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SA 715. Mr. ENSIGN proposed an amendment to amendment SA 692 submitted by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, supra.

SA 716. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, supra.

SA 717. Ms. LANDRIEU proposed an amendment to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, supra.

SA 718. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1388, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 719. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1388, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 720. Mr. NELSON, of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1388, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 701. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 5, before line 1 and after the item relating to section 6101, insert the following:
SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

(1) Total private giving increased to \$306,000,000,000 in 2007, equal to 2.2 percent of the gross domestic product of the United States.

(2) Total private giving has more than doubled in a 10-year period, and individual giving reached \$229,000,000,000 in 2007.

(3) The people of the United States donate 3½ times as much, per capita, as the people of any other developed nation.

(4) There are nearly 1,400,000 charitable organizations in the United States, and approximately 355,000 religious congregations.

(5) Nonprofit organizations, including public charities and private foundations, account for approximately 8 percent of the wages and salaries paid in the United States.

(6) The nonprofit sector employs more than 10,000,000 people, and 7 percent of the people of the United States are paid employees of nonprofit organizations.

(7) A proposed cut to charitable tax deductions for wealthy taxpayers may result in a 10 percent drop in charitable giving by wealthy individuals that is equal to \$6,000,000,000.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) all citizens of the United States should continue in the selfless generosity and noble spirit of charitable giving;

(2) Congress should support measures that incentivize charitable giving by wealthy Americans to nonprofit organizations, public charities, private foundations, and religious congregations; and

(3) Federal tax law should encourage, and not punish, charitable donations by all peo-

ple of the United States, regardless of income.

SA 702. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 213, after line 21, insert the following:

SEC. 1613. LIMITING BURDENS ON THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.

Notwithstanding section 179A of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (as added by section 1608), the Director of the Bureau of the Census shall be prohibited from providing technical advice to the Corporation, collecting, reporting or supplying data to the Corporation, or carrying out any other activity described in such section 179A, until such time as the Comptroller General of the United States—

(1) determines that the 2010 Census is no longer a high-risk area with respect to addressing challenges in broad-based transformation; and

(2) removes the 2010 Census from the Government Accountability Office's high-risk list.

SA 703. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE VII—MILLIONAIRE EXEMPTION

SEC. 701. EXEMPTION FOR MILLIONAIRES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any provision of the national service laws (as defined in section 101 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12511)), no wealthy individual who participates in a program under this Act or any of such national service laws may receive stipend, living allowance, education award, or other compensation by virtue of such participation.

(b) WEALTHY INDIVIDUAL.—In this section, the term “wealthy individual” means an individual who is from a family with a taxable annual income of more than \$1,000,000.

SA 704. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 61, strike line 7 and all that follows through page 62, line 25 and insert the following:

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

“(b) PROHIBITION ON NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS RUN BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds (including funds authorized for financial assistance or for educational awards for participants in approved national service positions) shall be available for national service programs run by Federal agencies under this subtitle.”.

SA 705. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize

and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 128, strike line 6 and insert the following:

“(c) INELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No assistance provided under this subtitle may be provided (including for the participation under this subtitle of a participant in an approved national service position in activities conducted by such an organization) to—

“(A) an organization described in paragraph (2); or

“(B) to an organization that is co-located on the same premises as an organization described in paragraph (2).

“(2) ORGANIZATIONS.—An organization referred to in paragraph (1) means—

“(A) the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN); or

“(B) an entity that is under the control of such Association, as demonstrated by—

“(i)(I) such Association directly owning or controlling, or holding with power to vote, 25 percent or more the voting shares of such other entity;

“(II) such other entity directly owning or controlling, or holding with power to vote, 25 percent or more of the voting shares of such Association; or

“(III) a third entity directly owning or controlling, or holding with power to vote, 25 percent or more of the voting shares of such Association and such other entity;

“(ii)(I) such Association controlling, in any manner, a majority of the board of directors of such other entity;

“(II) such other entity controlling, in any manner, a majority of the board of directors of such Association; or

“(III) a third entity controlling, in any manner, a majority of the board of directors of such Association and such other entity;

“(iii) individuals serving in a similar capacity as officers, executives, or staff of both such Association and such other entity;

“(iv) such Association and such other entity sharing office space, supplies, resources, or marketing materials, including communications through the Internet and other forms of public communication; or

“(v) such Association and such other entity exhibiting another indicia of control over, control by, or common control with, such other entity or such Association, respectively, as may be set forth in regulation by the Corporation.

“(d) NONDISPLACEMENT OF EMPLOYED WORKERS

SA 706. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 692 submitted by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, line 20, insert before the period the following: “which shall include crisis pregnancy centers, organizations that serve battered women (including domestic violence shelters), and organizations that serve victims of rape or incest”.

SA 707. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, insert the following:
SEC. _____. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

It is the sense of the Senate that the tax deduction for charitable contributions and gifts should not be changed in any way that would discourage taxpayers from making such contributions and gifts.

SA 708. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike line 11 on page 212 and all that follows through line 21 on page 213 and insert the following:

“SEC. 189D. CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Each entity selecting individuals to serve in a position in which the individuals receive a living allowance, stipend, national service educational award, or salary through a program receiving assistance under the national service laws, shall, subject to regulations and requirements established by the Corporation, conduct criminal history checks for such individuals.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—A criminal history check under subsection (a) shall include—

“(1) a name-based search of the National Sex Offender Registry established under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.); and

“(2) submitting fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history check.

“(c) ELIGIBILITY PROHIBITION.—An individual shall be ineligible to serve in a position described under subsection (a) if such individual—

“(1) refuses to consent to the criminal history check described in subsection (b);

“(2) makes a false statement in connection with such criminal history check;

“(3) is registered, or is required to be registered, on a State sex offender registry or the National Sex Offender Registry established under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (42 U.S.C. 16901 et seq.); or

“(4) has been convicted of a crime of violence, as defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code.”.

SA 709. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 128, strike line 6 and insert the following:

“(b) INELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS AND CO-LOCATED ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No assistance provided under this subtitle may be provided to an organization described in paragraph (2) (including for the participation under this subtitle of a participant in an approved national service position in activities conducted by such an organization) or to an organization that is co-located on the same premises as an organization described in paragraph (2).

“(2) ORGANIZATIONS.—The organization referred to in paragraph (1) is an organization that provides or promotes abortion services, including referral for such services.

“(c) NONDISPLACEMENT OF EMPLOYED WORKERS

SA 710. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 128, strike line 6 and insert the following:

“(b) INELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS AND CO-LOCATED ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No assistance provided under this subtitle may be provided to an organization described in paragraph (2) (including for the participation under this subtitle of a participant in an approved national service position in activities conducted by such an organization) or to an organization that is co-located on the same premises as an organization described in paragraph (2).

“(2) ORGANIZATIONS.—The organization referred to in paragraph (1) is an organization that has been indicted for voter fraud.

“(c) NONDISPLACEMENT OF EMPLOYED WORKERS

SA 711. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 128, strike line 6 and insert the following:

“(b) INELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS AND CO-LOCATED ORGANIZATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No assistance provided under this subtitle may be provided to an organization described in paragraph (2) (including for the participation under this subtitle of a participant in an approved national service position in activities conducted by such an organization) or to an organization that is co-located on the same premises as an organization described in paragraph (2).

“(2) ORGANIZATIONS.—The organization referred to in paragraph (1) is a for-profit organization, political party, labor organization, or organization engaged in political or legislative advocacy.

“(c) NONDISPLACEMENT OF EMPLOYED WORKERS

SA 712. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. GREGG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; as follows:

In section 122 (a)(1)(B) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended by section 1302 of the bill, insert at the appropriate place the following:

“(____) providing skilled musicians and artists to promote greater community unity through the use of music and arts education and engagement through work in low-income communities, and education, health care, and therapeutic settings, and other work in the public domain with citizens of all ages;”.

SA 713. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Subtitle H of title I is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“PART ____—VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT CORPS

“SEC. 198 ____ . VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT CORPS.

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

“(1) Many managers seek opportunities to give back to their communities and address the Nation’s challenges.

“(2) Managers possess business and technical skills that make them especially suited to help nonprofit organizations and Federal, State, and local governmental agencies create efficiencies and cost savings, and develop programs to serve communities in need.

“(3) There are currently a large number of companies and firms that are seeking to identify savings through sabbatical opportunities for senior employees.

“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to create a Volunteer Management Corps for managers, in order to provide managers with meaningful pro bono opportunities—

“(1) to apply their business and technical expertise to nonprofit organizations and at the Federal, State, and local government levels; and

“(2) to address the Nation’s challenges.

“(c) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation shall establish a Volunteer Management Corps program by assisting skilled managers with demonstrated management experience or expertise in finding meaningful volunteering opportunities to carry out activities, as described in subsection (d).

“(2) CORPORATION’S ROLE.—In carrying out the Volunteer Management Corps program, the Corporation may take steps to facilitate the process of connecting skilled managers with nonprofit organizations, and Federal, State, and local governmental agencies, in need of the manager’s skills, such as—

“(A) recruiting individuals with demonstrated management experience or expertise to volunteer as Volunteer Management Corps members;

“(B) developing relationships with nonprofit organizations and Federal, State, and local governmental agencies to assist Corps members in connecting with such organizations and agencies in need of the members’ services;

“(C) approving the volunteering opportunities selected by Corps members under subsection (d) as appropriate Volunteer Management Corps activities; and

“(D) publicizing opportunities for Corps members at nonprofit organizations and Federal, State, and local governmental agencies, or otherwise assisting Corps members in connecting with opportunities to carry out activities described in subsection (d).

“(d) CORPS MEMBERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A Volunteer Management Corps member shall select, subject to the Corporation’s approval, a nonprofit organization, or Federal, State, or local governmental agency, with which to volunteer and carry out a volunteering activity described in paragraph (2) with such organization or agency.

“(2) ACTIVITIES.—The activities carried out by Volunteer Management Corps members may include the following:

“(A) Developing and carrying out a community service project or program with a nonprofit organization, or Federal, State, or local governmental agency.

“(B) Assisting a nonprofit organization, or Federal, State, or local governmental agency, of the Corps member’s choice, in creating efficiencies and cost savings by using the Corps member’s expertise and skills.

“(C) Recruiting other individuals with demonstrated management experience or expertise into pro bono service opportunities with such organization or agency.”.

SA 714. Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. GREGG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 235, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 1713. VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT CORPS STUDY.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Many managers seek opportunities to give back to their communities and address the Nation's challenges.

(2) Managers possess business and technical skills that make them especially suited to help nonprofit organizations and State and local governments create efficiencies and cost savings and develop programs to serve communities in need.

(3) There are currently a large number of businesses and firms who are seeking to identify savings through sabbatical opportunities for senior employees.

(b) STUDY AND PLAN.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall—

(1) conduct a study on how best to establish and implement a Volunteer Management Corps program; and

(2) submit a plan regarding the establishment of such program to Congress and to the President.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the study described in subsection (b)(1), the Corporation may consult with experts in the private and nonprofit sectors.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Notwithstanding section 6101, this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 715. Mr. ENSIGN proposed an amendment to amendment SA 692 submitted by Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) to the amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; as follows:

On page 2, line 20, insert before the period the following: “which shall include crisis pregnancy centers, organizations that serve battered women (including domestic violence shelters), and organizations that serve victims of rape or incest”. These organizations must be charities within the meaning of the United States tax code.

SA 716. Mr. THUNE proposed an amendment to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. —. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

(1) President John F. Kennedy said, “The raising of extraordinarily large sums of money, given voluntarily and freely by millions of our fellow Americans, is a unique American tradition . . . Philanthropy, charity, giving voluntarily and freely . . . call it

what you like, but it is truly a jewel of an American tradition”.

(2) Americans gave more than \$300,000,000,000 to charitable causes in 2007, an amount equal to roughly 2 percent of the gross domestic product.

(3) The vast majority of those donations, roughly 75 percent or \$229,000,000,000, came from individuals.

(4) Studies have shown that Americans give far more to charity than the people of any other industrialized nation—more than twice as much, measured as a share of gross domestic product, than the citizens of Great Britain, and 10 times more than the citizens of France.

(5) 7 out of 10 American households donate to charities to support a wide range of religious, educational, cultural, health care, and environmental goals.

(6) These charities provide innumerable valuable public services to society's most vulnerable citizens during difficult economic times.

(7) Congress has provided incentives through the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage charitable giving by allowing individuals to deduct income given to tax-exempt charities.

(8) 41,000,000 American households, constituting 86 percent of taxpayers who itemize deductions, took advantage of this deduction to give to the charities of their choice.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should preserve the full income tax deduction for charitable contributions through the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and look for additional ways to encourage charitable giving rather than to discourage it.

SA 717. Ms. LANDRIEU proposed an amendment to amendment SA 687 proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; as follows:

On page 92, strike line 1 and insert the following:

“(H) A program that seeks to expand the number of mentors for youth in foster care through—

“(i) the provision of direct academic mentoring services for youth in foster care;

“(ii) the provision of supportive services to mentoring service organizations that directly provide mentoring to youth in foster care, including providing training of mentors in child development, domestic violence, foster care, confidentiality requirements, and other matters related to working with youth in foster care; or

“(iii) supporting foster care mentoring partnerships, including statewide and local mentoring partnerships that strengthen direct service mentoring programs.

“(I) Such other national service programs

SA 718. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 147(d) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as added by section 1404, strike “, for each of not more than 2 of such terms of service.”.

SA 719. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In subsection (c)(8)(B)(iii) of section 119 of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as added by section 1204, strike “of \$500 or \$750”.

In section 147(d) of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as added by section 1404, strike “equal to” and all that follows through the period and inserting the following: “equal to \$1,000 (or, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer, equal to \$1,500 in the case of a participant who is economically disadvantaged).”.

SA 720. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1388, to reauthorize and reform the national service laws; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 183, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 1518. ADDITIONAL CAMPUS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

(a) FLORIDA CAMPUS.—The Director of the National Civilian Community Corps under subtitle E of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12611 et seq.) shall establish a campus described in section 155 of such Act (as amended by section 1505 of this Act) (42 U.S.C. 12615) for such Corps in the State of Florida.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for the establishment of the campus required under subsection (a).

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Corporation for National and Community Service shall submit a report to Congress on the effectiveness of the expansion of the National Civilian Community Corps in addressing the effects of hurricanes and tropical storms in the southern region of the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to hold a hearing entitled, “The Need for Transportation Investment.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Foreign Policy and the Global Economic Crisis.”

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