

“(4) CONTRACTORS.—The Secretary shall employ outside contractors and specialists selected by the Board to support the work of the Board.

“(d) EXPENSES.—Members of the Board, other than full-time employees of the United States, while attending meetings of the Board or while otherwise serving at the request of the President, and while serving away from their homes or regular place of business, shall be allowed travel and meal expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence (as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code) for individuals in the Federal Government serving without pay.

“(e) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—

“(1) APPLICATION.—The Secretary of Energy shall ensure that the members and staff of the Board, and the contractors performing work in support of the Board, are afforded the opportunity to apply for a security clearance for any matter for which such a clearance is appropriate.

“(2) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary of Energy should, not later than 180 days after receiving a completed application for a security clearance under this subsection, make a determination whether or not the individual concerned is eligible for the clearance.

“(3) REPORT.—For fiscal year 2015, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of Energy shall include in the budget justification materials submitted to Congress in support of the Department of Energy budget for that fiscal year (as submitted with the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code) a report specifying the number of applications for security clearances under this subsection, the number of such applications granted, and the number of such applications denied.

“(f) INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Energy shall, in accordance with law, provide to the Board and the contractors of the Board, access to any information that the Board considers relevant to carry out its responsibilities under this section, including information such as restricted data (as defined in section 11(y) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2014(y))) and information covered by the Privacy Act.

“(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section. The provision of section 151(b) of title I of division B of Public Law 106-554 shall not apply to funding provided to carry out this section.”

(b) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 3686 of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7385–15) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “February 15” and inserting “July 30”; and

(2) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the following:

“(h) RESPONSE TO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the publication of the annual report under subsection (e), the Department of Labor shall submit an answer in writing on whether the Department agrees or disagrees with the specific issues raised by the Ombudsman, if the Department agrees, on the actions to be taken to correct the problems identified by the Ombudsman, and if the Department does not agree, on the reasons therefore. The Department of Labor shall post such answer on the public Internet website of the Department.”

SA 2542. Ms. BALDWIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2502 submitted by Ms. BALDWIN and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 1197, to authorize appro-

priations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 1, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 3, line 24, and insert the following:

SEC. 2842. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AT BADGER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, BARABOO, WISCONSIN.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “Indian tribe” has the meaning given the term in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b).

(2) PLANT.—The term “plant” means the Badger Army Ammunition Plant near Baraboo, Wisconsin.

(3) PROPERTY.—The term “property” includes—

(A) the plant;

(B) any land located in Sauk County, Wisconsin, and managed by the Federal Government relating to the plant; and

(C) any structure on the land described in subparagraph (B).

(b) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is transferred from the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Interior administrative jurisdiction over approximately 1,553 acres of land located within the boundary of the property, to be held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

(2) DATE OF TRANSFER.—The transfer under paragraph (1) shall be carried out—

(A) not earlier than the date on which environmental remediation activities on the land transferred under paragraph (1) is finalized; and

(B) not later than the earlier of—

(i) the date that is 12 months after the date described in subparagraph (A); and

(ii) the date of enactment of this section.

(c) RETENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), beginning on the date on which the property is transferred to the Secretary of the Interior under subsection (b), the Department of Defense shall retain sole and exclusive Federal responsibility and liability to fund and implement any action required under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.), the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), or any other applicable Federal or State law.

(2) LIMITATION.—The liability described in paragraph (1) is limited to the remediation of environmental contamination caused by the activities of the Department of Defense that existed before the date on which the property is transferred.

(d) EFFECT.—Except as otherwise provided in this section, nothing in this section—

(1) relieves the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, or any other person from any obligation or liability under any Federal or State law with respect to the plant;

(2) affects or limits the application of, or any obligation to comply with, any environmental law, including—

(A) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.); and

(B) the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.); or

(3) prevents the United States from bringing a cost recovery, contribution, or any other action that would otherwise be available under any Federal or State law.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. 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 November 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Housing Finance Reform: Powers and Structure of a Strong Regulator.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. 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 November 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. REID. 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 November 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

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

Mr. REID. 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 November 21, 2013, at 10:15 a.m. in room SD-406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, “Oversight Hearing: NRC’s Implementation of the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force Recommendations and other Actions to Enhance and Maintain Nuclear Safety.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate

on November 21, 2013, at 2:15 p.m., to hold a Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, "Political, Economic, And Security Situation in Africa".

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

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2013

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Debbie Stabenow:									
Brazil	Real		1,883.00						1,883.00
Christopher Adamo:									
Brazil	Real		1,883.00						1,883.00
Karla Thieman:									
Brazil	Real		1,783.00						1,783.00
T.A. Hawks:									
Brazil	Real		1,883.00						1,883.00
*Delegation Expenses:									
Brazil	Real						6,656.00		6,656.00
Senator John Thune:									
Italy	Euro		603.81						603.81
Ethiopia	Birr		439.66						439.66
Rwanda	Franc		700.98						700.98
Liberia	Dollar		206.67						206.67
Spain	Euro		247.09						247.09
Senator Mike Johanns:									
United States	Dollar		156.27						156.27
Italy	Euro		603.81						603.81
Ethiopia	Birr		439.66						439.66
Rwanda	Franc		548.65						548.65
Liberia	Dollar		206.67						206.67
Spain	Euro		247.09						247.09
*Delegation Expenses							8,102.22		8,102.22
Total			11,832.36				14,758.22		26,590.58

*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, Nov. 7, 2013.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2013

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Toni-Marie Higgins:									
Jordan	Dinar		335.62						335.62
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		839.14						839.14
Germany	Euro		90.93						90.93
Turkey	Lira		208.72						208.72
Senator John Boozman:									
Jordan	Dinar		447.01						447.01
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		863.25						863.25
Germany	Euro		109.13						109.13
Turkey	Lira		310.94						310.94
Senator Thad Cochran:									
Jordan	Dinar		398.83						398.83
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		863.25						863.25
Germany	Euro		109.13						109.13
Turkey	Lira		310.94						310.94
Kay Webber:									
Jordan	Dinar		398.83						398.83
United Arab Emirates	Dirham		839.14						839.14
Germany	Euro		90.93						90.93
Turkey	Lira		208.72						208.72
Senator Roy Blunt:									
Brazil	Real		1,883.00						1,883.00
Stacy McBride:									
Brazil	Real		1,883.00						1,883.00
Senator Richard Shelby:									
Cape Verde	Escudo		203.73						203.73
South Africa	Rand		2,085.98						2,085.98
Argentina	Peso		1,079.30						1,079.30
Senator Thad Cochran:									
Cape Verde	Escudo		203.73						203.73
South Africa	Rand		2,085.98						2,085.98
Argentina	Peso		1,079.30						1,079.30
Senator John Boozman:									
Cape Verde	Escudo		203.73						203.73
South Africa	Rand		1,935.98						1,935.98
Argentina	Peso		1,029.30						1,029.30
Chris Ford:									
Cape Verde	Escudo		203.73						203.73