

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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 June 26, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “The State of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Industry: Federal Efforts to Attract 100 Million Visitors Annually.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2014, at 10 a.m., room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The Preserving American’s Transit and Highways Act.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2014, at 2 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Sexual Assault on Campus: Working to Ensure Student Safety.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 26, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my intern, Jon Bosworth, be granted floor privileges for the balance of the day.

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

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS ENHANCEMENT ACT

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to the consideration of S. 2076, Calendar No. 375.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2076) to amend the provisions of title 46, United States Code, related to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Boozman amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3442) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To strike the requirement that the Commander of the United States Transportation Command be a member of the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy and that a substitute member of the Board be an officer of the United States Transportation Command)

On page 3, strike lines 10 and 11.

On page 7, strike lines 1 and 2.

The bill (S. 2076), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2076

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Enhancement Act”.

SEC. 2. UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY BOARD OF VISITORS.

Section 51312 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 51312. Board of Visitors

“(a) IN GENERAL.—A Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy (referred to in this section as the ‘Board’ and the ‘Academy’, respectively) shall be established to provide independent advice and recommendations on matters relating to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

“(b) APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Enhancement Act, the Board shall be composed of—

“(A) 2 Senators appointed by the chairman, in consultation with the ranking member, of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

“(B) 3 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the chairman, in consultation with the ranking member, of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

“(C) 1 Senator appointed by the Vice President, who shall be a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

“(D) 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the Minority Leader, at least 1 of whom shall be a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

“(E) the Commander of the Military Sealift Command;

“(F) the Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy of the United States Coast Guard;

“(G) 4 individuals appointed by the President; and

“(H) as ex officio members—

“(i) the chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate;

“(ii) the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

“(iii) the chairman of the Advisory Board to the Academy established under section 51313; and

“(iv) the member of the House of Representatives in whose congressional district the Academy is located, as a non-voting member, unless such member of the House of Representatives is appointed as a voting member of the Board under subparagraph (B) or (D).

“(2) PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTEES.—Of the individuals appointed by the President under paragraph (1)(H)—

“(A) at least 2 shall be graduates of the Academy;

“(B) at least 1 shall be a senior corporate officer from a United States maritime shipping company that participates in the Maritime Security Program, or in any Maritime Administration program providing incentives for companies to register their vessels in the United States, and this appointment shall rotate biennially among such companies; and

“(C) 1 or more may be a Senate-confirmed Presidential appointee, a member of the Senior Executive Service, or an officer of flag-rank who from the United States Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or any of the military services that commission graduates of the Academy, exclusive of the Board members described in subparagraph (E), (F), or (G) of paragraph (1).

“(3) TERM OF SERVICE.—Each member of the Board shall serve for a term of 2 years commencing at the beginning of each Congress, except that any member whose term on the Board has expired shall continue to serve until a successor is designated.

“(4) VACANCIES.—If a member of the Board is no longer able to serve on the Board or resigns, the Designated Federal Officer selected under subsection (g)(2) shall immediately notify the official who appointed such member. Not later than 60 days after that notification, such official shall designate a replacement to serve the remainder of such member’s term.

“(5) CURRENT MEMBERS.—Each member of the Board serving as a member of the Board on the date of the enactment of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Enhancement Act shall continue to serve on the Board for the remainder of such member’s term.

“(6) DESIGNATION AND RESPONSIBILITY OF SUBSTITUTE BOARD MEMBERS.—

“(A) AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE.—A member of the Board described in subparagraph (E), (F), or (G) of paragraph (1) or subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (2) may, if unable to attend or participate in an activity described in subsection (d), (e), or (f), designate another individual to serve as a substitute member of the Board, on a temporary basis, to attend or participate in such activity.

“(B) REQUIREMENTS.—A substitute member of the Board designated under subparagraph (A) shall be—

“(i) an individual who has been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate;

“(ii) a member of the Senior Executive Service; or

“(iii) an officer of flag-rank who is employed by—

“(I) the United States Coast Guard; or

“(II) the Military Sealift Command.

“(C) PARTICIPATION.—A substitute member of the Board designated under subparagraph (A)—

“(i) shall be permitted to fully participate in the proceedings and activities of the Board;

“(ii) shall report back to the member on the Board’s activities not later than 15 days following the substitute member’s participation in such activities; and

“(iii) shall be permitted to participate in the preparation of reports described in paragraph (j) related to any proceedings or activities of the Board in which such substitute member participates.

“(c) CHAIRPERSON.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—On a biennial basis, the Board shall select from among its members, a member of the House of Representatives or a Senator to serve as the Chairperson.

“(2) ROTATION.—A member of the House of Representatives and a member of the Senate shall alternately serve as the Chair of the Board on a biennial basis.

“(3) TERM.—An individual may not serve as Chairperson for more than 1 consecutive term.

“(d) MEETINGS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall meet several times each year as provided for in the Charter described in paragraph (2)(B), including at least 1 meeting held at the Academy.

“(2) SELECTION AND CONSIDERATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Enhancement Act, the Designated Federal Officer selected under subsection (g)(2) shall organize a meeting of the Board for the purposes of—

“(A) selecting a Chairperson; and

“(B) considering an official Charter for the Board, which shall provide for the meeting of the Board several times each year.

“(e) VISITING THE ACADEMY.—

“(1) ANNUAL VISIT.—The Board shall visit the Academy annually on a date selected by the Board, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation and the Superintendent of the Academy.

“(2) OTHER VISITS.—In cooperation with the Superintendent, the Board or its members may make other visits to the Academy in connection with the duties of the Board.

“(3) ACCESS.—While visiting the Academy under this subsection, members of the Board shall have reasonable access to the grounds, facilities, midshipmen, faculty, staff, and other personnel of the Academy for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Board.

“(f) RESPONSIBILITY.—The Board shall inquire into the state of morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy that the Board decides to consider.

“(g) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall—

“(1) provide support as deemed necessary by the Board for the performance of the Board’s functions;

“(2) not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Enhancement Act, select a Designated Federal Officer to support the performance of the Board’s functions; and

“(3) in cooperation with the Maritime Administrator and the Superintendent of the Academy, advise the Board of any institu-

tional issues, consistent with applicable laws concerning the disclosure of information.

“(h) STAFF.—Staff members may be designated to serve without reimbursement as staff for the Board by—

“(1) the Chairperson of the Board;

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

“(3) the chairman of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

“(i) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—While serving away from home or regular place of business, a member of the Board or a staff member designated under subsection (h) shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

“(j) REPORTS.—

“(1) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after each annual visit required under subsection (e)(1), the Board shall submit to the President a written report of its actions, views, and recommendations pertaining to the Academy.

“(2) OTHER REPORTS.—If the members of the Board visit the Academy under subsection (e)(2), the Board may—

“(A) prepare a report on such visit; and

“(B) if approved by a majority of the members of the Board, submit such report to the President not later than 60 days after the date of the approval.

“(3) ADVISORS.—The Board may call in advisers—

“(A) for consultation regarding the execution of the Board’s responsibility under subsection (f); or

“(B) to assist in the preparation of a report described in paragraph (1) or (2).

“(4) SUBMISSION.—A report submitted to the President under paragraph (1) or (2) shall be concurrently submitted to—

“(A) the Secretary of Transportation;

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

“(C) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.”.

VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE ACT REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 431, S. 1799.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1799) to reauthorize subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Coons substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The amendment (No. 3443), in the nature of a substitute, was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. IMPROVING INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF CHILD ABUSE CASES.

(a) REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 214B of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13004) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “fiscal years 2004 and 2005” and inserting “fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “fiscal years 2004 and 2005” and inserting “fiscal years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018”.

(b) ACCOUNTABILITY.—Subtitle A of the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 13001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 214C. ACCOUNTABILITY.

“All grants awarded by the Administrator under this subtitle shall be subject to the following accountability provisions:

“(1) AUDIT REQUIREMENT.—

“(A) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the term ‘unresolved audit finding’ means a finding in the final audit report of the Inspector General of the Department of Justice that the audited grantee has utilized grant funds for an unauthorized expenditure or otherwise unallowable cost that is not closed or resolved within 12 months from the date when the final audit report is issued and any appeal has been completed.

“(B) AUDIT.—The Inspector General of the Department of Justice shall conduct audits of recipients of grants under this subtitle to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds by grantees. The Inspector General shall determine the appropriate number of grantees to be audited each year.

“(C) MANDATORY EXCLUSION.—A recipient of grant funds under this subtitle that is found to have an unresolved audit finding shall not be eligible to receive grant funds under this subtitle during the following 2 fiscal years.

“(D) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this subtitle, the Administrator shall give priority to eligible entities that did not have an unresolved audit finding during the 3 fiscal years prior to submitting an application for a grant under this subtitle.

“(E) REIMBURSEMENT.—If an entity is awarded grant funds under this subtitle during the 2-fiscal-year period in which the entity is barred from receiving grants under paragraph (2), the Administrator shall—

“(i) deposit an amount equal to the grant funds that were improperly awarded to the grantee into the General Fund of the Treasury; and

“(ii) seek to recoup the costs of the repayment to the fund from the grant recipient that was erroneously awarded grant funds.

“(2) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘nonprofit organization’ means an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

“(B) PROHIBITION.—The Administrator may not award a grant under any grant program described in this subtitle to a nonprofit organization that holds money in offshore accounts for the purpose of avoiding paying the tax described in section 511(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

“(C) DISCLOSURE.—Each nonprofit organization that is awarded a grant under this subtitle and uses the procedures prescribed in regulations to create a rebuttable presumption of reasonableness for the compensation of its officers, directors, trustees and key employees, shall disclose to the Administrator, in the application for the grant, the process for determining such compensation, including the independent persons involved in reviewing and approving such compensation, the comparability data used, and