site, regardless of whether the operators have received special training or operate vehicles specially constructed to service wells.

SA 1771. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 26, line 18, insert “: *Provided further*, That not less than 20 percent of the funds provided under this heading shall be for projects located in rural areas” before the period at the end.

SA 1772. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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KING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1911, of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the first word and insert the following:

1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. INTEREST RATES.

(a) INTEREST RATES.—Section 455(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (7)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting “AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2013” after “ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2006”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “and before July 1, 2013,” after “on or after July 1, 2006”;

(C) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and before July 1, 2013,” after “on or after July 1, 2006”;

(D) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “and before July 1, 2013,” after “on or after July 1, 2006”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) INTEREST RATE PROVISIONS FOR NEW LOANS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013.—

“(A) RATES FOR UNDERGRADUATE FDSL AND FDUSL.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, for Federal Direct Stafford Loans and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans issued to undergraduate students, for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2013, the applicable rate of interest shall, for loans disbursed during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, be determined on the preceding June 1 and be equal to the lesser of—

“(i) a rate equal to the high yield of the 10-year Treasury note auctioned at the final auction held prior to such June 1 plus 2.05 percent; or

“(ii) 8.25 percent.

“(B) RATES FOR GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL FDUSL.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans issued to graduate or professional students, for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2013, the applicable rate of interest shall, for loans disbursed during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, be determined on the preceding June 1 and be equal to the lesser of—

“(i) a rate equal to the high yield of the 10-year Treasury note auctioned at the final auction held prior to such June 1 plus 3.6 percent; or

“(ii) 9.5 percent.

“(C) PLUS LOANS.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, for Federal Direct PLUS Loans, for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2013, the applicable rate of interest shall, for loans disbursed during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, be determined on the preceding June 1 and be equal to the lesser of—

“(i) a rate equal to the high yield of the 10-year Treasury note auctioned at the final

auction held prior to such June 1 plus 4.6 percent; or

“(ii) 10.5 percent.

“(D) CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, any Federal Direct Consolidation Loan for which the application is received on or after July 1, 2013, shall bear interest at an annual rate on the unpaid principal balance of the loan that is equal to the weighted average of the interest rates on the loans consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher one-eighth of one percent.

“(E) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall determine the applicable rate of interest under this paragraph after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and shall publish such rate in the Federal Register as soon as practicable after the date of determination.

“(F) RATE.—The applicable rate of interest determined under this paragraph for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or a Federal Direct PLUS Loan shall be fixed for the period of the loan.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on July 1, 2013.

SEC. 3. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) PAYGO SCORECARD.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARD.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress).

SEC. 4. STUDY ON THE ACTUAL COST OF ADMINISTERING THE FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS.

Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) complete a study that determines the actual cost to the Federal Government of carrying out the Federal student loan programs authorized under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.), which shall—

(A) provide estimates relying on accurate information based on past, current, and projected data as to the appropriate index and mark-up rate for the Federal Government's cost of borrowing that would allow the Federal Government to effectively administer and cover the cost of the Federal student programs authorized under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) under the scoring rules outlined in the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661 et seq.);

(B) provide the information described in this section in a way that separates out administrative costs, interest rate, and other loan terms and conditions; and

(C) set forth clear recommendations to the relevant authorizing committees of Congress as to how future legislation can incorporate the results of the study described in this section to allow for the administration of the Federal student loan programs authorized under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) without generating any additional revenue to the Federal Government except revenue that is needed to carry out such programs; and

(2) prepare and submit a report to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives setting forth the conclusions of the study described in this

section in such a manner that the recommendations included in the report can inform future reauthorizations of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

SA 1774. Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BROWN) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1773 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN)) to the bill H.R. 1911, of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

SEC. 5. SUNSET.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by this Act shall be effective for a 2-year period beginning on July 1, 2013.

(b) REPEAL.—The amendments made by this Act shall be repealed on July 1, 2015, and section 455(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)) shall be applied as if this Act the amendments made by this Act had never been enacted.

SA 1775. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title I, under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION” under the heading “OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY” under the heading “NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS”, strike the period at the end and insert “: *Provided further*, That the Secretary shall publish on a publicly available Internet site any criteria, including any required documentation, of the Secretary in selecting projects and awarding amounts under this heading: *Provided further*, That not later than 2 days after the date on which the Secretary awards funding under this heading, the Secretary shall publish on a publicly accessible Internet site the amount of that award and identify the Federal congressional district in which the project is located.”.

SA 1776. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title I, under the heading “DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION” under the heading “FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION” under the heading “BRIDGES IN CRITICAL CORRIDORS”, strike the period at the end

and insert “: *Provided further*, That any project funded under this heading shall be treated as a categorical exclusion for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).”

SA 1777. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 188, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 4. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to require the use of a green buildings certification system to construct or modify a building other than a green buildings certification system that—

(1) is based on voluntary consensus standards that have an American National Standard Institute (ANSI) designation or were developed by an ANSI-audited designator; and

(2) only excludes a building material if the exclusion is well-founded and based on robust scientific data and risk assessment principles.

SA 1778. Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MURPHY) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1773 proposed by Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mr. BURR, Mr. KING, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. DURBIN)) to the bill H.R. 1911, of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013, to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 3, strike line 9 and all that follows through line 13 on page 5 and insert the following:

“(i) 6.8 percent.

“(B) RATES FOR GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL FDUSL.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loans issued to graduate or professional students, for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2013, the applicable rate of interest shall, for loans disbursed during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, be determined on the preceding June 1 and be equal to the lesser of—

“(i) a rate equal to the yield of the 10-year Treasury note auctioned at the final auction held prior to such June 1 plus 3.6 percent; or

“(ii) 6.8 percent.

“(C) PLUS LOANS.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, for Federal Direct PLUS Loans, for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2013, the applicable rate of interest shall, for loans disbursed during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, be determined on the preceding June 1 and be equal to the lesser of—

“(i) a rate equal to the yield of the 10-year Treasury note auctioned at the final auction held prior to such June 1 plus 4.6 percent; or

“(ii) 7.9 percent.

“(D) CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this subsection, any Federal Direct Consolidation Loan for which the application is received on or after July 1, 2013, shall bear interest at an annual rate on the unpaid principal balance of the loan that is equal to the weighted average of the interest rates on the loans consolidated, rounded to the nearest higher one-eighth of one percent.

“(E) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall determine the applicable rate of interest under this paragraph after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and shall publish such rate in the Federal Register as soon as practicable after the date of determination.

“(F) RATE.—The applicable rate of interest determined under this paragraph for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or a Federal Direct PLUS Loan shall be fixed for the period of the loan.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if enacted on July 1, 2013.

SEC. 2A. SURTAX ON MILLIONAIRES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new part:

“PART VIII—SURTAX ON MILLIONAIRES

“Sec. 59B. Surtax on millionaires.

“SEC. 59B. SURTAX ON MILLIONAIRES.

“(a) GENERAL RULE.—In the case of a taxpayer other than a corporation for any taxable year beginning after 2013, there is hereby imposed (in addition to any other tax imposed by this subtitle) a tax equal to 0.55 percent of so much of the modified adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for such taxable year as exceeds \$1,000,000 (\$500,000, in the case of a married individual filing a separate return).

“(b) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any taxable year beginning after 2014, each dollar amount under subsection (a) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

“(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

“(B) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins, determined by substituting ‘calendar year 2012’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

“(2) ROUNDING.—If any amount as adjusted under paragraph (1) is not a multiple of \$10,000, such amount shall be rounded to the next highest multiple of \$10,000.

“(c) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘modified adjusted gross income’ means adjusted gross income reduced by any deduction (not taken into account in determining adjusted gross income) allowed for investment interest (as defined in section 163(d)). In the case of an estate or trust, adjusted gross income shall be determined as provided in section 67(e).

“(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

“(1) NONRESIDENT ALIEN.—In the case of a nonresident alien individual, only amounts taken into account in connection with the tax imposed under section 871(b) shall be taken into account under this section.

“(2) CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS LIVING ABROAD.—The dollar amount in effect under subsection (a) shall be decreased by the excess of—

“(A) the amounts excluded from the taxpayer’s gross income under section 911, over

“(B) the amounts of any deductions or exclusions disallowed under section 911(d)(6)

with respect to the amounts described in subparagraph (A).

“(3) CHARITABLE TRUSTS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to a trust all the unexpired interests in which are devoted to one or more of the purposes described in section 170(c)(2)(B).

“(4) NOT TREATED AS TAX IMPOSED BY THIS CHAPTER FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.—The tax imposed under this section shall not be treated as tax imposed by this chapter for purposes of determining the amount of any credit under this chapter or for purposes of section 55.”.

SA 1779. Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated by this Act or by Public Law 113-2 shall be prohibited from use by a Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery grantee to reimburse owners of residential buildings for the uncompensated costs of rehabilitation projects for such residential buildings that were completed after Hurricane Sandy, provided that the grantee completes an environmental review before committing to reimburse such an owner for the rehabilitation that was contracted for or performed prior to the submission of the homeowner's application to the grantee requesting such reimbursement for the rehabilitation activity, regardless of whether the cost to rehabilitate such residential structures met or exceeded 50 percent of the value of the structure.

SA 1780. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 12, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 1 _____. (a) None of the funds made available under this Act to the Department of Transportation for cyber security may be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Transportation submits to each of the committees described in subsection (b) a detailed plan describing how the funding will be allocated and for what purposes, including a detailed description of—

(1) how the cyber security funding will be obligated or expended;

(2) the programs and activities that will receive cyber security funding;

(3) if and how the use of the funding complies with the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.) and any other applicable Federal law;

(4) the performance metrics that will be used to measure and determine the effectiveness of cyber security plans and programs; and

(5) the strategy that will be employed to procure goods and services associated with the cyber security objectives of the Department of Transportation.

(b) The report described in subsection (a) shall be provided to—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(2) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

(3) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;

(4) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

(5) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

(6) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives;

(7) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives; and

(8) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

SA 1781. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 169, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

SEC. 244. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this title may be used by any recipient of such funds to discriminate against any person because that person is a member of the uniformed services.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term “member of the uniformed services” means an individual who—

(1) is a member of—

(A) the uniformed services (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code); or

(B) the National Guard in State status under title 32, United States Code; or

(2) was discharged or released from service in the uniformed services (as so defined) or the National Guard in such status under conditions other than dishonorable.

(c)(1) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit any recipient of funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this title from—

(A) making available to an individual a benefit with respect to a dwelling, a residential real estate-related transaction (as defined in section 805 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3605)), or a service described in section 806 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3606) because the individual is a member of the uniformed services; or

(B) selling or renting a dwelling only to members of the uniformed services.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term “benefit” includes a term, condition, privilege, promotion, discount, or other favorable treatment (including an advertisement for such treatment) having the purpose or effect of providing an advantage to a member of the uniformed services.

SA 1782. Mr. BLUMENTHAL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. ENDING HOUSING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 802 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3602) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(p) ‘Member of the uniformed services’ means an individual who—

“(1) is a member of—

“(A) the uniformed services (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code); or

“(B) the National Guard in State status under title 32, United States Code; or

“(2) was discharged or released from service in the uniformed services (as so defined) or the National Guard in such status under conditions other than dishonorable.”.

(b) DISCRIMINATION IN THE SALE OR RENTAL OF HOUSING AND OTHER PROHIBITED PRACTICES.—Section 804 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3604) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “or because the person is a member of the uniformed services” after “national origin”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting “or because the person is a member of the uniformed services” after “national origin”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by inserting “or because a person is a member of the uniformed services,” after “national origin.”; and

(4) in subsection (d), by inserting “, or because the person is a member of the uniformed services,” after “national origin”.

(c) DISCRIMINATION IN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE-RELATED TRANSACTIONS.—Section 805 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3605) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “or because the person is a member of the uniformed services” after “national origin”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “, or familial status” and inserting “familial status, or whether a person is a member of the uniformed services”.

(d) DISCRIMINATION IN THE PROVISION OF BROKERAGE SERVICES.—Section 806 of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3606) is amended by inserting “or because a person is a member of the uniformed services” after “national origin”.

(e) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION OR PRIVATE CLUB EXEMPTION.—Section 807(a) of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3607(a)) is amended, in the first sentence by inserting “or to persons who are not members of the uniformed services” after “national origin”.

(f) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 808(e)(6) of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3608(e)(6)) is amended, in the first sentence, by inserting “(including whether such persons and households are or include a member of the uniformed services)” after “persons and households”.

(g) PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION.—Section 901 of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3631) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “, or because the person is a member of the uniformed services (as such term is defined in section 802 of this Act),” after “national origin”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or because a person is a member of the uniformed services (as such term is defined in section 802 of this Act),” after “national origin.”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by inserting “or because a person is a member of the uniformed services (as such term is defined in section 802 of this Act),” after “national origin.”.

(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 821. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO THE TREATMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

“(a) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act may be construed to prohibit any person from—

“(1) making available to an individual a benefit with respect to a dwelling, a residential real estate-related transaction (as defined in section 805 of this Act), or a service described in section 806 of this Act because the individual is a member of the uniformed services; or

“(2) selling or renting a dwelling only to members of the uniformed services.

“(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘benefit’ includes a term, condition, privilege, promotion, discount, or other favorable treatment (including an advertisement for such treatment) having the purpose or effect of providing an advantage to a member of the uniformed services.”.

(i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall become effective 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 1783. Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 34, line 23, after “shall” insert “assess the impact on domestic employment if such a waiver were issued and”.

SA 1784. Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Except for assistance relating to a natural disaster, none of the funds made available under this Act may be used to prevent a local government from being placed into receivership, to facilitate exit from receivership by a local government, or to prevent a State government from defaulting on its obligations.

SA 1785. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) Congress finds the following:

(1) The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 established an Office of Inspector General within the Federal Housing Finance Agency (in this section referred to as the “FHFA”).

(2) The President has nominated Steve A. Linick, the current FHFA Inspector General, to be the next Inspector General of the Department of State.

(3) The nomination of Steve A. Linick to be Inspector General of the Department of State occurred on June 27, 2013, following a

1,989 day vacancy that began on January 16, 2008.

(4) The Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 (5 U.S.C. 3345 et seq.) prescribes requirements for filling, both permanently and temporarily, vacancies that are required to be filled by Presidential appointment with Senate confirmation, and generally provides a limit of 210 days for persons serving in an “acting” capacity.

(b) It is the Sense of Congress that should a vacancy occur in the position of Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the President should act expeditiously to nominate a person to fill the position on a permanent basis and should wait no more than 210 days to nominate a person to serve in this position in the event of a vacancy.

SA 1786. Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. HATCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Except for assistance relating to a natural disaster, none of the funds made available under this Act may be used to prevent a local government from being placed into receivership, to facilitate exit from receivership by a local government, or to prevent a State government from defaulting on its obligations.

SA 1787. Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 24, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

SEC. 119F. (a) The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall—

(1) expand the program established pursuant to section 1097 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81; 125 Stat. 1608; 49 U.S.C. 40101 note) to include 2 additional test ranges; and

(2) not later than one year after the date on which the Administrator determines the locations of the 6 test ranges required by that section, the Administrator shall determine the location of the 2 additional test ranges.

(b) Of the 8 test ranges required under the program established pursuant to section 1097 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, as expanded pursuant to subsection (a), at least 2 test ranges shall—

(1) be located in States in which large wildfires that destroy significant amounts of property regularly occur; and

(2) prioritize the monitoring, mitigation, and suppression of wildfires, and other activities associated with preventing and containing wildfires, using unmanned aerial systems.

(c) Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Administrator determines the locations of the 2 additional test ranges required by subsection (a), the Administrator shall submit a report on privacy safeguards

relating to the selection and operation of all 8 test ranges to—

(1) the appropriate congressional committees (as defined in section 1097(g) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012); and

(2) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 1788. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 47, line 20, strike “\$1,452,000,000” and insert “\$1,565,000,000”.

SA 1789. Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 52, after line 24, add the following:

SEC. 155. Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, in consultation with appropriate local government representatives, shall—

(1) evaluate existing regulations governing the use of locomotive horns at highway-rail grade crossings to determine whether such regulations should be revised; and

(2) submit a report to Congress that contains the results of the evaluation conducted pursuant to paragraph (1).

SA 1790. Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 52, after line 24, add the following:

SEC. 155. (a) The unobligated balance of amounts made available for projects described in section 1307(d)(2) of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 322 note) is rescinded.

(b)(1) There is appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation an amount equal to half of the amount rescinded under subsection (a) to make grants to localities for direct costs associated with projects to establish quiet zones as described in parts 222 and 229 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) The amount of a grant made to a locality under paragraph (1) for a project may not exceed 50 percent of the cost of the project.

(c) The amount rescinded under subsection (a) that remains after the appropriation of the amount specified in subsection (b)(1) shall be dedicated to the sole purpose of deficit reduction.

SA 1791. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 101, line 2, strike “\$1,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*” and insert “\$950,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2016: *Provided*, That the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the HOME investment partnerships program under title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.) to determine the adequacy and effectiveness of such program and that upon the completion of the study, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives setting forth the findings and conclusions of the study: *Provided further*”.

SA 1792. Mr. MURPHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 169, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

SEC. 244. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to reorganize or restructure the Office of Multifamily Housing Programs or the Office of Field Policy and Management unless the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development provides a detailed report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives that includes, but is not limited to, the estimated costs, savings, benefits, and risks of implementation of the reorganization and restructuring of such Offices.

SA 1793. Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act may be used the Federal Housing Administration, the Government National Mortgage Association, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development to insure, securitize, or guarantee—

(1) any mortgage secured by a structure, dwelling unit, or other real property that secures a residential mortgage loan that a State, municipality, or other agency or political subdivision thereof, seized, took, or

otherwise obtained by the exercise of the power of eminent domain; or

(2) any mortgage-backed security collateralized by a mortgage or a pool of mortgages described under paragraph (1).

SA 1794. Mr. COCHRAN (for himself and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. No funds made available under this Act may be used to enforce vehicle weight limits established under section 127 of title 23, United States Code, for any segment of United States Route 78 in Mississippi that is designated as part of the Interstate System (as defined in section 101(a)(12) of title 23, United States Code) after the date of the enactment of this Act, with respect to the operation of any vehicle that could have legally operated on that segment before such designation.

SA 1795. Mr. FLAKE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 101, line 2, strike “\$1,000,000,000” and insert “\$950,000,000”.

SA 1796. Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 52, after line 24, add the following:

SEC. 155. None of the funds made available under this Act may be used to subsidize costs related to food and beverage and first class services on any route operated by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation.

SA 1797. Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) No funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be used to provide assistance to any local governmental entity described in subsection (c), including—

(1) the purchase or guarantee of any asset or obligation of the local governmental entity;

(2) the issuance of a line of credit to the local governmental entity;

(3) the provision of direct or indirect access to any financing to the local governmental entity; or

(4) the provision of any other direct or indirect financial aid to the local governmental entity.

(b) No funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this Act may be made available to a local governmental entity described in subsection (c) that is exiting a bankruptcy case under chapter 9 of title 11, United States Code, unless the local governmental entity has demonstrated a commitment to ensuring the solvency and generally sound financial condition of the local governmental entity.

(c) A local governmental entity described in this subsection is a city, county, township, borough, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a State that, on or after January 1, 2013, has defaulted on the obligations of such entity, or is at risk of defaulting or is likely to default on the obligations of such entity absent assistance from the Federal Government.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on July 31, 2013, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a legislative hearing to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 235, to provide for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska, from the United States to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; S. 920, to allow the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in the State of Minnesota to lease or transfer certain land; and S. ____, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at (202) 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “The FHA Solvency Act of 2013.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. MURRAY. 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 July 24, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and