

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR A FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT INVOLVING CLARK CANYON DAM.

Notwithstanding the time period described in section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 12429, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the "Commission") shall, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice and in accordance with the procedures of the Commission under that section, reinstate the license and extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of project works for the 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

S. 1104

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

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT INVOLVING GIBSON DAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the requirements of section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806) that would otherwise apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project numbered 12478-003, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (referred to in this section as the "Commission") may, at the request of the licensee for the project, and after reasonable notice and in accordance with the procedures of the Commission under that section, extend the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of the project for a 6-year period that begins on the date described in subsection (b).

(b) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date described in this subsection is the date of the expiration of the extension of the period required for commencement of construction for the project described in subsection (a) that was issued by the Commission prior to the date of enactment of this Act under section 13 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 806).

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1153. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1156. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1157. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1158. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1159. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1160. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1161. Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1153. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10, strike lines 10 through 25 and insert the following:

"(A) may not be taken unless—

"(i) the unconditional release of Jason Rezaian, Saeed Abedini, and Amir Hekmati from Iran has occurred; and

"(ii) the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees, in writing, that Iran is cooperating with United States officials regarding the identification of the location and return of Robert Levinson to the United States; and

"(B) if each of the releases described in subparagraph (A)(i) has occurred and the certification described in clause (A)(ii) has been submitted—

"(i) may be taken, consistent with existing statutory requirements for such action, if, during the period for review provided in subsection (b), the Congress adopts, and there is enacted, a joint resolution stating in substance that the Congress does favor the agreement;

"(ii) may not be taken if, during the period for review provided in subsection (b), the Congress adopts, and there is enacted, a joint resolution stating in substance that the Congress does not favor the agreement; or

"(iii) may be taken, consistent with existing statutory requirements for such action, if, following the period for review provided in subsection (b), there is not enacted any such joint resolution.

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On page 10, strike lines 10 through 25 and insert the following:

"(A) may not be taken unless the President declares United States policy toward Iran regarding the underground uranium enrichment facility at Fordow, Iran; and

"(B) after the declaration described in subparagraph (A) has been made—

"(i) may be taken, consistent with existing statutory requirements for such action, if, during the period for review provided in subsection (b), the Congress adopts, and there is enacted, a joint resolution stating in substance that the Congress does favor the agreement;

"(ii) may not be taken if, during the period for review provided in subsection (b), the Congress adopts, and there is enacted, a joint resolution stating in substance that the Congress does not favor the agreement; or

"(iii) may be taken, consistent with existing statutory requirements for such action, if, following the period for review provided in subsection (b), there is not enacted any such joint resolution.

SA 1155. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPORTS ON THE MILITARY POWER OF IRAN.

Section 1245(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public

Law 111-84; 123 Stat. 2542), as amended by section 1277 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), is further amended by striking “December 31, 2016” and inserting “December 31, 2026”.

SA 1156. Mr. BLUNT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 10, strike lines 10 through 25 and insert the following:

“(A) may not be taken until the President submits to Congress an assessment of the nature and scope of cooperation between Iran and North Korea regarding their respective nuclear programs; and

“(B) after the assessment described in subparagraph (A) is submitted as described in that subparagraph—

“(i) may be taken, consistent with existing statutory requirements for such action, if, during the period for review provided in subsection (b), the Congress adopts, and there is enacted, a joint resolution stating in substance that the Congress does favor the agreement;

“(ii) may not be taken if, during the period for review provided in subsection (b), the Congress adopts, and there is enacted, a joint resolution stating in substance that the Congress does not favor the agreement; or

“(iii) may be taken, consistent with existing statutory requirements for such action, if, following the period for review provided in subsection (b), there is not enacted any such joint resolution.

SA 1157. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 17, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

“(v) Iran has not made advancements in ballistic missile and space-launch development in violation of any international agreement or United Nations Security Council Resolution, or in a way that could be a threat to the national security of the United States or the security of United States allies; and

SA 1158. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 28, strike line 1 and insert the following:

“(h) GENERAL RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act, any agreement with the

Government of Iran, or any resolution passed by the United Nations Security Council or the United Nations General Assembly may be construed or used to prohibit or restrict the ability of the United States Government to re-impose waived sanctions or enact new sanctions against the Government of Iran for continued development of its nuclear program under any circumstances if it is determined to be in the national security interests of the United States to do so.

“(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

SA 1159. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 39, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

“(C) REPORT ON ACTIONS BY IRAN AFFECTING US COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL.—In addition to any other information required to be submitted to Congress under this paragraph, the President shall also report to Congress not later than seven days after any action by the Government of Iran that could compromise the commitment of the United States to the security of Israel or the support of the United States for Israel’s right to exist.

SA 1160. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 3. UNITED STATES POLICY ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITY OF IRAN.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Islamic Republic of Iran has repeatedly stated that its nuclear enrichment program is solely for peaceful purposes. On September 20, 2009, the Supreme Leader of Iran, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, stated that Western nations “falsely accuse the Islamic republic of producing nuclear weapons. We fundamentally reject nuclear weapons and prohibit the production and the use of nuclear weapons”.

(2) President Bill Clinton, on August 5, 1996, signed the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996, which President Clinton stated was intended to “limit the flow of resources necessary to obtain weapons of mass destruction”.

(3) In his 2006 State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush stated that “[t]he Iranian government is defying the world with its nuclear ambitions, and the nations of the world must not permit the Iranian regime to gain nuclear weapons”.

(4) As recently as April 2015, President Obama reiterated in an interview that “[m]y goal, when I came into office, was to make sure that Iran did not get a nuclear weapon and thereby trigger a nuclear arms race in the most volatile part of the world”.

(5) Secretary of State John Kerry, in the confirmation hearing on his nomination for appointment to that position on January 24,

2013, said about the development by Iran of a nuclear weapon that “[o]ur policy is not containment. It is prevention, and the clock is ticking on our efforts to secure responsible compliance”.

(6) In a March 2015 letter to Congress, President Obama stated that “[c]ertain actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States”.

(7) On March 26, 2015, testifying before the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, Generals Lloyd Austin, David Rodriguez, and Joseph Votel, Commanders of the United States Central Command, the United States Africa Command, and the United States Special Operations Command, respectively, all agreed that “in terms of the long-term threat in the region, Iran is the greatest threat to stability”.

(8) On February 26, 2015, testifying before the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper was asked “[i]s it still [United States] policy that no options are off the table and that Iran should not have a nuclear weapon?” Director Clapper replied, “[t]hat’s my understanding, yes sir. [. . .] No option is off the table”.

(b) DECLARATION OF POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the United States that the Islamic Republic of Iran should not obtain nuclear weapons.

SA 1161. Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 3. AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN COMPENSATION FUND.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury a fund, to be known as the “American Hostages in Iran Compensation Fund” (in this section referred to as the “Fund”) for the purposes of—

(1) making payments to the Americans held hostage in Iran, and to members of their families, who are identified as members of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (ESG) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia; and

(2) satisfying the claims of the members of the proposed class against Iran relating to the taking of hostages and treatment of personnel of the United States embassy in Tehran, Iran, between November 3, 1979, and January 20, 1981.

(b) FUNDING.—

(1) IMPOSITION OF SURCHARGE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—There is imposed a surcharge equal to 30 percent of the amount of—

(i) any fine or penalty imposed, in whole or in part, for a violation of a law or regulation specified in subparagraph (B) committed on or after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(ii) the monetary amount of a settlement entered into by a person with respect to a suspected violation of a law or regulation specified in subparagraph (B) related to activities undertaken on or after such date of enactment.

(B) LAWS AND REGULATIONS SPECIFIED.—A law or regulation specified in this subparagraph is any law or regulation imposing a

fine or penalty for any economic activity relating to Iran that is administered by the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Justice, the Department of Commerce, or the Department of Energy.

(C) **TERMINATION OF DEPOSITS.**—The imposition of the surcharge under subparagraph (A) shall terminate on the date on which all amounts described in subsection (c)(2) have been distributed to all recipients described in that subsection.

(2) **DEPOSITS INTO FUND; AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.**—

(A) **DEPOSITS.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit in the Fund all surcharges collected pursuant to paragraph (1)(A).

(B) **PAYMENT OF SURCHARGE TO SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.**—A person upon which a surcharge is imposed under paragraph (1)(A) shall pay the surcharge to the Secretary without regard to whether the fine or penalty with respect to which the surcharge is imposed—

(i) is paid directly to the Federal agency that administers the law or regulation pursuant to which the fine or penalty is imposed; or

(ii) is deemed satisfied by a payment to another Federal agency.

(C) **AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.**—Amounts in the Fund shall be available, without further appropriation, to make payments under subsection (c).

(c) **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.**—

(1) **ADMINISTRATION OF FUND.**—Payments from the Fund shall be administered, subject to oversight by the Secretary of the Treasury, by the named representatives of the proposed class described in subsection (a)(1) and the principal agent designated by the proposed class for the period beginning in 1999 and continuing through the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) **PAYMENTS.**—Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), payments shall be made from the Fund to the following recipients in the following amounts:

(A) To each living former hostage identified as a member of the proposed class described in subsection (a)(1), \$10,000 for each day of captivity of the former hostage.

(B) To the estate of each deceased former hostage identified as a member of the proposed class described in subsection (a)(1), \$10,000 for each day of captivity of the former hostage.

(C) To each spouse and child of a former hostage identified as a member of the proposed class described in subsection (a)(1) if the spouse or child is identified as a member of that proposed class, \$5,000 for each day of captivity of the former hostage.

(3) **PRIORITY.**—Payments from the Fund shall be distributed under paragraph (2) in the following order:

(A) First, to each living former hostage described in paragraph (2)(A).

(B) Second, to the estate of each deceased former hostage described in paragraph (2)(B).

(C) Third, to each spouse and child of a former hostage described in paragraph (2)(C).

(4) **CONSENT OF RECIPIENT.**—A payment to a recipient from the Fund under paragraph (2) shall be made only after receiving the consent of the recipient.

(d) **PRECLUSION OF FUTURE ACTIONS AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS.**—

(1) **PRECLUSION OF FUTURE ACTIONS.**—A recipient of a payment under subsection (c) may not file or maintain an action against Iran in any Federal or State court for any claim relating to the events described in subsection (a)(2).

(2) **RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS.**—Upon the payment of all amounts described in subsection (c)(2) to all recipients described in that subsection, all claims against Iran relating to

the events described in subsection (a)(2) shall be deemed waived and forever released.

(e) **DEPOSIT OF REMAINING FUNDS INTO THE TREASURY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any amounts remaining in the Fund after the date specified in paragraph (2) shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

(2) **DATE SPECIFIED.**—The date specified in this paragraph is the later of—

(A) the date on which all amounts described in subsection (c)(2) have been made to all recipients described in that subsection; or

(B) the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(f) **REPORT TO CONGRESS ON COMPLETION OF PAYMENTS.**—Not later than 60 days after determining that a law or regulation specified in subsection (b)(1)(B) is terminated or suspended or that amounts in the Fund will be insufficient for the payment of all amounts described in subsection (c)(2) to all recipients described in that subsection by the date that is 444 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit to Congress recommendations to expedite the completion of the payment of those amounts.

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At the end, add the following:

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING SANCTIONS RELIEF.

The President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, and any other Executive branch officer or agency may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement described under section 135(a) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as added by section 2 of this Act, until the Commission to Assess the Nuclear Activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran submits the report required under section 6.

SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION TO ASSESS THE NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is hereby established a commission to be known as the “Commission To Assess the Nuclear Activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran” (in this Act referred to as the “Commission”).

(b) **COMPOSITION.**—The Commission shall be composed of 12 members appointed as follows:

(1) 3 members shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate.

(2) 3 members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) 3 members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(4) 3 members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

(c) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—Members of the Commission shall be appointed from among private United States citizens with knowledge and expertise in the political and military aspects of nuclear proliferation and the military and civilian nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(d) **CHAIRMEN.**—The Committee shall have two co-chairmen, of whom—

(1) one shall be designated from among the members of the Commission by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, after consultation with the majority leader of the Senate; and

(2) one shall be designated from among the members of the Commission by the minority leader of the House of Representatives, after consultation with the minority leader of the Senate.

(e) **PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.**—Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any vacancy in the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(f) **SECURITY CLEARANCES.**—All members of the Commission shall hold appropriate security clearances.

(g) **INITIAL ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS.**—

(1) **DEADLINE FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—All appointments to the Commission shall be made not later than 45 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) **FIRST MEETING.**—The Commission shall convene its first meeting not later than 30 days after the date as of which all members of the Commission have been appointed, but not earlier than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.

The Commission shall assess the following:

(1) The status of the military nuclear activities and civilian nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(2) The relationship between the military nuclear activities and civilian nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

(3) The intentions behind the military nuclear activities and civilian nuclear activities of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

SEC. 6. REPORT.

Not later than 180 days after its first meeting, the Commission shall submit to Congress a report on its findings and conclusions as a result of the assessment under section 5.

SEC. 7. POWERS.

(a) **HEARINGS.**—The Commission or, at its direction, any panel or member of the Commission, may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, receive evidence, and administer oaths to the extent that the Commission or any panel or member considers advisable.

(b) **SUPPORT OF OTHER AGENCIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission may secure directly from the Department of Defense, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency, and any other department or agency of the United States Government information that the Commission considers necessary to enable the Commission to carry out its duties under this Act.

(2) **COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.**—The Commission should receive the full and timely cooperation of the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, and other appropriate officials of the United States Government who should, in providing such cooperation, provide the Commission with analyses, briefings, and other information necessary for the fulfillment of the duties of the Commission.

SEC. 8. COMMISSION PROCEDURES.

(a) **MEETINGS.**—The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairman of the Commission.

(b) **QUORUM.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Five members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum other than for the purpose of holding hearings.

(2) **ACTION BY RESOLUTION OF MAJORITY.**—The Commission shall act by resolution agreed to by a majority of the members of the Commission.

(c) COMMISSION.—The Commission may establish panels composed of less than full membership of the Commission for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the Commission under this Act. The actions of any such panel shall be subject to the review and control of the Commission. Any findings and determinations made by such a panel shall not be considered the findings and determinations of the Commission unless approved by the Commission.

(d) AUTHORITY OF INDIVIDUALS TO ACT FOR COMMISSION.—Any member or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action which the Commission is authorized to take under this Act.

SEC. 9. PERSONNEL MATTERS.

(a) PAY OF MEMBERS.—Members of the Commission shall serve without pay by reason of their work on the Commission.

(b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Commission.

(c) STAFF.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The co-chairmen of the Commission may, without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, jointly appoint a staff director and such additional personnel as may be necessary to enable the Commission to perform its duties under this Act. The appointment of a staff director shall be subject to the approval of the Commission.

(2) COMPENSATION.—The co-chairmen of the Commission may jointly fix the pay of the staff director and other personnel of the Commission without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates, except that the rate of pay fixed under this paragraph for the staff director may not exceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title and the rate of pay for other personnel may not exceed the maximum rate payable for grade GS-15 of the General Schedule.

(d) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Upon the joint request of the co-chairmen of the Commission, the head of any department or agency of the United States Government may detail, on a nonreimbursable basis, any personnel of that department or agency to the Commission to assist it in carrying out its duties.

(e) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The co-chairmen of the Commission may jointly procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individuals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

SEC. 10. MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.

(a) POSTAL AND PRINTING SERVICES.—The Commission may use the United States mails and obtain printing and binding services in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the United States Government.

(b) MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Director of Central Intelligence shall furnish the Commission, on a reimbursable basis, any administrative and support services requested by the Commission.

SEC. 11. FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Funds for activities of the Commission under this Act shall be pro-

vided from amounts available for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence for fiscal year 2015.

(b) DISBURSEMENT.—Upon receipt of a joint written certification from the co-chairmen of the Commission specifying the funds required for the activities of the Commission, the Director of National Intelligence shall promptly disburse to the Commission, from amounts referred to in subsection (a), the funds required by the Commission as stated in such certification.

SEC. 12. TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission shall terminate 60 days after the date of the submission of its report under section 6.

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On page 6, strike lines 8 through 15 and insert the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—During the 30 calendar day period following transmittal by the President of an agreement pursuant to subsection (a)—

“(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives shall, as appropriate, hold briefings and hearings and otherwise obtain information in order to fully review such agreement;

“(B) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives shall, as appropriate, hold briefings and hearings on the compliance and verification mechanisms of such agreement;

“(C) the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall, as appropriate, hold briefings and hearings on the military significance of such agreement; and

“(D) the Committee on Banking and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives shall, as appropriate, hold briefings and hearings on the relief of sanctions provided under the agreement.

SA 1164. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(7) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BASED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.—The President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, and any other Executive branch officer or agency may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement described under

subsection (a) until the President has certified to Congress that the Government of Iran is not developing an intercontinental ballistic missile with assessed ranges capable of reaching the United States and its territories.

SA 1165. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(7) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BASED ON THE POSSIBLE MILITARY DIMENSIONS OF IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM.—The President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, and any other Executive branch officer or agency may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement described under subsection (a) until the President has certified to Congress that the Government of Iran has fully and verifiably disclosed all of Iran's Possible Military Dimensions associated with the Iranian nuclear program.

SA 1166. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(7) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BASED ON SUPPORT FOR TERRORISM.—The President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, and any other Executive branch officer or agency may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement described under subsection (a) until the President has certified to Congress that the Government of Iran has not materially supported or carried out an act of terrorism against the United States or United States persons anywhere in the world.

SA 1167. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(7) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BASED ON INSPECTIONS AND TRANSPARENCY.—The President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, and any other Executive branch officer or agency may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement described under subsection (a) until the President makes the following certifications:

“(A) The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) will have access anytime without notice to all of Iran’s nuclear facilities, including to Iran’s enrichment facility at Natanz and its former enrichment facility at Fordow, and all of Iran’s military facilities, and including the use of the most up-to-date, modern monitoring technologies.

“(B) Inspectors will have access to the supply chain that supports Iran’s nuclear program. The new transparency and inspections mechanisms will closely monitor materials and components to prevent diversion to a secret program.

“(C) Inspectors will have access to uranium mines and continuous surveillance at uranium mills, where Iran produces yellowcake, for 25 years.

“(D) Inspectors will have continuous surveillance of Iran’s centrifuge rotors and bellows production and storage facilities for 20 years, and Iran’s centrifuge manufacturing base will be frozen and under continuous surveillance.

“(E) All centrifuges and enrichment infrastructure removed from Fordow and Natanz will be placed under continuous monitoring by the IAEA.

“(F) As an additional transparency measure, a dedicated procurement channel for Iran’s nuclear program will be established to monitor and approve, on a case by case basis, the supply, sale, or transfer to Iran of certain nuclear-related and dual use materials and technology.

“(G) Iran has agreed to implement the Additional Protocol of the IAEA, providing the IAEA much greater access and information regarding Iran’s nuclear program, including both declared and undeclared facilities.

“(H) Iran will be required to grant access to the IAEA to investigate suspicious sites or allegations of a covert enrichment facility, conversion facility, centrifuge production facility, or yellowcake production facility anywhere in the country.

“(I) Iran has agreed to implement Modified Code 3.1 requiring early notification of construction of new facilities.

SA 1168. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 17, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

“(v) Iran has not acquired and deployed advanced integrated air defense systems, including long-range surface-to-air missiles such as the Russian-made S300, to protect the underground facility at Fordow; and

SA 1169. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(7) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BASED ON THE STATUS OF HARDENED UNDERGROUND ENRICHMENT FACILITIES.—The President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, and any other Executive branch officer or agency may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement described under subsection (a) until the President has certified to Congress that the Government of Iran has permanently closed or rendered inoperable all of its hardened underground facilities associated with the Iranian nuclear program.

SA 1170. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 11, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

“(4) EXPEDITED PROCEDURES IN SENATE FOR RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—

“(A) MOTION TO PROCEED.—Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time during the period for review provided in subsection (b), to move to proceed to the consideration of a joint resolution described in paragraph (2)(B), and all points of order against the joint resolution (and against consideration of the joint resolution) are waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable. The motion to proceed is not subject to a motion to postpone. The motion to proceed shall be agreed to by the affirmative vote of a simple majority of Senators present and voting. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution is agreed to, the joint resolution shall remain the unfinished business until disposed of.

“(B) CONSIDERATION.—Consideration of a joint resolution described in paragraph (2)(B), and on all debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 10 hours, which shall be divided equally between the majority and minority leaders or their designees. A motion further to limit debate is in order, is not debatable, and, notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, shall be agreed to by the affirmative vote of a simple majority of Senators present and voting. An amendment to, or a motion to postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consideration of other business, or a motion to recommit the joint resolution is not in order.

“(C) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—If the Senate has voted to proceed to a joint resolution described in paragraph (2)(B), the vote on passage of the joint resolution shall occur immediately following the conclusion of con-

sideration of the joint resolution, and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if requested in accordance with the rules of the Senate.

“(D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of the rules of the Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure relating to a joint resolution described in paragraph (2)(B) shall be decided without debate.

SA 1171. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 11, strike line 16 and all that follows through “significant breach” on page 12, line 4, and insert the following:

“(2) BREACHES AND COMPLIANCE INCIDENTS.—The President shall, within 10 calendar days of receiving credible and accurate information relating to a breach or compliance incident by Iran with respect to an agreement subject to subsection (a), submit such information to the appropriate congressional committees and leadership.

(3) MATERIAL BREACH REPORT.—Not later than 30 calendar days after submitting information about a breach or compliance incident pursuant to paragraph (2), the President shall make a determination whether such breach

SA 1172. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. COTTON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 30, lines 20 and 21, strike “substantially”.

SA 1173. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(7) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS WHILE IRAN DETERMINED TO BE A STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in paragraph (6), prior to the determination that Iran is no longer a state sponsor of terrorism pursuant to section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act (50 U.S.C. App. 240(j)), section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780), and section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371), the President may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application

of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement described in subsection (a).

SA 1174. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 6, beginning on line 10, strike “subsection (a),” and all that follows through line 15 and insert the following: “subsection (a)—

“(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives shall, as appropriate, hold hearings and briefings and otherwise obtain information in order to fully review such agreement; and

“(B) the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives shall, as appropriate, hold briefings and hearings on the military significance of such an agreement.

SA 1175. Mr. SULLIVAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

“(7) **LIMITATION ON ACTIONS BASED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.**—The President, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State and any other Executive branch officer or agency may not waive, suspend, reduce or provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement described under subsection (a) until the President has certified to Congress that the Government of Iran is not developing an intercontinental ballistic missile with assessed ranges capable of reaching the United States and its territories.

SA 1176. Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1191, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 3. COMPENSATION OF AMERICAN HOSTAGES HELD IN IRAN.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall ensure that the former hostages held in Iran for 444 days between 1979 and 1981 and their spouses and children identified in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia

are compensated for the days of captivity the hostages endured in service to the United States. Such compensation shall be consistent with established judicial precedent.

(b) **PAYMENT MECHANISM.**—The establishment of a payment mechanism, the administration of payments, and the source of funds shall be at the determination of the President or his designee.

(c) **PAYMENT FORMULA.**—Payments under this section shall be made to the following individuals in the following amounts:

(1) To each living former hostage, \$10,000 for each day of captivity of the former hostage.

(2) To the estate of each deceased former hostage, \$10,000 for each day of captivity of the former hostage.

(3) To each living spouse and child of a former hostage if the spouse or child is identified as a member of the proposed class in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, \$5,000 for each day of captivity of the former hostage.

(4) To the estate of each deceased spouse and child described in paragraph (3) of a former hostage, \$5,000 for each day of captivity of the former hostage.

(d) **PRIORITY OF PAYMENTS.**—Payments under this section shall be distributed in the following order:

(1) First, to each living former hostage described in subsection (c)(1).

(2) Second, to the estate of each deceased former hostage described in subsection (c)(2).

(3) Third, to each living spouse and child of a former hostage described in subsection (c)(3).

(4) Fourth, to the estate of each spouse and child described in subsection (c)(4).

(e) **PRINCIPAL AGENT AND CONSENT OF RECIPIENT.**—A payment under this section to an eligible recipient shall be made only after receiving the consent of the recipient through the principal agent designated by the proposed class described in subsection (c)(3) for the period beginning in 1999 and continuing through the date of the enactment of this Act.

(f) **WAIVER OF FURTHER CLAIMS.**—A recipient of a payment under this section shall waive and forever release all existing claims against Iran and the United States arising out of the events described in case number 1:00-CV-03110 (EGS) of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

(g) **CERTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.**—The President or his designee shall certify to Congress that all payments under this section have been made to all eligible recipients before—

(1) any agreement between the United States and Iran is submitted for the advice and consent of the Senate or is submitted to Congress under section 135 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as added by section 2 of this Act;

(2) any termination or reduction of sanctions imposed with respect to Iran, whether imposed by executive action or pursuant to statute; and

(3) any normalization of relations between the United States and Iran, including the establishment of diplomatic relations or the opening of an embassy or consular offices of the United States in Iran.

SEC. 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act or any amendment made by this Act, or the application of such a provision or amendment to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remaining provisions of and amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provisions and amendments to any other person not similarly situated or to other circumstances, shall not be affected by the holding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

SEQUENTIAL REFERRAL—S. 1100

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Thune bill No. 1100 be sequentially referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, and then to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 114-2

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on April 27, 2015, by the President of the United States: Protocol to the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia, Treaty Document No. 114-2. I further ask that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time; that it be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith, for the advice and consent of the Senate to its ratification, the Protocol to the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia, signed at New York on May 6, 2014 (the “Protocol”). I also transmit for the information of the Senate the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia (the “Treaty”) to which the Protocol relates, and the Department of State's Overview of the Protocol, which includes a detailed article-by-article analysis of both the Protocol and the Treaty.

Ratification of the Protocol is in the best interest of the United States, as it will enhance U.S. security by furthering our objective of preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons, strengthen our relations with the states and the people of Central Asia, demonstrate our commitment to the decision taken at the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons that helped secure that Treaty's indefinite extension, and contribute significantly to the continued realization of the Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in all its aspects. As the Department of State's Overview of the Protocol explains, entry into force of the Protocol for the United States would require no changes in U.S. law, policy, or practice.

I recommend that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Protocol and give its advice and