

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1453

*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 “Bureau of Reclamation Fish Recovery Programs Reauthorization Act of 2009”.

#### SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF BASE FUNDING FOR FISH RECOVERY PROGRAMS.

Section 3(d)(2) of Public Law 106-392 (114 Stat. 1602) is amended in the fourth sentence by striking “2011” and inserting “2023”.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1505. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1506. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1507. Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1508. Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1509. Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1510. Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1511. Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1512. Mr. DORGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1513. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BYRD, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. TESTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1514. Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment in-

tended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1515. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1516. Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1517. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1518. Mr. BURR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1519. Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1520. Mr. BURR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1521. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1522. Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1523. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1524. Mr. DORGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1525. Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1526. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BURRIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1527. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1528. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1529. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1530. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1531. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1532. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1533. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1534. Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOND, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BYRD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1535. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1536. Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1537. Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1538. Mr. UDALL of New Mexico submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1505. Mr. JOHANNIS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ . CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF CERTAIN TARP EXPENDITURES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any provision of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, no funds may be disbursed or otherwise obligated under that Act to any entity, if such disbursement would result in the Federal Government acquiring any ownership of the common or preferred stock of the entity receiving such funds, unless the Congress first approves of such disbursement or obligation.

SA 1506. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 161, after line 23, add the following:

#### SEC. 557. EXPANSION OF SUICIDE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY HEALING AND RESPONSE TRAINING UNDER THE YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM.

Section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 10 U.S.C. 10101 note) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (h)—
- (A) by striking paragraph (3); and
- (B) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (15) as paragraphs (3) through (14), respectively; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) **SUICIDE PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY HEALING AND RESPONSE PROGRAM.**—

“(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—As part of the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, the Office for Reintegration Programs shall establish a program to provide National Guard and Reserve members, their families, and their communities with training in suicide prevention and community healing and response to suicide.

“(2) **DESIGN.**—In establishing the program under paragraph (1), the Office for Reintegration Programs shall consult with—

“(A) persons that have experience and expertise with combining military and civilian intervention strategies that reduce risk and promote healing after a suicide attempt or suicide death for National Guard and Reserve members; and

“(B) the adjutant general of each State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

“(3) **OPERATION.**—

“(A) **SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING.**—The Office for Reintegration Programs shall provide National Guard and Reserve members with training in suicide prevention. Such training shall include—

“(i) describing the warning signs for suicide and teaching effective strategies for prevention and intervention;

“(ii) examining the influence of military culture on risk and protective factors for suicide; and

“(iii) engaging in interactive case scenarios and role plays to practice effective intervention strategies.

“(B) **COMMUNITY HEALING AND RESPONSE TRAINING.**—The Office for Reintegration Programs shall provide the families and communities of National Guard and Reserve members with training in responses to suicide that promote individual and community healing. Such training shall include—

“(i) enhancing collaboration among community members and local service providers to create an integrated, coordinated community response to suicide;

“(ii) communicating best practices for preventing suicide, including safe messaging, appropriate memorial services, and media guidelines;

“(iii) addressing the impact of suicide on the military and the larger community, and the increased risk that can result; and

“(iv) managing resources to assist key community and military service providers in helping the families, friends, and fellow soldiers of a suicide victim through the processes of grieving and healing.

“(C) **COLLABORATION WITH CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.**—The Office for Reintegration Programs, in consultation with the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury, shall collect and analyze ‘lessons learned’ and suggestions from State National Guard and Reserve organizations with existing or developing suicide prevention and community response programs.”.

**SA 1507.** Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1083. RESTRICTIONS ON TARP EXPENDITURES FOR AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS; FIDUCIARY DUTY TO TAXPAYERS; REQUIRED ISSUANCE OF COMMON STOCK TO TAXPAYERS.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Auto Stock for Every Taxpayer Act”.

(b) **PROHIBITION ON FURTHER TARP FUNDS.**—Notwithstanding any provision of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.) or any other provision of law, the Secretary may not expend or obligate any funds made available under that Act on or after the date of enactment of this Act with respect to any designated automobile manufacturer.

(c) **FIDUCIARY DUTY TO SHAREHOLDERS.**—With respect to any designated automobile manufacturer, the Secretary, and the designee of the Secretary who is responsible for the exercise of shareholder voting rights with respect to a designated automobile manufacturer pursuant to assistance provided under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.), shall have a fiduciary duty to each eligible taxpayer for the maximization of the return on the investment of the taxpayer under that Act, in the same manner, and to the same extent that any director of an issuer of securities has with respect to its shareholders under the securities laws and all applicable provisions of State law.

(d) **REQUIRED ISSUANCE OF COMMON STOCK TO ELIGIBLE TAXPAYERS.**—Not later than 1 year after the emergence of any designated automobile manufacturer from bankruptcy protection described in subsection (f)(1)(B), the Secretary shall direct the designated automobile manufacturer to issue through the Secretary a certificate of common stock to each eligible taxpayer, which shall represent such taxpayer’s per capita share of the aggregate common stock holdings of the United States Government in the designated automobile manufacturer on such date.

(e) **CIVIL ACTIONS AUTHORIZED.**—A person who is aggrieved of a violation of the fiduciary duty established under subsection (c) may bring a civil action in an appropriate United States district court to obtain injunctive or other equitable relief relating to the violation.

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—As used in this section—

(1) the term “designated automobile manufacturer” means an entity organized under the laws of a State, the primary business of which is the manufacture of automobiles, and any affiliate thereof, if such automobile manufacturer—

(A) has received funds under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.), or funds were obligated under that Act, before the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) has filed for bankruptcy protection under chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, during the 90-day period preceding the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) the term “eligible taxpayer” means any individual taxpayer who filed a Federal taxable return for taxable year 2008 (including any joint return) not later than the due date for such return (including any extension);

(3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Treasury or the designee of the Secretary; and

(4) the terms “director”, “issuer”, “securities”, and “securities laws” have the same meanings as in section 3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c).

**SA 1508.** Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr.

CARDIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XI of division A, insert the following:

**Subtitle B—Federal Employee Retirement-Related Provisions**

**SEC. 1121. CREDIT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8415 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second subsection (k) and subsection (l) as subsections (l) and (m), respectively; and

(2) in subsection (l) (as so redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) by striking “(l) In computing” and inserting “(l)(1) In computing”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1), in computing an annuity under this subchapter, the total service of an employee who retires on an immediate annuity or who dies leaving a survivor or survivors entitled to annuity includes the days of unused sick leave to his credit under a formal leave system and for which days the employee has not received payment, except that these days will not be counted in determining average pay or annuity eligibility under this subchapter. For purposes of this subsection, in the case of any such employee who is excepted from subchapter I of chapter 63 under section 6301(2)(x) through (xiii), the days of unused sick leave to his credit include any unused sick leave standing to his credit when he was excepted from such subchapter.”.

(b) **EXCEPTION FROM DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT.**—Section 8422(d)(2) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “section 8415(k)” and inserting “paragraph (1) or (2) of section 8415(l)”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to annuities computed based on separations occurring on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 1122. LIMITED EXPANSION OF THE CLASS OF INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ACTUARIALLY REDUCED ANNUITY UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8334(d)(2)(A)(i) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “October 1, 1990” each place it appears and inserting “March 1, 1991”.

(b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to any annuity, entitlement to which is based on a separation from service occurring on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 1123. COMPUTATION OF CERTAIN ANNUITIES BASED ON PART-TIME SERVICE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) In the administration of paragraph (1)—

“(A) subparagraph (A) of such paragraph shall apply with respect to service performed before, on, or after April 7, 1986; and

“(B) subparagraph (B) of such paragraph—

“(i) shall apply with respect to that portion of any annuity which is attributable to service performed on or after April 7, 1986; and

“(i) shall not apply with respect to that portion of any annuity which is attributable to service performed before April 7, 1986.”.

(b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to any annuity, entitlement to which is based on a separation from service occurring on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 1124. AUTHORITY TO DEPOSIT REFUNDS UNDER FERS.**

(a) **DEPOSIT AUTHORITY.**—Section 8422 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i)(1) Each employee or Member who has received a refund of retirement deductions under this or any other retirement system established for employees of the Government covering service for which such employee or Member may be allowed credit under this chapter may deposit the amount received, with interest. Credit may not be allowed for the service covered by the refund until the deposit is made.

“(2) Interest under this subsection shall be computed in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 8334(e) and regulations prescribed by the Office. The option under the third sentence of section 8334(e)(2) to make a deposit in one or more installments shall apply to deposits under this subsection.

“(3) For the purpose of survivor annuities, deposits authorized by this subsection may also be made by a survivor of an employee or Member.”.

(b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) **DEFINITIONAL AMENDMENT.**—Section 8401(19)(C) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “8411(f);” and inserting “8411(f) or 8422(i);”.

(2) **CREDITING OF DEPOSITS.**—Section 8422(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “Deposits made by an employee, Member, or survivor also shall be credited to the Fund.”.

(3) **SECTION HEADING.**—(A) The heading for section 8422 of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 8422. Deductions from pay; contributions for other service; deposits.”.**

(B) The analysis for chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 8422 and inserting the following:

“8422. Deductions from pay; contributions for other service; deposits.”.

(4) **RESTORATION OF ANNUITY RIGHTS.**—The last sentence of section 8424(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “based,” and inserting “based, until the employee or Member is reemployed in the service subject to this chapter.”.

**SEC. 1125. RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR SERVICE OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SERVICE TO FEDERAL SERVICE.**

(a) **RETIREMENT CREDIT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Any individual who is treated as an employee of the Federal Government for purposes of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, on or after the date of enactment of this Act who performed qualifying District of Columbia service shall be entitled to have such service included in calculating the individual's creditable service under sections 8332 or 8411 of title 5, United States Code, but only for purposes of the following provisions of such title:

(A) Sections 8333 and 8410 (relating to eligibility for annuity).

(B) Sections 8336 (other than subsections (d), (h), and (p) thereof) and 8412 (relating to immediate retirement).

(C) Sections 8338 and 8413 (relating to deferred retirement).

(D) Sections 8336(d), 8336(h), 8336(p), and 8414 (relating to early retirement).

(E) Section 8341 and subchapter IV of chapter 84 (relating to survivor annuities).

(F) Section 8337 and subchapter V of chapter 84 (relating to disability benefits).

(2) **TREATMENT OF DETENTION OFFICER SERVICE AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERVICE.**—Any portion of an individual's qualifying District of Columbia service which consisted of service as a detention officer under section 2604(2) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 (sec. 1–626.04(2), D.C. Official Code) shall be treated as service as a law enforcement officer under sections 8331(20) or 8401(17) of title 5, United States Code, for purposes of applying paragraph (1) with respect to the individual.

(3) **SERVICE NOT INCLUDED IN COMPUTING AMOUNT OF ANY ANNUITY.**—Qualifying District of Columbia service shall not be taken into account for purposes of computing the amount of any benefit payable out of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

(b) **QUALIFYING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SERVICE DEFINED.**—In this section, “qualifying District of Columbia service” means any of the following:

(1) Service performed by an individual as a nonjudicial employee of the District of Columbia courts—

(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the amendments made by section 11246(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

(2) Service performed by an individual as an employee of an entity of the District of Columbia government whose functions were transferred to the Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Supervision, and Offender Supervision Trustee under section 11232 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997—

(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the individual's coverage as an employee of the Federal Government under section 11232(f) of such Act; and

(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

(3) Service performed by an individual as an employee of the District of Columbia Public Defender Service—

(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the amendments made by section 7(e) of the District of Columbia Courts and Justice Technical Corrections Act of 1998; and

(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

(4) In the case of an individual who was an employee of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections who was separated from service as a result of the closing of the Lorton Correctional Complex and who was appointed to a position with the Bureau of Prisons, the District of Columbia courts, the Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Supervision, and Offender Supervision Trustee, the United States Parole Commission, or the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, service performed by the individual as an employee of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections—

(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the individual's coverage as an employee of the Federal Government; and

(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

(c) **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE.**—The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the appropriate personnel official of the government of the District of Columbia or other independent employing entity concerning whether an individual performed qualifying District of Columbia service and the length of the period of such service the individual performed.

**SEC. 1126. RETIREMENT TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SECRET SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**

(a) **DEFINITION.**—In this section the term “covered employee” means an individual who—

(1) was hired as a member of the United States Secret Service Division during the period beginning on January 1, 1984 through December 31, 1986;

(2) has actively performed duties other than clerical for 10 or more years directly related to the protection mission of the United States Secret Service described under section 3056 of title 18, United States Code;

(3) is serving as a member of the United States Secret Service Division or the United States Secret Service Uniform Division (or any successor entity) on the effective date of this section; and

(4) files an election to be a covered employee under subsection (b)(1).

(b) **ELECTION OF COVERAGE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, an individual described under subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) may file an election with the United States Secret Service to be a covered employee and to transition to the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System.

(2) **NOTIFICATION.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Office of Personnel Management and the United States Secret Service shall notify each individual described under subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) that the individual is qualified to file an election under paragraph (1).

(c) **RETIREMENT COVERAGE CONVERSION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Thrift Savings Board, the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out the responsibilities of the Federal Government under this section. The regulations prescribed under this paragraph shall provide for transition of covered employees from the Federal Employees' Retirement System to the Civil Service Retirement System.

(2) **TREATMENT OF COVERED EMPLOYEES.**—

(A) **ELECTION OF COVERAGE.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—If a covered employee files an election under subsection (b)(1), the covered employee shall, subject to clause (ii), be converted from the Federal Employees' Retirement System to the Civil Service Retirement System.

(ii) **COVERAGE IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 7 of title 5 of the District of Columbia Code shall apply with respect to a covered employee on the date on which the covered employee transitions to the Civil Service Retirement System.

(II) **AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**—The government of the District of Columbia shall provide for the coverage of covered employees in the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System in accordance with this section.

(B) THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN.—A covered employee shall forfeit, under procedures prescribed by the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, all Thrift Savings Plan contributions and associated earnings made by an employing agency pursuant to section 8432(c) of title 5, United States Code. Any amounts remaining in the Thrift Savings Plan account of the covered employee may be transferred to a private account or the District of Columbia Police and Firefighter Retirement and Disability System.

(C) FORFEITURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.—

(i) CONTRIBUTIONS.—Upon conversion into the Civil Service Retirement System, a covered employee shall forfeit all contributions made under title II of the Social Security Act while employed by the United States Secret Service. All forfeited funds shall remain in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, as applicable.

(ii) BENEFITS.—A covered employee shall not be entitled to any benefit based on any contribution forfeited under clause (i).

(3) IMPLEMENT.—The Office of Personnel Management, the Department of Homeland Security, the Social Security Administration, and the Thrift Savings Board shall take such actions as necessary to provide for the implementation of this section.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under paragraph (2), this section shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period that begins 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) ELECTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION.—Subsections (b) and (c)(1) and (3) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

#### Subtitle C—Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance

##### SEC. 1141. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009” or the “Non-Foreign AREA Act of 2009”.

##### SEC. 1142. EXTENSION OF LOCALITY PAY.

(a) LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS.—Section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (f)(1), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) each General Schedule position in the United States, as defined under section 5921(4), and its territories and possessions, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, shall be included within a pay locality;”;

(2) in subsection (g)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (B) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by adding after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) positions under subsection (h)(1)(C) not covered by appraisal systems certified under section 5382; and”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) The applicable maximum under this subsection shall be level II of the Executive Schedule for positions under subsection (h)(1)(C) covered by appraisal systems certified under section 5307(d).”; and

(3) in subsection (h)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (B) by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D);

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) a Senior Executive Service position under section 3132 or 3151 or a senior level

position under section 5376 stationed within the United States, but outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia in which the incumbent was an individual who on the day before the date of enactment of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 was eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under section 5941; and”;

(D) in clause (iv) in the matter following subparagraph (D), by inserting “, except for members covered by subparagraph (C)” before the semicolon; and

(E) in clause (v) in the matter following subparagraph (D), by inserting “, except for members covered by subparagraph (C)” before the semicolon.

(b) ALLOWANCES BASED ON LIVING COSTS AND CONDITIONS OF ENVIRONMENT.—Section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding after the last sentence “Notwithstanding any preceding provision of this subsection, the cost-of-living allowance rate based on paragraph (1) shall be the cost-of-living allowance rate in effect on the date of enactment of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009, except as adjusted under subsection (c).”;;

(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (d); and

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) This section shall apply only to areas that are designated as cost-of-living allowance areas as in effect on December 31, 2009.

“(c)(1) The cost-of-living allowance rate payable under this section shall be adjusted on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after—

“(A) January 1, 2010; and

“(B) January 1 of each calendar year in which a locality-based comparability adjustment takes effect under section 1144 (2) and (3) of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009.

“(2)(A) In this paragraph, the term ‘applicable locality-based comparability pay percentage’ means, with respect to calendar year 2010 and each calendar year thereafter, the applicable percentage under section 1144 (1), (2), or (3) of Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009.

“(B) Each adjusted cost-of-living allowance rate under paragraph (1) shall be computed by—

“(i) subtracting 65 percent of the applicable locality-based comparability pay percentage from the cost-of-living allowance rate in effect on December 31, 2009; and

“(ii) dividing the resulting percentage determined under clause (i) by the sum of—

“(I) one; and

“(II) the applicable locality-based comparability payment percentage expressed as a numeral.

“(3) No allowance rate computed under paragraph (2) may be less than zero.

“(4) Each allowance rate computed under paragraph (2) shall be paid as a percentage of basic pay (including any applicable locality-based comparability payment under section 5304 or similar provision of law and any applicable special rate of pay under section 5305 or similar provision of law).”.

##### SEC. 1143. ADJUSTMENT OF SPECIAL RATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Each special rate of pay established under section 5305 of title 5, United States Code, and payable in an area designated as a cost-of-living allowance area under section 5941(a) of that title, shall be adjusted, on the dates prescribed by section 1144 of this subtitle, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under section 1148 of this subtitle.

(b) AGENCIES WITH STATUTORY AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each special rate of pay established under an authority described under paragraph (2) and payable in a location designated as a cost-of-living allowance area under section 5941(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, shall be adjusted in accordance with regulations prescribed by the applicable head of the agency that are consistent with the regulations issued by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under subsection (a).

(2) STATUTORY AUTHORITY.—The authority referred to under paragraph (1), is any statutory authority that—

(A) is similar to the authority exercised under section 5305 of title 5, United States Code;

(B) is exercised by the head of an agency when the head of the agency determines it to be necessary in order to obtain or retain the services of persons specified by statute; and

(C) authorizes the head of the agency to increase the minimum, intermediate, or maximum rates of basic pay authorized under applicable statutes and regulations.

(c) TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT.—Regulations issued under subsection (a) or (b) may provide that statutory limitations on the amount of such special rates may be temporarily raised to a higher level during the transition period described in section 1144 ending on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012, at which time any special rate of pay in excess of the applicable limitation shall be converted to a retained rate under section 5363 of title 5, United States Code.

##### SEC. 1144. TRANSITION SCHEDULE FOR LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle or section 5304 or 5304a of title 5, United States Code, in implementing the amendments made by this subtitle, for each non-foreign area determined under section 5941(b) of that title, the applicable rate for the locality-based comparability adjustment that is used in the computation required under section 5941(c) of that title shall be adjusted effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1—

(1) in calendar year 2010, by using  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the locality pay percentage for the rest of United States locality pay area;

(2) in calendar year 2011, by using  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the otherwise applicable comparability payment approved by the President for each non-foreign area; and

(3) in calendar year 2012 and each subsequent year, by using the full amount of the applicable comparability payment approved by the President for each non-foreign area.

##### SEC. 1145. SAVINGS PROVISION.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the application of this subtitle to any employee should not result in a decrease in the take home pay of that employee;

(2) in calendar year 2012 and each subsequent year, no employee shall receive less than the Rest of the U.S. locality pay rate;

(3) concurrent with the surveys next conducted under the provisions of section 5304(d)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Bureau of Labor Statistics should conduct separate surveys to determine the extent of any pay disparity (as defined by section 5302 of that title) that may exist with respect to positions located in the State of Alaska, the State of Hawaii, and the United States territories, including American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands;

(4) if the surveys under paragraph (3) indicate that the pay disparity determined for the State of Alaska, the State of Hawaii, or any 1 of the United States territories including American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands exceeds the pay disparity determined for the locality which (for purposes of section 5304 of that title) is commonly known as the "Rest of the United States", the President's Pay Agent should take appropriate measures to provide that each such surveyed area be treated as a separate pay locality for purposes of that section; and

(5) the President's Pay Agent will establish 1 locality area for the entire State of Hawaii and 1 locality area for the entire State of Alaska.

(b) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—During the period described under section 1144 of this subtitle, an employee paid a special rate under 5305 of title 5, United States Code, who the day before the date of enactment of this Act was eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, and who continues to be officially stationed in an allowance area, shall receive an increase in the employee's special rate consistent with increases in the applicable special rate schedule. For employees in allowance areas, the minimum step rate for any grade of a special rate schedule shall be increased at the time of an increase in the applicable locality rate percentage for the allowance area by not less than the dollar increase in the locality-based comparability payment for a non-special rate employee at the same minimum step provided under section 1144 of this subtitle, and corresponding increases shall be provided for all step rates of the given pay range.

(2) CONTINUATION OF COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE RATE.—If an employee, who the day before the date of enactment of this Act was eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, would receive a rate of basic pay and applicable locality-based comparability payment which is in excess of the maximum rate limitation set under section 5304(g) of title 5, United States Code, for his position (but for that maximum rate limitation) due to the operation of this subtitle, the employee shall continue to receive the cost-of-living allowance rate in effect on December 31, 2009 without adjustment until—

(A) the employee leaves the allowance area or pay system; or

(B) the employee is entitled to receive basic pay (including any applicable locality-based comparability payment or similar supplement) at a higher rate,

but, when any such position becomes vacant, the pay of any subsequent appointee thereto shall be fixed in the manner provided by applicable law and regulation.

(3) LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS.—Any employee covered under paragraph (2) shall receive any applicable locality-based comparability payment extended under section 1144 of this subtitle which is not in excess of the maximum rate set under section 5304(g) of title 5, United States Code, for his position including any future increase to statutory pay limitations under 5318 of title 5, United States Code. Notwithstanding paragraph (2), to the extent that an employee covered under that paragraph receives any amount of locality-based comparability payment, the cost-of-living allowance rate under that paragraph shall be reduced accordingly, as provided under section 5941(c)(2)(B) of title 5, United States Code.

**SEC. 1146. APPLICATION TO OTHER ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term "covered employee" means—

(A) any employee who—

(i) on the day before the date of enactment of this Act—

(I) was eligible to be paid a cost-of-living allowance under 5941 of title 5, United States Code; and

(II) was not eligible to be paid locality-based comparability payments under 5304 or 5304a of that title; or

(ii) on or after the date of enactment of this Act becomes eligible to be paid a cost-of-living allowance under 5941 of title 5, United States Code; or

(B) any employee who—

(i) on the day before the date of enactment of this Act—

(I) was eligible to be paid an allowance under section 1603(b) of title 10, United States Code;

(II) was eligible to be paid an allowance under section 1005(b) of title 39, United States Code;

(III) was employed by the Transportation Security Administration of the Department of Homeland Security and was eligible to be paid an allowance based on section 5941 of title 5, United States Code; or

(IV) was eligible to be paid under any other authority a cost-of-living allowance that is equivalent to the cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code; or

(ii) on or after the date of enactment of this Act—

(I) becomes eligible to be paid an allowance under section 1603(b) of title 10, United States Code;

(II) becomes eligible to be paid an allowance under section 1005(b) of title 39, United States Code;

(III) is employed by the Transportation Security Administration of the Department of Homeland Security and becomes eligible to be paid an allowance based on section 5941 of title 5, United States Code; or

(IV) is eligible to be paid under any other authority a cost-of-living allowance that is equivalent to the cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) APPLICATION TO COVERED EMPLOYEES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of this subtitle (including the amendments made by this subtitle) any covered employee shall be treated as an employee to whom section 5941 of title 5, United States Code (as amended by section 1142 of this subtitle), and section 1144 of this subtitle apply.

(B) PAY FIXED BY STATUTE.—Pay to covered employees under section 5304 or 5304a of title 5, United States Code, as a result of the application of this subtitle shall be considered to be fixed by statute.

(C) PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL SYSTEM.—With respect to a covered employee who is subject to a performance appraisal system no part of pay attributable to locality-based comparability payments as a result of the application of this subtitle including section 5941 of title 5, United States Code (as amended by section 1142 of this subtitle), may be reduced on the basis of the performance of that employee.

(b) POSTAL EMPLOYEES IN NON-FOREIGN AREAS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1005(b) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by inserting "(1)" after "(b)";

(B) by striking "Section 5941," and inserting "Except as provided under paragraph (2), section 5941";

(C) by striking "For purposes of such section," and inserting "Except as provided under paragraph (2), for purposes of section 5941 of that title,"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) On and after the date of enactment of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009—

"(A) the provisions of that Act and section 5941 of title 5 shall apply to officers and employees covered by section 1003 (b) and (c) whose duty station is in a nonforeign area; and

"(B) with respect to officers and employees of the Postal Service (other than those officers and employees described under subparagraph (A)) of section 1146(b)(2) of that Act shall apply.".

(2) CONTINUATION OF COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, any employee of the Postal Service (other than an employee covered by section 1003 (b) and (c) of title 39, United States Code, whose duty station is in a nonforeign area) who is paid an allowance under section 1005(b) of that title shall be treated for all purposes as if the provisions of this subtitle (including the amendments made by this subtitle) had not been enacted, except that the cost-of-living allowance rate paid to that employee—

(i) may result in the allowance exceeding 25 percent of the rate of basic pay of that employee; and

(ii) shall be the greater of—

(I) the cost-of-living allowance rate in effect on December 31, 2009 for the applicable area; or

(II) the applicable locality-based comparability pay percentage under section 1144.

(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to—

(i) provide for an employee described under subparagraph (A) to be a covered employee as defined under subsection (a); or

(ii) authorize an employee described under subparagraph (A) to file an election under section 1147 of this subtitle.

**SEC. 1147. ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL BASIC PAY FOR ANNUITY COMPUTATION BY EMPLOYEES.**

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section the term "covered employee" means any employee—

(1) to whom section 1144 applies;

(2) who is separated from service by reason of retirement under chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, during the period of January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2012; and

(3) who files an election with the Office of Personnel Management under subsection (b).

(b) ELECTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An employee described under subsection (a) (1) and (2) may file an election with the Office of Personnel Management to be covered under this section.

(2) DEADLINE.—An election under this subsection may be filed not later than December 31, 2012.

(c) COMPUTATION OF ANNUITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under paragraph (2), for purposes of the computation of an annuity of a covered employee any cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, paid to that employee during the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2010 through the first applicable pay period ending on or after December 31, 2012, shall be considered basic pay as defined under section 8331(3) or 8401(4) of that title.

(2) LIMITATION.—The amount of the cost-of-living allowance which may be considered basic pay under paragraph (1) may not exceed the amount of the locality-based comparability payments the employee would have received during that period for the applicable pay area if the limitation under section 1144 of this subtitle did not apply.

(d) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY RETIREMENT FUND.—



(1) **EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS.**—A covered employee shall pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Retirement Fund—

(A) an amount equal to the difference between—

(i) employee contributions that would have been deducted and withheld from pay under section 8334 or 8422 of title 5, United States Code, during the period described under subsection (c) of this section if the cost-of-living allowances described under that subsection had been treated as basic pay under section 8331(3) or 8401(4) of title 5, United States Code; and

(ii) employee contributions that were actually deducted and withheld from pay under section 8334 or 8422 of title 5, United States Code, during that period; and

(B) interest as prescribed under section 8334(e) of title 5, United States Code, based on the amount determined under subparagraph (A).

(2) **AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The employing agency of a covered employee shall pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Retirement Fund an amount for applicable agency contributions based on payments made under paragraph (1).

(B) **SOURCE.**—Amounts paid under this paragraph shall be contributed from the appropriation or fund used to pay the employee.

(3) **REGULATIONS.**—The Office of Personnel Management may prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

#### SEC. 1148. REGULATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subtitle, including—

(1) rules for special rate employees described under section 1143;

(2) rules for adjusting rates of basic pay for employees in pay systems administered by the Office of Personnel Management when such employees are not entitled to locality-based comparability payments under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to otherwise applicable statutory pay limitations during the transition period described in section 1144 ending on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012; and

(3) rules governing establishment and adjustment of saved or retained rates for any employee whose rate of pay exceeds applicable pay limitations on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

(b) **OTHER PAY SYSTEMS.**—With the concurrence of the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, the administrator of a pay system not administered by the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subtitle with respect to employees in such pay system, consistent with the regulations prescribed by the Office under subsection (a). With respect to employees not entitled to locality-based comparability payments under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, regulations prescribed under this subsection may provide for special payments or adjustments for employees who were eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of that title on the date before the date of enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 1149. EFFECTIVE DATES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided by subsection (b), this subtitle (including the amendments made by this subtitle) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) **LOCALITY PAY AND SCHEDULE.**—The amendments made by section 1142 and the provisions of section 1144 shall take effect on

the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

#### Subtitle D—Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants

##### SEC. 1161. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the “Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009”.

##### SEC. 1162. PART-TIME REEMPLOYMENT.

(a) **CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**—Section 8344 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (l) as subsection (m);

(2) by inserting after subsection (k) the following:

“(1)(l) For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘head of an agency’ means—

“(i) the head of an Executive agency, other than the Department of Defense or the Government Accountability Office;

“(ii) the head of the United States Postal Service;

“(iii) the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, with respect to employees of the judicial branch; and

“(iv) any employing authority described under subsection (k)(2), other than the Government Accountability Office; and

“(B) the term ‘limited time appointee’ means an annuitant appointed under a temporary appointment limited to 1 year or less.

“(2) The head of an agency may waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) with respect to any annuitant who is employed in such agency as a limited time appointee, if the head of the agency determines that the employment of the annuitant is necessary to—

“(A) fulfill functions critical to the mission of the agency, or any component of that agency;

“(B) assist in the implementation or oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) or the Troubled Asset Relief Program under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.);

“(C) assist in the development, management, or oversight of agency procurement actions;

“(D) assist the Inspector General for that agency in the performance of the mission of that Inspector General;

“(E) promote appropriate training or mentoring programs of employees;

“(F) assist in the recruitment or retention of employees; or

“(G) respond to an emergency involving a direct threat to life of property or other unusual circumstances.

“(3) The head of an agency may not waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) with respect to an annuitant—

“(A) for more than 520 hours of service performed by that annuitant during the period ending 6 months following the individual’s annuity commencing date;

“(B) for more than 1040 hours of service performed by that annuitant during any 12-month period; or

“(C) for more than a total of 3120 hours of service performed by that annuitant.

“(4)(A) The total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8468(i) applies may not exceed 2.5 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency.

“(B) If the total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8468(i) applies exceeds 1 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency, the head of that agency shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Govern-

mental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Personnel Management—

“(i) a report with an explanation that justifies the need for the waivers in excess of that percentage; and

“(ii) not later than 180 days after submitting the report under clause (i), a succession plan.

“(5)(A) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management may promulgate regulations providing for the administration of this subsection.

“(B) Any regulations promulgated under subparagraph (A) may—

“(i) provide standards for the maintenance and form of necessary records of employment under this subsection;

“(ii) to the extent not otherwise expressly prohibited by law, require employing agencies to provide records of such employment to the Office of Personnel Management or other employing agencies as necessary to ensure compliance with paragraph (3);

“(iii) authorize other administratively convenient periods substantially equivalent to 12 months, such as 26 pay periods, to be used in determining compliance with paragraph (3)(B);

“(iv) include such other administrative requirements as the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may find appropriate to provide for the effective operation of, or to ensure compliance with, this subsection; and

“(v) encourage the training and mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection.

“(6)(A) Any hours of training or mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection shall not be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3), but those hours of training or mentoring may not exceed 520 hours.

“(B) If the primary service performed by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection is training or mentoring of employees, the hours of that service shall be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3).

“(7) The authority of the head of an agency under this subsection to waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of the Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009.”; and

(3) in subsection (m) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(k)” and inserting “(l)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or (k)” and inserting “(k), or (l)”.

(b) **FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**—Section 8468 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (j);

(2) by inserting after subsection (h) the following:

“(1)(l) For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘head of an agency’ means—

“(i) the head of an Executive agency, other than the Department of Defense or the Government Accountability Office;

“(ii) the head of the United States Postal Service;

“(iii) the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, with respect to employees of the judicial branch; and

“(iv) any employing authority described under subsection (h)(2), other than the Government Accountability Office; and

“(B) the term ‘limited time appointee’ means an annuitant appointed under a temporary appointment limited to 1 year or less.

“(2) The head of an agency may waive the application of subsection (a) with respect to

any annuitant who is employed in such agency as a limited time appointee, if the head of the agency determines that the employment of the annuitant is necessary to—

“(A) fulfill functions critical to the mission of the agency, or any component of that agency;

“(B) assist in the implementation or oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) or the Troubled Asset Relief Program under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.);

“(C) assist in the development, management, or oversight of agency procurement actions;

“(D) assist the Inspector General for that agency in the performance of the mission of that Inspector General;

“(E) promote appropriate training or mentoring programs of employees;

“(F) assist in the recruitment or retention of employees; or

“(G) respond to an emergency involving a direct threat to life of property or other unusual circumstances.

“(3) The head of an agency may not waive the application of subsection (a) with respect to an annuitant—

“(A) for more than 520 hours of service performed by that annuitant during the period ending 6 months following the individual's annuity commencing date;

“(B) for more than 1040 hours of service performed by that annuitant during any 12-month period; or

“(C) for more than a total of 3120 hours of service performed by that annuitant.

“(4)(A) The total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8344(1) applies may not exceed 2.5 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency.

“(B) If the total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8344(1) applies exceeds 1 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency, the head of that agency shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Personnel Management—

“(i) a report with an explanation that justifies the need for the waivers in excess of that percentage; and

“(ii) not later than 180 days after submitting the report under clause (i), a succession plan.

“(5)(A) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management may promulgate regulations providing for the administration of this subsection.

“(B) Any regulations promulgated under subparagraph (A) may—

“(i) provide standards for the maintenance and form of necessary records of employment under this subsection;

“(ii) to the extent not otherwise expressly prohibited by law, require employing agencies to provide records of such employment to the Office or other employing agencies as necessary to ensure compliance with paragraph (3);

“(iii) authorize other administratively convenient periods substantially equivalent to 12 months, such as 26 pay periods, to be used in determining compliance with paragraph (3)(B);

“(iv) include such other administrative requirements as the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may find appropriate to provide for effective operation of, or to ensure compliance with, this subsection; and

“(v) encourage the training and mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection.

“(6)(A) Any hours of training or mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection shall not be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3), but those hours of training or mentoring may not exceed 520 hours.

“(B) If the primary service performed by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection is training or mentoring of employees, the hours of that service shall be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3).

“(7) The authority of the head of an agency under this subsection to waive the application of subsection (a) shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of the Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009.”; and

(3) in subsection (j) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(h)” and inserting “(i)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or (h)” and inserting “(h), or (i)”.

(c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in the amendments made by this section may be construed to authorize the waiver of the hiring preferences under chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code in selecting annuitants to employ in an appointive or elective position.

(d) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 1005(d)(2) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “(1)(2)” and inserting “(m)(2)”; and

(2) by striking “(i)(2)” and inserting “(j)(2)”.

#### **SEC. 1163. GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report regarding the use of the authority under the amendments made by section 1162.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under subsection (a) shall—

(1) include the number of annuitants for whom a waiver was made under subsection (1) of section 8344 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by this subtitle, or subsection (i) of section 8468 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by this subtitle; and

(2) identify each agency that used the authority described in paragraph (1).

(c) **AGENCY DATA.**—Each head of an agency (as defined under sections 8344(1)(1) and 8468(i)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, as added by section 1162 of this subtitle) shall—

(1) collect and maintain data necessary for purposes of the Comptroller General report submitted under subsection (a); and

(2) submit to the Comptroller General that data as the Comptroller General requires in a timely fashion.

**SA 1509.** Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 201, after line 25, insert the following:

#### **SEC. 652. CREDIT FOR CERTAIN HOME PURCHASES.**

(a) **ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.**—Subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the following new section:

#### **“SEC. 25E. CREDIT FOR CERTAIN HOME PURCHASES.**

“(a) **ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of an individual who is a purchaser of a principal residence during the taxable year, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter an amount equal to 10 percent of the purchase price of the residence.

“(2) **DOLLAR LIMITATION.**—The amount of the credit allowed under paragraph (1) shall not exceed \$15,000.

“(3) **ALLOCATION OF CREDIT AMOUNT.**—At the election of the taxpayer, the amount of the credit allowed under paragraph (1) (after application of paragraph (2)) may be equally divided among the 2 taxable years beginning with the taxable year in which the purchase of the principal residence is made.

“(b) **LIMITATIONS.**—

“(1) **DATE OF PURCHASE.**—The credit allowed under subsection (a) shall be allowed only with respect to purchases made—

“(A) after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010, and

“(B) on or before the date that is 1 year after such date of enactment.

“(2) **LIMITATION BASED ON AMOUNT OF TAX.**—In the case of a taxable year to which section 26(a)(2) does not apply, the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed the excess of—

“(A) the sum of the regular tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) plus the tax imposed by section 55, over

“(B) the sum of the credits allowable under this subpart (other than this section) for the taxable year.

“(3) **ONE-TIME ONLY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—If a credit is allowed under this section in the case of any individual (and such individual's spouse, if married) with respect to the purchase of any principal residence, no credit shall be allowed under this section in any taxable year with respect to the purchase of any other principal residence by such individual or a spouse of such individual.

“(B) **JOINT PURCHASE.**—In the case of a purchase of a principal residence by 2 or more unmarried individuals or by 2 married individuals filing separately, no credit shall be allowed under this section if a credit under this section has been allowed to any of such individuals in any taxable year with respect to the purchase of any other principal residence.

“(C) **PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE.**—For purposes of this section, the term ‘principal residence’ has the same meaning as when used in section 121.

“(d) **DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.**—No credit shall be allowed under this section for any purchase for which a credit is allowed under section 36 or section 1400C.

“(e) **SPECIAL RULES.**—

“(1) **JOINT PURCHASE.**—

“(A) **MARRIED INDIVIDUALS FILING SEPARATELY.**—In the case of 2 married individuals filing separately, subsection (a) shall be applied to each such individual by substituting ‘\$7,500’ for ‘\$15,000’ in subsection (a)(1).

“(B) **UNMARRIED INDIVIDUALS.**—If 2 or more individuals who are not married purchase a principal residence, the amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) shall be allocated among such individuals in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe, except that the total amount of the credits allowed to all such individuals shall not exceed \$15,000.

“(2) PURCHASE.—In defining the purchase of a principal residence, rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 1400C(e) (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this section) shall apply.

“(3) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Rules similar to the rules of section 1400C(f) (as so in effect) shall apply.

“(f) RECAPTURE OF CREDIT IN THE CASE OF CERTAIN DISPOSITIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event that a taxpayer—

“(A) disposes of the principal residence with respect to which a credit was allowed under subsection (a), or

“(B) fails to occupy such residence as the taxpayer's principal residence,

at any time within 24 months after the date on which the taxpayer purchased such residence, then the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year during which such disposition occurred or in which the taxpayer failed to occupy the residence as a principal residence shall be increased by the amount of such credit.

“(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(A) DEATH OF TAXPAYER.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any taxable year ending after the date of the taxpayer's death.

“(B) INVOLUNTARY CONVERSION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of a residence which is compulsorily or involuntarily converted (within the meaning of section 1033(a)) if the taxpayer acquires a new principal residence within the 2-year period beginning on the date of the disposition or cessation referred to in such paragraph. Paragraph (1) shall apply to such new principal residence during the remainder of the 24-month period described in such paragraph as if such new principal residence were the converted residence.

“(C) TRANSFERS BETWEEN SPOUSES OR INCIDENT TO DIVORCE.—In the case of a transfer of a residence to which section 1041(a) applies—

“(i) paragraph (1) shall not apply to such transfer, and

“(ii) in the case of taxable years ending after such transfer, paragraph (1) shall apply to the transferee in the same manner as if such transferee were the transferor (and shall not apply to the transferor).

“(D) RELOCATION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who moves pursuant to a military order and incident to a permanent change of station.

“(3) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a credit allowed under subsection (a) with respect to a joint return, half of such credit shall be treated as having been allowed to each individual filing such return for purposes of this subsection.

“(4) RETURN REQUIREMENT.—If the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year is increased under this subsection, the taxpayer shall, notwithstanding section 6012, be required to file a return with respect to the taxes imposed under this subtitle.

“(g) BASIS ADJUSTMENT.—For purposes of this subtitle, if a credit is allowed under this section with respect to the purchase of any residence, the basis of such residence shall be reduced by the amount of the credit so allowed.

“(h) ELECTION TO TREAT PURCHASE IN PRIOR YEAR.—In the case of a purchase of a principal residence after December 31, 2009, and on or before the date described in subsection (b)(1)(B), a taxpayer may elect to treat such purchase as made on December 31, 2009, for purposes of this section.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 24(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “and 25B” and inserting “, 25B, and 25E”.

(2) Section 25(e)(1)(C)(ii) of such Code is amended by inserting “25E,” after “25D.”.

(3) Section 25B(g)(2) of such Code is amended by striking “section 23” and inserting “sections 23 and 25E”.

(4) Section 904(i) of such Code is amended by striking “and 25B” and inserting “25B, and 25E”.

(5) Section 1016(a) of such Code is amended by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (36), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (37) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(38) to the extent provided in section 25E(g).”.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 25D the following new item:

“Sec. 25E. Credit for certain home purchases.”.

(d) SUNSET OF CURRENT FIRST-TIME HOME-BUYER CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (h) of section 36 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “before December 1, 2009” and inserting “on or before the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010”.

(2) ELECTION TO TREAT PURCHASE IN PRIOR YEAR.—Subsection (g) of section 36 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “before December 1, 2009” and inserting “on or before the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010”.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to purchases after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SA 1510.** Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 565, after line 20, add the following:

**SEC. 2832. LAND CONVEYANCE, ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, SOUTH DAKOTA.**

(a) CHANGE IN RECIPIENT UNDER EXISTING AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2863(a) of the Military Construction Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (division B of Public Law 105-85; 111 Stat. 2010), as amended by section 2865(a) of the Military Construction Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by Public Law 106-398; 114 Stat. 1654A-435), is further amended by striking “West River Foundation for Economic and Community Development, Sturgis, South Dakota (in this section referred to as the ‘Foundation’)” and inserting “South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority, Pierre, South Dakota (in this section referred to as the ‘Authority’)”.

(2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2863 of the Military Construction Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (division B of Public Law 105-85; 111 Stat. 2010), as amended by section 2865(b) of the Military Construction Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted into law by Public Law 106-398; 114 Stat. 1654A-435), is further amended—

(A) by striking “Foundation” each place it appears in subsections (c) and (e) and inserting “Authority”;

(B) in subsection (b)(1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “137.56 acres” and inserting “120.70 acres”; and

(ii) by striking subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E).

(c) NEW CONVEYANCE AUTHORITY.—

(1) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Air Force may convey, without consideration, to the South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority, Pierre, South Dakota (in this subsection referred to as the “Authority”), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the parcels of real property located at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, referred to in paragraph (2).

(2) COVERED PROPERTY.—The real property referred to in paragraph (1) is the following:

(A) A parcel of real property, together with any improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 2.37 acres and comprising the 11000 West Communications Annex.

(B) A parcel of real property, together with any improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 6.643 acres and comprising the South Nike Education Annex.

(3) CONDITION.—As a condition of the conveyance under this subsection, the Authority, and any person or entity to which the Authority transfers the property, shall comply in the use of the property with the applicable provisions of the Ellsworth Air Force Base Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study.

(4) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If the Secretary determines at any time that the real property conveyed under paragraph (1) is not being used in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Ellsworth Air Force Base Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study, all right, title, and interest in and to such real property, including any improvements and appurtenant easements thereto, shall, at the option of the Secretary, revert to and become the property of the United States, and the United States shall have the right of immediate entry onto such real property. A determination by the Secretary under this paragraph shall be made on the record after an opportunity for a hearing.

(5) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property to be conveyed under this subsection shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

(6) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under this subsection as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

**SA 1511.** Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. DODD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BROWN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. INOUE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military



personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

**DIVISION —MATTHEW SHEPARD HATE  
CRIMES PREVENTION ACT**

**SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE.**

This division may be cited as the “Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act”.

**SEC. 02. FINDINGS.**

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The incidence of violence motivated by the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability of the victim poses a serious national problem.

(2) Such violence disrupts the tranquility and safety of communities and is deeply divisive.

(3) State and local authorities are now and will continue to be responsible for prosecuting the overwhelming majority of violent crimes in the United States, including violent crimes motivated by bias. These authorities can carry out their responsibilities more effectively with greater Federal assistance.

(4) Existing Federal law is inadequate to address this problem.

(5) A prominent characteristic of a violent crime motivated by bias is that it devastates not just the actual victim and the family and friends of the victim, but frequently savages the community sharing the traits that caused the victim to be selected.

(6) Such violence substantially affects interstate commerce in many ways, including the following:

(A) The movement of members of targeted groups is impeded, and members of such groups are forced to move across State lines to escape the incidence or risk of such violence.

(B) Members of targeted groups are prevented from purchasing goods and services, obtaining or sustaining employment, or participating in other commercial activity.

(C) Perpetrators cross State lines to commit such violence.

(D) Channels, facilities, and instrumentalities of interstate commerce are used to facilitate the commission of such violence.

(E) Such violence is committed using articles that have traveled in interstate commerce.

(7) For generations, the institutions of slavery and involuntary servitude were defined by the race, color, and ancestry of those held in bondage. Slavery and involuntary servitude were enforced, both prior to and after the adoption of the 13th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, through widespread public and private violence directed at persons because of their race, color, or ancestry, or perceived race, color, or ancestry. Accordingly, eliminating racially motivated violence is an important means of eliminating, to the extent possible, the badges, incidents, and relics of slavery and involuntary servitude.

(8) Both at the time when the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the United States were adopted, and continuing to date, members of certain religious and national origin groups were and are perceived to be distinct “races”. Thus, in order to eliminate, to the extent possible, the badges, incidents, and relics of slavery, it is necessary to prohibit assaults on the basis of real or perceived religions or national origins, at least to the extent such religions or national origins were regarded as races at the time of the adoption of the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

(9) Federal jurisdiction over certain violent crimes motivated by bias enables Fed-

eral, State, and local authorities to work together as partners in the investigation and prosecution of such crimes.

(10) The problem of crimes motivated by bias is sufficiently serious, widespread, and interstate in nature as to warrant Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes.

**SEC. 03. DEFINITION OF HATE CRIME.**

In this division—

(1) the term “crime of violence” has the meaning given that term in section 16, title 18, United States Code;

(2) the term “hate crime” has the meaning given such term in section 280003(a) of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (28 U.S.C. 994 note); and

(3) the term “local” means a county, city, town, township, parish, village, or other general purpose political subdivision of a State.

**SEC. 04. SUPPORT FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS BY STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.**

(a) ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—At the request of State, local, or tribal law enforcement agency, the Attorney General may provide technical, forensic, prosecutorial, or any other form of assistance in the criminal investigation or prosecution of any crime that—

(A) constitutes a crime of violence;

(B) constitutes a felony under the State, local, or tribal laws; and

(C) is motivated by prejudice based on the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability of the victim, or is a violation of the State, local, or tribal hate crime laws.

(2) PRIORITY.—In providing assistance under paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall give priority to crimes committed by offenders who have committed crimes in more than one State and to rural jurisdictions that have difficulty covering the extraordinary expenses relating to the investigation or prosecution of the crime.

(b) GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General may award grants to State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies for extraordinary expenses associated with the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

(2) OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS.—In implementing the grant program under this subsection, the Office of Justice Programs shall work closely with grantees to ensure that the concerns and needs of all affected parties, including community groups and schools, colleges, and universities, are addressed through the local infrastructure developed under the grants.

(3) APPLICATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State, local, and tribal law enforcement agency that desires a grant under this subsection shall submit an application to the Attorney General at such time, in such manner, and accompanied by or containing such information as the Attorney General shall reasonably require.

(B) DATE FOR SUBMISSION.—Applications submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be submitted during the 60-day period beginning on a date that the Attorney General shall prescribe.

(C) REQUIREMENTS.—A State, local, and tribal law enforcement agency applying for a grant under this subsection shall—

(i) describe the extraordinary purposes for which the grant is needed;

(ii) certify that the State, local government, or Indian tribe lacks the resources necessary to investigate or prosecute the hate crime;

(iii) demonstrate that, in developing a plan to implement the grant, the State, local, and

tribal law enforcement agency has consulted and coordinated with nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services programs that have experience in providing services to victims of hate crimes; and

(iv) certify that any Federal funds received under this subsection will be used to supplement, not supplant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be available for activities funded under this subsection.

(4) DEADLINE.—An application for a grant under this subsection shall be approved or denied by the Attorney General not later than 180 business days after the date on which the Attorney General receives the application.

(5) GRANT AMOUNT.—A grant under this subsection shall not exceed \$100,000 for any single jurisdiction in any 1-year period.

(6) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2010, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report describing the applications submitted for grants under this subsection, the award of such grants, and the purposes for which the grant amounts were expended.

(7) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

**SEC. 05. GRANT PROGRAM.**

(a) AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS.—The Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice may award grants, in accordance with such regulations as the Attorney General may prescribe, to State, local, or tribal programs designed to combat hate crimes committed by juveniles, including programs to train local law enforcement officers in identifying, investigating, prosecuting, and preventing hate crimes.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**SEC. 06. AUTHORIZATION FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL TO ASSIST STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Justice, including the Community Relations Service, for fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012 such sums as are necessary to increase the number of personnel to prevent and respond to alleged violations of section 249 of title 18, United States Code, as added by section 07 of this division.

**SEC. 07. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN HATE CRIME ACTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 13 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 249. Hate crime acts**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) OFFENSES INVOLVING ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.—Whoever, whether or not acting under color of law, willfully causes bodily injury to any person or, through the use of fire, a firearm, a dangerous weapon, or an explosive or incendiary device, attempts to cause bodily injury to any person, because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, or national origin of any person—

“(A) shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years, fined in accordance with this title, or both; and

“(B) shall be imprisoned for any term of years or for life, fined in accordance with this title, or both, if—

“(i) death results from the offense; or

“(ii) the offense includes kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill.

“(2) OFFENSES INVOLVING ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER,

SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR DISABILITY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, whether or not acting under color of law, in any circumstance described in subparagraph (B) or paragraph (3), willfully causes bodily injury to any person or, through the use of fire, a firearm, a dangerous weapon, or an explosive or incendiary device, attempts to cause bodily injury to any person, because of the actual or perceived religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability of any person—

“(i) shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years, fined in accordance with this title, or both; and

“(ii) shall be imprisoned for any term of years or for life, fined in accordance with this title, or both, if—

“(I) death results from the offense; or

“(II) the offense includes kidnapping or an attempt to kidnap, aggravated sexual abuse or an attempt to commit aggravated sexual abuse, or an attempt to kill.

“(B) CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the circumstances described in this subparagraph are that—

“(i) the conduct described in subparagraph (A) occurs during the course of, or as the result of, the travel of the defendant or the victim—

“(I) across a State line or national border; or

“(II) using a channel, facility, or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce;

“(ii) the defendant uses a channel, facility, or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce in connection with the conduct described in subparagraph (A);

“(iii) in connection with the conduct described in subparagraph (A), the defendant employs a firearm, dangerous weapon, explosive or incendiary device, or other weapon that has traveled in interstate or foreign commerce; or

“(iv) the conduct described in subparagraph (A)—

“(I) interferes with commercial or other economic activity in which the victim is engaged at the time of the conduct; or

“(II) otherwise affects interstate or foreign commerce.

“(3) OFFENSES OCCURRING IN THE SPECIAL MARITIME OR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES.—Whoever, within the special maritime or territorial jurisdiction of the United States, commits an offense described in paragraph (1) or (2) shall be subject to the same penalties as prescribed in those paragraphs.

“(b) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—No prosecution of any offense described in this subsection may be undertaken by the United States, except under the certification in writing of the Attorney General, or his designee, that—

“(A) the State does not have jurisdiction;

“(B) the State has requested that the Federal Government assume jurisdiction;

“(C) the verdict or sentence obtained pursuant to State charges left demonstratively unvindicated the Federal interest in eradicating bias-motivated violence; or

“(D) a prosecution by the United States is in the public interest and necessary to secure substantial justice.

“(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of Federal officers, or a Federal grand jury, to investigate possible violations of this section.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘bodily injury’ has the meaning given such term in section 1365(h)(4) of this title, but does not include solely emotional or psychological harm to the victim;

“(2) the term ‘explosive or incendiary device’ has the meaning given such term in section 232 of this title;

“(3) the term ‘firearm’ has the meaning given such term in section 921(a) of this title; and

“(4) the term ‘gender identity’ for the purposes of this chapter means actual or perceived gender-related characteristics.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 13 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“249. Hate crime acts.”.

#### SEC. 08. STATISTICS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b)(1) of the first section of the Hate Crime Statistics Act (28 U.S.C. 534 note) is amended by inserting “gender and gender identity,” after “race.”.

(b) DATA.—Subsection (b)(5) of the first section of the Hate Crime Statistics Act (28 U.S.C. 534 note) is amended by inserting “, including data about crimes committed by, and crimes directed against, juveniles” after “data acquired under this section”.

#### SEC. 09. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this division, an amendment made by this division, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this division, the amendments made by this division, and the application of the provisions of such to any person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

#### SEC. 10. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

For purposes of construing this division and the amendments made by this division the following shall apply:

(1) RELEVANT EVIDENCE.—Courts may consider relevant evidence of speech, beliefs, or expressive conduct to the extent that such evidence is offered to prove an element of a charged offense or is otherwise admissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence. Nothing in this division is intended to affect the existing rules of evidence.

(2) VIOLENT ACTS.—This division applies to violent acts motivated by actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability of a victim.

(3) CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS.—Nothing in this division shall be construed to prohibit any constitutionally protected speech, expressive conduct or activities (regardless of whether compelled by, or central to, a system of religious belief), including the exercise of religion protected by the First Amendment and peaceful picketing or demonstration. The Constitution does not protect speech, conduct or activities consisting of planning for, conspiring to commit, or committing an act of violence.

(4) FREE EXPRESSION.—Nothing in this division shall be construed to allow prosecution based solely upon an individual’s expression of racial, religious, political, or other beliefs or solely upon an individual’s membership in a group advocating or espousing such beliefs.

**SA 1512.** Mr. DORGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 259, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

#### SEC. 824. MODIFICATIONS TO DATABASE FOR FEDERAL AGENCY CONTRACT AND GRANT OFFICERS AND SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT OFFICIALS.

Subsection (c) of section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417; 122 Stat. 4556) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraphs:

“(6) Each audit report that, as determined by an Inspector General or the head of an audit agency responsible for the report, contains significant adverse information about a contractor that should be included in the database.

“(7) Each contract action that, as determined by the head of the contracting activity responsible for the contract action, reflects information about contractor performance or integrity that should be included in the database.”.

**SA 1513.** Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. BYRD, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. TESTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

#### SEC. 724. REQUIREMENT FOR PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL READINESS SERVICES TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE AND INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE BASED ON MEDICAL NEED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1074a(g)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “may provide” and inserting “shall provide”; and

(2) by striking “if the Secretary determines” and inserting “, as applicable, if a qualified health care professional determines, based on the member’s most recent annual medical exam or annual dental exam, as the case may be.”.

(b) FUNDING.—Subject to applicable provisions of appropriations Acts, amounts available to the Department of Defense for the Defense Health Program shall be available for the provision of medical and dental services under section 1074a(g)(1) of title 10, United States Code, in accordance with the amendments made by subsection (a).

(c) BUDGETING FOR HEALTH CARE.—In determining the amounts to be required for medical and dental readiness services for members of the Selected Reserve and the Individual Ready Reserve under section 1074a(g)(1) of title 10, United States Code (as amended by subsection (a)), for purposes of the budget of the President for fiscal years after fiscal year 2010, as submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs shall consult with appropriate officials having responsibility for the administration of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, including the Chief of the National Guard Bureau with respect to the National Guard.

(d) MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCREENING FOR READY RESERVE MEMBERS ALERTED FOR MOBILIZATION.—Section 1074a(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “may provide” and inserting “shall provide”.

**SA 1514.** Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 573. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY OPERATION FOR LESS THAN 90 DAYS.**

(a) **ISSUANCE REQUIRED.**—Each Secretary of a military department shall modify applicable regulations to provide for the issuance of a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to each member of the Armed Forces (including a member of the National Guard or Reserve) under the jurisdiction of such Secretary who serves on active duty in the Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation upon the separation of the member from such service, regardless of whether the period of such service is less than 90 days. The regulations shall be so modified not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **CONTINGENCY OPERATION DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “contingency operation” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(13) of title 10, United States Code.

**SA 1515.** Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT OF REDUCTION OF SBP SURVIVOR ANNUITIES BY DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.**

(a) **REPEAL.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(A) In section 1450, by striking subsection (c).

(B) In section 1451(c)—

(i) by striking paragraph (2); and  
(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Such subchapter is further amended as follows:

(A) In section 1450—

(i) by striking subsection (e);  
(ii) by striking subsection (k); and  
(iii) by striking subsection (m).

(B) In section 1451(g)(1), by striking subparagraph (C).

(C) In section 1452—

(i) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “does not apply—” and all that follows and inserting “does not apply in the case of a deduction made through administrative error.”; and

(ii) by striking subsection (g).

(D) In section 1455(c), by striking “, 1450(k)(2).”.

(b) **PROHIBITION ON RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.**—No benefits may be paid to any person for any period before the effective date provided under subsection (f) by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a).

(c) **PROHIBITION ON RECOUPMENT OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY REFUNDED TO SBP RECIPIENTS.**—A surviving spouse who is or has been in receipt of an annuity under the Survivor Benefit Plan under subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code, that is in effect before the effective date provided under subsection (f) and that is adjusted by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a) and who has received a refund of retired pay under section 1450(e) of title 10, United States Code, shall not be required to repay such refund to the United States.

(d) **REPEAL OF AUTHORITY FOR OPTIONAL ANNUITY FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.**—Section 1448(d) of such title is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Except as provided in paragraph (2)(B), the Secretary concerned” and inserting “The Secretary concerned”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “DEPENDENT CHILDREN.” and all that follows through “In the case of a member described in paragraph (1),” and inserting “DEPENDENT CHILDREN ANNUITY WHEN NO ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE.—In the case of a member described in paragraph (1).”; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (B).

(e) **RESTORATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PREVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE SPOUSES.**—The Secretary of the military department concerned shall restore annuity eligibility to any eligible surviving spouse who, in consultation with the Secretary, previously elected to transfer payment of such annuity to a surviving child or children under the provisions of section 1448(d)(2)(B) of title 10, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the effective date provided under subsection (f). Such eligibility shall be restored whether or not payment to such child or children subsequently was terminated due to loss of dependent status or death. For the purposes of this subsection, an eligible spouse includes a spouse who was previously eligible for payment of such annuity and is not remarried, or remarried after having attained age 55, or whose second or subsequent marriage has been terminated by death, divorce or annulment.

(f) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The sections and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the later of—

(1) the first day of the first month that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) the first day of the fiscal year that begins in the calendar year in which this Act is enacted.

**SA 1516.** Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 77, strike lines 1 through 26 and insert the following:

**SEC. 323. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMPETITIONS.**

(a) **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.**—No study or competition regarding the conversion to performance by a contractor of any Department of Defense function may be begun or announced pursuant to section 2461 of title 10, United States Code, Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, or any other authority until September 30, 2010, or the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees the certification described in subsection (b), whichever is later.

(b) **CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.**—The certification described in this subsection is a certification that—

(1) the Secretary of Defense has completed and submitted to Congress a complete inventory of contracts for services for or on behalf of the Department of Defense in compliance with the requirements of subsection (c) of section 2330a of title 10, United States Code; and

(2) the Secretary of each military department and the head of each Defense Agency responsible for activities in the inventory is in compliance with the review and planning requirements of subsection (e) of such section.

**SEC. 323A. PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMPETITION REQUIRED BEFORE CONVERSION OF ANY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNCTION PERFORMED BY CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES TO CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Section 2461(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “A function” and inserting “No function”;

(2) by striking “10 or more”; and

(3) by striking “may not be converted” and inserting “may be converted”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a function for which a public-private competition is commenced on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 323B. TIME LIMITATION ON DURATION OF PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMPETITIONS.**

(a) **TIME LIMITATION.**—Section 2461(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5)(A) The duration of a public-private competition conducted pursuant to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 or any other provision of law for any function of the Department of Defense performed by Department of Defense civilian employees may not exceed a period of 720 days, commencing on the date on which the preliminary planning for the public-private competition begins through the date on which a performance decision is rendered with respect to the function.

“(B) The time period specified in subparagraph (A) for a public-private competition does not include any day during which the public-private competition is delayed by reason of a protest before the Government Accountability Office or the United States Court of Federal Claims unless the Secretary of Defense determines that the delay is caused by issues being raised during the appellate process that were not previously raised during the competition.

“(C) In this paragraph, the term ‘preliminary planning’ with respect to a public-private competition means any action taken to carry out any of the following activities:

“(i) Determining the scope of the competition.

“(ii) Conducting research to determine the appropriate grouping of functions for the competition.

“(iii) Assessing the availability of workload data, quantifiable outputs of functions,

and agency or industry performance standards applicable to the competition.

“(iv) Determining the baseline cost of any function for which the competition is conducted.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Paragraph (5) of section 2461(a) of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to a public-private competition covered by such section that is being conducted on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 323C. TERMINATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMPETITIONS FOR CONVERSION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FUNCTIONS TO PERFORMANCE BY A CONTRACTOR.**

(a) **TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PENDING STUDIES.**—The Secretary of Defense shall halt all pending public-private competitions being conducted pursuant to section 2461 of title 10, United States Code, or Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 that had not resulted in conversion to performance to a contractor as of March 26, 2009, until such time as the Secretary may review such competitions.

(b) **REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS.**—

(1) **REVIEW REQUIRED.**—Before recommencing any pending study for a public-private competition halted under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall review all the studies halted by reason of that subsection and take the following actions with respect to each such study:

(A) Describe the methodology and data sources along with outside resources to gather and analyze information necessary to estimate cost savings.

(B) Certify that the estimated savings are still achievable.

(C) Document the rationale for rejecting an individual command's request to cancel, defer, or reduce the scope of a decision to conduct the study.

(D) Consider alternatives to the study that would provide savings and improve performance such as internal reorganizations.

(E) Include any other relevant information to justify recommencement of the study.

(2) **TERMINATION OF CERTAIN STUDIES.**—The Secretary of Defense shall terminate any study for a public-private competition that was or has been conducted for longer than 30 months (beginning with preliminary planning and ending with a performance decision, excluding time expended because of a bid protest, but not additional time required to conduct the study subsequent to a bid protest), consistent with section 8023 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2009 (division C of Public Law 110-329; 122 Stat. 3626).

(c) **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.**—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report describing the actions taken by the Secretary under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b).

(d) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.**—Not later than 45 days after the Secretary of Defense submits the report required under subsection (c), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on whether the review and approval process conducted by the Department of Defense is in compliance with subsection (b) and whether it includes consideration of all costs and savings associated with preparing for and carrying out a pending study as well as all costs that would be associated with converting functions to performance by a contractor and transitioning the Federal employee workforce.

(e) **RECOMMENCING A STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense may not recommence a

study halted pursuant to subsection (a) until 30 days after the Comptroller General has submitted to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives the report required under subsection (d).

**SEC. 323D. REQUIREMENT FOR DEBRIEFINGS RELATED TO CONVERSION OF FUNCTIONS FROM PERFORMANCE BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO PERFORMANCE BY A CONTRACTOR.**

The Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall revise the Federal Acquisition Regulation to allow for pre-award and post-award debriefings of Federal employee representatives in the case of a conversion of any function from performance by Federal employees to performance by a contractor.

**SEC. 323E. AMENDMENTS TO BID PROTEST PROCEDURES BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND AGENCY OFFICIALS IN CONVERSIONS OF FUNCTIONS FROM PERFORMANCE BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO PERFORMANCE BY A CONTRACTOR.**

(a) **PROTEST JURISDICTION OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.**—Section 3551(1) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) Conversion of a function or part thereof that is being performed by Federal employees to private sector performance.”.

(b) **ELIGIBILITY TO PROTEST PUBLIC-PRIVATE COMPETITIONS.**—Clause (i) of paragraph (2)(B) of section 3551 of title 31, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(i) any official who is responsible for submitting the agency tender in such competition; and”.

(c) **PREJUDICE TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3557 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by inserting “(a) EXPEDITED ACTION.” before “For any protest”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) **INJURY TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.**—In the case of a protest filed by an interested party described in subparagraph (B) of section 3551(2) of this title, a showing that a Federal employee has been displaced from performing a function or part thereof, or will be displaced as a direct result of the action protested, and that function is being performed by the private sector, or will be performed by the private sector as a direct result of the action protested, is sufficient evidence that a conversion has occurred resulting in concrete injury and prejudice to the Federal employee as a consequence of agency action.”.

(2) **CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—

(A) The heading of section 3557 of such title is amended to read as follows:

“**§ 3557. Protests of public-private competitions.**”.

(B) The item relating to section 3557 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 35 of such title is amended to read as follows: “3557. Protests of public-private competitions.”.

(d) **DECISIONS ON PROTESTS.**—Section 3554(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (F) and (G) as subparagraphs (G) and (H), respectively;

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph (F):

“(F) cancel the solicitation issued pursuant to the public-private competition conducted under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 or any successor policy;”;

(3) in subparagraph (G), as redesignated by paragraph (1), by striking “, and (E)” and inserting “, (E), and (G)”.

(e) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply—

(1) to any protest or civil action that relates to a public-private competition conducted after the date of the enactment of this Act under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, or any successor circular; or

(2) to a decision made after the date of the enactment of this Act to convert a function or part thereof performed by Federal employees to private sector performance without a competition under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76.

**SA 1517.** Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 90, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

**SEC. 335. MULTIYEAR CONTRACT AUTHORITY FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR PROCUREMENT OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS.**

(a) **MULTIYEAR CONTRACTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS AUTHORIZED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 141 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“**SEC. 2410r. MULTIYEAR CONTRACT AUTHORITY: PURCHASE OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS.**

“The head of an agency (as defined in section 2302) may enter into contracts for a period of not to exceed 20 years for the purchase of alternative fuels.”.

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections of chapter 141 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Sec. 2410r. Multiyear contract authority: purchase of alternative fuels.”.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall issue regulations that authorize the head of an agency to enter into a multiyear contract as authorized by section 2410r of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), only if the head of the agency has determined in writing that—

(1) there is a reasonable expectation that, throughout the contemplated contract period, the head of the agency will request funding for the contract at the level required to avoid contract cancellation;

(2) the technical risks associated with the technologies for the production of alternative fuel under the contract are not excessive; and

(3) the contract will contain appropriate pricing mechanisms to minimize risk to the Federal Government from significant changes in market prices for energy.

(c) **LIMITATION ON USE OF AUTHORITY.**—No contract may be entered into under section 2410r of title 10, United States Code (as so added), until the regulations required by subsection (b) are issued.

**SA 1518.** Mr. BURR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction,

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

On page 565, after line 20, add the following:

**Subtitle D—Other Matters**

**SEC. 2841. EXPANSION OF FIRST SERGEANTS BARRACKS INITIATIVE.**

(a) **EXPANSION OF INITIATIVE.**—Not later than September 30, 2011, the Secretary of the Army shall expand the First Sergeants Barracks Initiative (FSBI) to include all Army installations in order to improve the quality of life and living environments for single soldiers.

(b) **PROGRESS REPORTS.**—Not later than February 15, 2010, and February 15, 2011, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to Congress a report describing the progress made in expanding the First Sergeants Barracks Initiative to all Army installations, including whether the Secretary anticipates meeting the deadline imposed by subsection (a).

**SA 1519.** Mr. BURR (for himself and Mrs. HAGAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 565, after line 20, add the following:

**Subtitle D—Other Matters**

**SEC. 2481. PROHIBITION ON OUTLYING LANDING FIELD AT SANDBANKS OR HALE'S LAKE, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR OCEANA NAVAL AIR STATION.**

The Secretary of the Navy may not establish, consider the establishment of, or purchase land, construct facilities, implement bird management plans, or conduct any other activities that would facilitate the establishment of an outlying landing field at either of the proposed sites in North Carolina, Sandbanks or Hale's Lake, to support field carrier landing practice for naval aircraft operating out of Oceana, Naval Air Station, Virginia.

**SA 1520.** Mr. BURR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1073. REPORT ON RE-DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR PERMANENTLY INCAPACITATED DEPENDENTS OF RETIRED AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the re-determination process of the Department of Defense used to determine the eligibility of permanently incapacitated dependents of retired and deceased members of the Armed Forces for benefits provided under

laws administered by the Secretary. The report shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the re-determination process, including the following:

(A) The rationale for requiring a quadrennial recertification of financial support after issuance of a permanent identification card to a permanently incapacitated dependent.

(B) The administrative and other burdens the quadrennial recertification imposes on the affected sponsor and dependents, especially after the sponsor becomes ill, incapacitated, or deceased.

(C) The extent to which the quadrennial recertification undermines the utility of issuing a permanent identification card.

(D) The extent of the consequences entailed in eliminating the requirement for quadrennial recertification.

(2) Specific recommendations for the following:

(A) Improving the efficiency of the recertification process.

(B) Minimizing the burden of such process on the sponsors of such dependents.

(C) Eliminating the requirement for quadrennial recertification.

**SA 1521.** Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1083. EXPANSION OF STATE HOME CARE FOR PARENTS OF VETERANS WHO DIED WHILE SERVING IN ARMED FORCES.**

In administering section 51.210(d) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall permit a State home to provide services to, in addition to non-veterans described in such subsection, a non-veteran any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces.

**SA 1522.** Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. KOHL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WEBB, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XI of division A, insert the following:

**Subtitle B—Federal Employee Retirement-Related Provisions**

**SEC. 1121. CREDIT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8415 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second subsection (k) and subsection (l) as subsections (l) and (m), respectively; and

(2) in subsection (l) (as so redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) by striking “(l) In computing” and inserting “(l)(1) In computing”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1), in computing an annuity under this subchapter, the total service of an employee who retires on an immediate annuity or who dies leaving a survivor or survivors entitled to annuity includes the days of unused sick leave to his credit under a formal leave system and for which days the employee has not received payment, except that these days will not be counted in determining average pay or annuity eligibility under this subchapter. For purposes of this subsection, in the case of any such employee who is excepted from subchapter I of chapter 63 under section 6301(2)(x) through (xiii), the days of unused sick leave to his credit include any unused sick leave standing to his credit when he was excepted from such subchapter.”

(b) **EXCEPTION FROM DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT.**—Section 8422(d)(2) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “section 8415(k)” and inserting “paragraph (1) or (2) of section 8415(l)”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to annuities computed based on separations occurring on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 1122. LIMITED EXPANSION OF THE CLASS OF INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN ACTUARIALLY REDUCED ANNUITY UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8334(d)(2)(A)(i) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “October 1, 1990” each place it appears and inserting “March 1, 1991”.

(b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to any annuity, entitlement to which is based on a separation from service occurring on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 1123. COMPUTATION OF CERTAIN ANNUITIES BASED ON PART-TIME SERVICE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) In the administration of paragraph (1)—

“(A) subparagraph (A) of such paragraph shall apply with respect to service performed before, on, or after April 7, 1986; and

“(B) subparagraph (B) of such paragraph—

“(i) shall apply with respect to that portion of any annuity which is attributable to service performed on or after April 7, 1986; and

“(ii) shall not apply with respect to that portion of any annuity which is attributable to service performed before April 7, 1986.”

(b) **APPLICABILITY.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to any annuity, entitlement to which is based on a separation from service occurring on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 1124. AUTHORITY TO DEPOSIT REFUNDS UNDER FERS.**

(a) **DEPOSIT AUTHORITY.**—Section 8422 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i)(1) Each employee or Member who has received a refund of retirement deductions under this or any other retirement system established for employees of the Government covering service for which such employee or Member may be allowed credit under this chapter may deposit the amount received, with interest. Credit may not be allowed for the service covered by the refund until the deposit is made.

“(2) Interest under this subsection shall be computed in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 8334(e) and regulations prescribed by the Office. The option under the



third sentence of section 8334(e)(2) to make a deposit in one or more installments shall apply to deposits under this subsection.

“(3) For the purpose of survivor annuities, deposits authorized by this subsection may also be made by a survivor of an employee or Member.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DEFINITIONAL AMENDMENT.—Section 8401(19)(C) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “8411(f)” and inserting “8411(f) or 8422(i)”.

(2) CREDITING OF DEPOSITS.—Section 8422(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: “Deposits made by an employee, Member, or survivor also shall be credited to the Fund.”.

(3) SECTION HEADING.—(A) The heading for section 8422 of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“§ 8422. Deductions from pay; contributions for other service; deposits”.**

(B) The analysis for chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 8422 and inserting the following:

“8422. Deductions from pay; contributions for other service; deposits.”.

(4) RESTORATION OF ANNUITY RIGHTS.—The last sentence of section 8424(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “based,” and inserting “based, until the employee or Member is reemployed in the service subject to this chapter.”.

**SEC. 1125. RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR SERVICE OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SERVICE TO FEDERAL SERVICE.**

(a) RETIREMENT CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any individual who is treated as an employee of the Federal Government for purposes of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, on or after the date of enactment of this Act who performed qualifying District of Columbia service shall be entitled to have such service included in calculating the individual's creditable service under sections 8332 or 8411 of title 5, United States Code, but only for purposes of the following provisions of such title:

(A) Sections 8333 and 8410 (relating to eligibility for annuity).

(B) Sections 8336 (other than subsections (d), (h), and (p) thereof) and 8412 (relating to immediate retirement).

(C) Sections 8338 and 8413 (relating to deferred retirement).

(D) Sections 8336(d), 8336(h), 8336(p), and 8414 (relating to early retirement).

(E) Section 8341 and subchapter IV of chapter 84 (relating to survivor annuities).

(F) Section 8337 and subchapter V of chapter 84 (relating to disability benefits).

(2) TREATMENT OF DETENTION OFFICER SERVICE AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERVICE.—Any portion of an individual's qualifying District of Columbia service which consisted of service as a detention officer under section 2604(2) of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 (sec. 1-626.04(2), D.C. Official Code) shall be treated as service as a law enforcement officer under sections 8331(20) or 8401(17) of title 5, United States Code, for purposes of applying paragraph (1) with respect to the individual.

(3) SERVICE NOT INCLUDED IN COMPUTING AMOUNT OF ANY ANNUITY.—Qualifying District of Columbia service shall not be taken into account for purposes of computing the amount of any benefit payable out of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

(b) QUALIFYING DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SERVICE DEFINED.—In this section, “quali-

fying District of Columbia service” means any of the following:

(1) Service performed by an individual as a nonjudicial employee of the District of Columbia courts—

(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the amendments made by section 11246(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; and

(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

(2) Service performed by an individual as an employee of an entity of the District of Columbia government whose functions were transferred to the Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Supervision, and Offender Supervision Trustee under section 11232 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997—

(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the individual's coverage as an employee of the Federal Government under section 11232(f) of such Act; and

(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

(3) Service performed by an individual as an employee of the District of Columbia Public Defender Service—

(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the amendments made by section 7(e) of the District of Columbia Courts and Justice Technical Corrections Act of 1998; and

(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

(4) In the case of an individual who was an employee of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections who was separated from service as a result of the closing of the Lorton Correctional Complex and who was appointed to a position with the Bureau of Prisons, the District of Columbia courts, the Pretrial Services, Parole, Adult Supervision, and Offender Supervision Trustee, the United States Parole Commission, or the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, service performed by the individual as an employee of the District of Columbia Department of Corrections—

(A) which was performed prior to the effective date of the individual's coverage as an employee of the Federal Government; and

(B) for which the individual did not ever receive credit under the provisions of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code (other than by virtue of section 8331(1)(iv) of such title).

(c) CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE.—The Office of Personnel Management shall accept the certification of the appropriate personnel official of the government of the District of Columbia or other independent employing entity concerning whether an individual performed qualifying District of Columbia service and the length of the period of such service the individual performed.

**SEC. 1126. RETIREMENT TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SECRET SERVICE EMPLOYEES.**

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section the term “covered employee” means an individual who—

(1) was hired as a member of the United States Secret Service Division during the period beginning on January 1, 1984 through December 31, 1986;

(2) has actively performed duties other than clerical for 10 or more years directly related to the protection mission of the United States Secret Service described under section 3056 of title 18, United States Code;

(3) is serving as a member of the United States Secret Service Division or the United States Secret Service Uniform Division (or any successor entity) on the effective date of this section; and

(4) files an election to be a covered employee under subsection (b)(1).

(b) ELECTION OF COVERAGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, an individual described under subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) may file an election with the United States Secret Service to be a covered employee and to transition to the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System.

(2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Office of Personnel Management and the United States Secret Service shall notify each individual described under subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) that the individual is qualified to file an election under paragraph (1).

(c) RETIREMENT COVERAGE CONVERSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Thrift Savings Board, the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out the responsibilities of the Federal Government under this section. The regulations prescribed under this paragraph shall provide for transition of covered employees from the Federal Employees' Retirement System to the Civil Service Retirement System.

(2) TREATMENT OF COVERED EMPLOYEES.—

(A) ELECTION OF COVERAGE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—If a covered employee files an election under subsection (b)(1), the covered employee shall, subject to clause (ii), be converted from the Federal Employees' Retirement System to the Civil Service Retirement System.

(ii) COVERAGE IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 5 of the District of Columbia Code shall apply with respect to a covered employee on the date on which the covered employee transitions to the Civil Service Retirement System.

(II) AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The government of the District of Columbia shall provide for the coverage of covered employees in the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System in accordance with this section.

(B) THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN.—A covered employee shall forfeit, under procedures prescribed by the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, all Thrift Savings Plan contributions and associated earnings made by an employing agency pursuant to section 8432(c) of title 5, United States Code. Any amounts remaining in the Thrift Savings Plan account of the covered employee may be transferred to a private account or the District of Columbia Police and Firefighter Retirement and Disability System.

(C) FORFEITURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.—

(i) CONTRIBUTIONS.—Upon conversion into the Civil Service Retirement System, a covered employee shall forfeit all contributions made for purposes of title II of the Social Security Act on the basis of the covered employee's employment with the United States Secret Service under sections 3101(a) and 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. All forfeited funds shall remain in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, as applicable. Notwithstanding paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 205(c) of the Social Security Act, the Commissioner of Social Security shall change or delete any

entry with respect to wages of a covered employee that are forfeited under this clause.

(i) **BENEFITS.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—No individual shall be entitled to any benefit under title II of the Social Security Act based on wages for which the contributions were forfeited under clause (i).

(II) **NO EFFECT ON MEDICARE BENEFITS.**—Notwithstanding the forfeiture by a covered employee under clause (i), such contributions shall continue to be treated as having been made while performing medicare qualified government employment (as defined in section 210(p) of the Social Security Act) for purposes of sections 226 and 226A of that Act.

(3) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Office of Personnel Management, the Department of Homeland Security, the Social Security Administration, and the Thrift Savings Board shall take such actions as necessary to provide for the implementation of this section.

(d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided under paragraph (2), this section shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period that begins 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) **ELECTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION.**—Subsections (b) and (c)(1) and (3) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

**Subtitle C—Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance**

**SEC. 1141. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009” or the “Non-Foreign AREA Act of 2009”.

**SEC. 1142. EXTENSION OF LOCALITY PAY.**

(a) **LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS.**—Section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (f)(1), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) each General Schedule position in the United States, as defined under section 5921(4), and its territories and possessions, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, shall be included within a pay locality;”;

(2) in subsection (g)—

(A) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (B) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by adding after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) positions under subsection (h)(1)(C) not covered by appraisal systems certified under section 5382; and”;

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(3) The applicable maximum under this subsection shall be level II of the Executive Schedule for positions under subsection (h)(1)(C) covered by appraisal systems certified under section 5307(d).”; and

(3) in subsection (h)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (B) by striking “and” after the semicolon;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D);

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following:

“(C) a Senior Executive Service position under section 3132 or 3151 or a senior level position under section 5376 stationed within the United States, but outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia in which the incumbent was an individual who on the day before the date of enactment of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009 was eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under section 5941; and”;

(D) in clause (iv) in the matter following subparagraph (D), by inserting “, except for

members covered by subparagraph (C)” before the semicolon; and

(E) in clause (v) in the matter following subparagraph (D), by inserting “, except for members covered by subparagraph (C)” before the semicolon.

(b) **ALLOWANCES BASED ON LIVING COSTS AND CONDITIONS OF ENVIRONMENT.**—Section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding after the last sentence “Notwithstanding any preceding provision of this subsection, the cost-of-living allowance rate based on paragraph (1) shall be the cost-of-living allowance rate in effect on the date of enactment of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009, except as adjusted under subsection (c).”;;

(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (d); and

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) This section shall apply only to areas that are designated as cost-of-living allowance areas as in effect on December 31, 2009.

“(c)(1) The cost-of-living allowance rate payable under this section shall be adjusted on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after—

“(A) January 1, 2010; and

“(B) January 1 of each calendar year in which a locality-based comparability adjustment takes effect under section 1144 (2) and (3) of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009.

“(2)(A) In this paragraph, the term ‘applicable locality-based comparability pay percentage’ means, with respect to calendar year 2010 and each calendar year thereafter, the applicable percentage under section 1144 (1), (2), or (3) of Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009.

“(B) Each adjusted cost-of-living allowance rate under paragraph (1) shall be computed by—

“(i) subtracting 65 percent of the applicable locality-based comparability pay percentage from the cost-of-living allowance percentage rate in effect on December 31, 2009; and

“(ii) dividing the resulting percentage determined under clause (i) by the sum of—

“(I) one; and

“(II) the applicable locality-based comparability payment percentage expressed as a numeral.

“(3) No allowance rate computed under paragraph (2) may be less than zero.

“(4) Each allowance rate computed under paragraph (2) shall be paid as a percentage of basic pay (including any applicable locality-based comparability payment under section 5304 or similar provision of law and any applicable special rate of pay under section 5305 or similar provision of law).”.

**SEC. 1143. ADJUSTMENT OF SPECIAL RATES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Each special rate of pay established under section 5305 of title 5, United States Code, and payable in an area designated as a cost-of-living allowance area under section 5941(a) of that title, shall be adjusted, on the dates prescribed by section 1144 of this subtitle, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under section 1148 of this subtitle.

(b) **AGENCIES WITH STATUTORY AUTHORITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Each special rate of pay established under an authority described under paragraph (2) and payable in a location designated as a cost-of-living allowance area under section 5941(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, shall be adjusted in accordance with regulations prescribed by the applicable head of the agency that are consistent with

the regulations issued by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under subsection (a).

(2) **STATUTORY AUTHORITY.**—The authority referred to under paragraph (1), is any statutory authority that—

(A) is similar to the authority exercised under section 5305 of title 5, United States Code;

(B) is exercised by the head of an agency when the head of the agency determines it to be necessary in order to obtain or retain the services of persons specified by statute; and

(C) authorizes the head of the agency to increase the minimum, intermediate, or maximum rates of basic pay authorized under applicable statutes and regulations.

(c) **TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT.**—Regulations issued under subsection (a) or (b) may provide that statutory limitations on the amount of such special rates may be temporarily raised to a higher level during the transition period described in section 1144 ending on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012, at which time any special rate of pay in excess of the applicable limitation shall be converted to a retained rate under section 5363 of title 5, United States Code.

**SEC. 1144. TRANSITION SCHEDULE FOR LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle or section 5304 or 5304a of title 5, United States Code, in implementing the amendments made by this subtitle, for each non-foreign area determined under section 5941(b) of that title, the applicable rate for the locality-based comparability adjustment that is used in the computation required under section 5941(c) of that title shall be adjusted effective on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1—

(1) in calendar year 2010, by using  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the locality pay percentage for the rest of United States locality pay area;

(2) in calendar year 2011, by using  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the otherwise applicable comparability payment approved by the President for each non-foreign area; and

(3) in calendar year 2012 and each subsequent year, by using the full amount of the applicable comparability payment approved by the President for each non-foreign area.

**SEC. 1145. SAVINGS PROVISION.**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the application of this subtitle to any employee should not result in a decrease in the take home pay of that employee;

(2) in calendar year 2012 and each subsequent year, no employee shall receive less than the Rest of the U.S. locality pay rate;

(3) concurrent with the surveys next conducted under the provisions of section 5304(d)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Bureau of Labor Statistics should conduct separate surveys to determine the extent of any pay disparity (as defined by section 5302 of that title) that may exist with respect to positions located in the State of Alaska, the State of Hawaii, and the United States territories, including American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands;

(4) if the surveys under paragraph (3) indicate that the pay disparity determined for the State of Alaska, the State of Hawaii, or any 1 of the United States territories including American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands exceeds the pay disparity determined for the locality which (for purposes

of section 5304 of that title) is commonly known as the "Rest of the United States", the President's Pay Agent should take appropriate measures to provide that each such surveyed area be treated as a separate pay locality for purposes of that section; and

(5) the President's Pay Agent will establish 1 locality area for the entire State of Hawaii and 1 locality area for the entire State of Alaska.

(b) SAVINGS PROVISIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—During the period described under section 1144 of this subtitle, an employee paid a special rate under 5305 of title 5, United States Code, who the day before the date of enactment of this Act was eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, and who continues to be officially stationed in an allowance area, shall receive an increase in the employee's special rate consistent with increases in the applicable special rate schedule. For employees in allowance areas, the minimum step rate for any grade of a special rate schedule shall be increased at the time of an increase in the applicable locality rate percentage for the allowance area by not less than the dollar increase in the locality-based comparability payment for a non-special rate employee at the same minimum step provided under section 1144 of this subtitle, and corresponding increases shall be provided for all step rates of the given pay range.

(2) CONTINUATION OF COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE RATE.—If an employee, who the day before the date of enactment of this Act was eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, would receive a rate of basic pay and applicable locality-based comparability payment which is in excess of the maximum rate limitation set under section 5304(g) of title 5, United States Code, for his position (but for that maximum rate limitation) due to the operation of this subtitle, the employee shall continue to receive the cost-of-living allowance rate in effect on December 31, 2009 without adjustment until—

(A) the employee leaves the allowance area or pay system; or

(B) the employee is entitled to receive basic pay (including any applicable locality-based comparability payment or similar supplement) at a higher rate,

but, when any such position becomes vacant, the pay of any subsequent appointee thereto shall be fixed in the manner provided by applicable law and regulation.

(3) LOCALITY-BASED COMPARABILITY PAYMENTS.—Any employee covered under paragraph (2) shall receive any applicable locality-based comparability payment extended under section 1144 of this subtitle which is not in excess of the maximum rate set under section 5304(g) of title 5, United States Code, for his position including any future increase to statutory pay limitations under 5318 of title 5, United States Code. Notwithstanding paragraph (2), to the extent that an employee covered under that paragraph receives any amount of locality-based comparability payment, the cost-of-living allowance rate under that paragraph shall be reduced accordingly, as provided under section 5941(c)(2)(B) of title 5, United States Code.

**SEC. 1146. APPLICATION TO OTHER ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term "covered employee" means—

(A) any employee who—

(i) on the day before the date of enactment of this Act—

(I) was eligible to be paid a cost-of-living allowance under 5941 of title 5, United States Code; and

(II) was not eligible to be paid locality-based comparability payments under 5304 or 5304a of that title; or

(ii) on or after the date of enactment of this Act becomes eligible to be paid a cost-of-living allowance under 5941 of title 5, United States Code; or

(B) any employee who—

(i) on the day before the date of enactment of this Act—

(I) was eligible to be paid an allowance under section 1603(b) of title 10, United States Code;

(II) was eligible to be paid an allowance under section 1005(b) of title 39, United States Code;

(III) was employed by the Transportation Security Administration of the Department of Homeland Security and was eligible to be paid an allowance based on section 5941 of title 5, United States Code; or

(IV) was eligible to be paid under any other authority a cost-of-living allowance that is equivalent to the cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code; or

(ii) on or after the date of enactment of this Act—

(I) becomes eligible to be paid an allowance under section 1603(b) of title 10, United States Code;

(II) becomes eligible to be paid an allowance under section 1005(b) of title 39, United States Code;

(III) is employed by the Transportation Security Administration of the Department of Homeland Security and becomes eligible to be paid an allowance based on section 5941 of title 5, United States Code; or

(IV) is eligible to be paid under any other authority a cost-of-living allowance that is equivalent to the cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) APPLICATION TO COVERED EMPLOYEES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of this subtitle (including the amendments made by this subtitle) any covered employee shall be treated as an employee to whom section 5941 of title 5, United States Code (as amended by section 1142 of this subtitle), and section 1144 of this subtitle apply.

(B) PAY FIXED BY STATUTE.—Pay to covered employees under section 5304 or 5304a of title 5, United States Code, as a result of the application of this subtitle shall be considered to be fixed by statute.

(C) PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL SYSTEM.—With respect to a covered employee who is subject to a performance appraisal system no part of pay attributable to locality-based comparability payments as a result of the application of this subtitle including section 5941 of title 5, United States Code (as amended by section 1142 of this subtitle), may be reduced on the basis of the performance of that employee.

(b) POSTAL EMPLOYEES IN NON-FOREIGN AREAS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1005(b) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by inserting "(1)" after "(b)";

(B) by striking "Section 5941," and inserting "Except as provided under paragraph (2), section 5941";

(C) by striking "For purposes of such section," and inserting "Except as provided under paragraph (2), for purposes of section 5941 of that title,"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(2) On and after the date of enactment of the Non-Foreign Area Retirement Equity Assurance Act of 2009—

"(A) the provisions of that Act and section 5941 of title 5 shall apply to officers and employees covered by section 1003 (b) and (c)

whose duty station is in a nonforeign area; and

"(B) with respect to officers and employees of the Postal Service (other than those officers and employees described under subparagraph (A)) of section 1146(b)(2) of that Act shall apply.".

(2) CONTINUATION OF COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle, any employee of the Postal Service (other than an employee covered by section 1003 (b) and (c) of title 39, United States Code, whose duty station is in a nonforeign area) who is paid an allowance under section 1005(b) of that title shall be treated for all purposes as if the provisions of this subtitle (including the amendments made by this subtitle) had not been enacted, except that the cost-of-living allowance rate paid to that employee—

(i) may result in the allowance exceeding 25 percent of the rate of basic pay of that employee; and

(ii) shall be the greater of—

(I) the cost-of-living allowance rate in effect on December 31, 2009 for the applicable area; or

(II) the applicable locality-based comparability pay percentage under section 1144.

(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to—

(i) provide for an employee described under subparagraph (A) to be a covered employee as defined under subsection (a); or

(ii) authorize an employee described under subparagraph (A) to file an election under section 1147 of this subtitle.

**SEC. 1147. ELECTION OF ADDITIONAL BASIC PAY FOR ANNUITY COMPUTATION BY EMPLOYEES.**

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section the term "covered employee" means any employee—

(1) to whom section 1144 applies;

(2) who is separated from service by reason of retirement under chapter 83 or 84 of title 5, United States Code, during the period of January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2012; and

(3) who files an election with the Office of Personnel Management under subsection (b).

(b) ELECTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An employee described under subsection (a) (1) and (2) may file an election with the Office of Personnel Management to be covered under this section.

(2) DEADLINE.—An election under this subsection may be filed not later than December 31, 2012.

(c) COMPUTATION OF ANNUITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under paragraph (2), for purposes of the computation of an annuity of a covered employee any cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, paid to that employee during the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2010 through the first applicable pay period ending on or after December 31, 2012, shall be considered basic pay as defined under section 8331(3) or 8401(4) of that title.

(2) LIMITATION.—The amount of the cost-of-living allowance which may be considered basic pay under paragraph (1) may not exceed the amount of the locality-based comparability payments the employee would have received during that period for the applicable pay area if the limitation under section 1144 of this subtitle did not apply.

(d) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY RETIREMENT FUND.—

(1) EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS.—A covered employee shall pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Retirement Fund—

(A) an amount equal to the difference between—

(i) employee contributions that would have been deducted and withheld from pay under

section 8334 or 8422 of title 5, United States Code, during the period described under subsection (c) of this section if the cost-of-living allowances described under that subsection had been treated as basic pay under section 8331(3) or 8401(4) of title 5, United States Code; and

(ii) employee contributions that were actually deducted and withheld from pay under section 8334 or 8422 of title 5, United States Code, during that period; and

(B) interest as prescribed under section 8334(e) of title 5, United States Code, based on the amount determined under subparagraph (A).

**(2) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—**

(A) IN GENERAL.—The employing agency of a covered employee shall pay into the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Retirement Fund an amount for applicable agency contributions based on payments made under paragraph (1).

(B) SOURCE.—Amounts paid under this paragraph shall be contributed from the appropriation or fund used to pay the employee.

(3) REGULATIONS.—The Office of Personnel Management may prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

**SEC. 1148. REGULATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subtitle, including—

(1) rules for special rate employees described under section 1143;

(2) rules for adjusting rates of basic pay for employees in pay systems administered by the Office of Personnel Management when such employees are not entitled to locality-based comparability payments under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to otherwise applicable statutory pay limitations during the transition period described in section 1144 ending on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012; and

(3) rules governing establishment and adjustment of saved or retained rates for any employee whose rate of pay exceeds applicable pay limitations on the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2012.

(b) OTHER PAY SYSTEMS.—With the concurrence of the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, the administrator of a pay system not administered by the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subtitle with respect to employees in such pay system, consistent with the regulations prescribed by the Office under subsection (a). With respect to employees not entitled to locality-based comparability payments under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, regulations prescribed under this subsection may provide for special payments or adjustments for employees who were eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under section 5941 of that title on the date before the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 1149. EFFECTIVE DATES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection (b), this subtitle (including the amendments made by this subtitle) shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) LOCALITY PAY AND SCHEDULE.—The amendments made by section 1142 and the provisions of section 1144 shall take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2010.

**Subtitle D—Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants**

**SEC. 1161. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009”.

**SEC. 1162. PART-TIME REEMPLOYMENT.**

(a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8344 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (l) as subsection (m);

(2) by inserting after subsection (k) the following:

“(1)(1) For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘head of an agency’ means—

“(i) the head of an Executive agency, other than the Department of Defense or the Government Accountability Office;

“(ii) the head of the United States Postal Service;

“(iii) the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, with respect to employees of the judicial branch; and

“(iv) any employing authority described under subsection (k)(2), other than the Government Accountability Office; and

“(B) the term ‘limited time appointee’ means an annuitant appointed under a temporary appointment limited to 1 year or less.

“(2) The head of an agency may waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) with respect to any annuitant who is employed in such agency as a limited time appointee, if the head of the agency determines that the employment of the annuitant is necessary to—

“(A) fulfill functions critical to the mission of the agency, or any component of that agency;

“(B) assist in the implementation or oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) or the Troubled Asset Relief Program under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.);

“(C) assist in the development, management, or oversight of agency procurement actions;

“(D) assist the Inspector General for that agency in the performance of the mission of that Inspector General;

“(E) promote appropriate training or mentoring programs of employees;

“(F) assist in the recruitment or retention of employees; or

“(G) respond to an emergency involving a direct threat to life of property or other unusual circumstances.

“(3) The head of an agency may not waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) with respect to an annuitant—

“(A) for more than 520 hours of service performed by that annuitant during the period ending 6 months following the individual’s annuity commencing date;

“(B) for more than 1040 hours of service performed by that annuitant during any 12-month period; or

“(C) for more than a total of 3120 hours of service performed by that annuitant.

“(4)(A) The total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8468(i) applies may not exceed 2.5 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency.

“(B) If the total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8468(i) applies exceeds 1 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency, the head of that agency shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Personnel Management—

“(i) a report with an explanation that justifies the need for the waivers in excess of that percentage; and

“(ii) not later than 180 days after submitting the report under clause (i), a succession plan.

“(5)(A) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management may promulgate regulations providing for the administration of this subsection.

“(B) Any regulations promulgated under subparagraph (A) may—

“(i) provide standards for the maintenance and form of necessary records of employment under this subsection;

“(ii) to the extent not otherwise expressly prohibited by law, require employing agencies to provide records of such employment to the Office of Personnel Management or other employing agencies as necessary to ensure compliance with paragraph (3);

“(iii) authorize other administratively convenient periods substantially equivalent to 12 months, such as 26 pay periods, to be used in determining compliance with paragraph (3)(B);

“(iv) include such other administrative requirements as the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may find appropriate to provide for the effective operation of, or to ensure compliance with, this subsection; and

“(v) encourage the training and mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection.

“(6)(A) Any hours of training or mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection shall not be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3), but those hours of training or mentoring may not exceed 520 hours.

“(B) If the primary service performed by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection is training or mentoring of employees, the hours of that service shall be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3).

“(7) The authority of the head of an agency under this subsection to waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of the Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009.”; and

(3) in subsection (m) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(k)” and inserting “(l)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or (k)” and inserting “(k), or (l)”.

(b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8468 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (j);

(2) by inserting after subsection (h) the following:

“(i)(1) For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘head of an agency’ means—

“(i) the head of an Executive agency, other than the Department of Defense or the Government Accountability Office;

“(ii) the head of the United States Postal Service;

“(iii) the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, with respect to employees of the judicial branch; and

“(iv) any employing authority described under subsection (h)(2), other than the Government Accountability Office; and

“(B) the term ‘limited time appointee’ means an annuitant appointed under a temporary appointment limited to 1 year or less.

“(2) The head of an agency may waive the application of subsection (a) with respect to any annuitant who is employed in such agency as a limited time appointee, if the head of the agency determines that the employment of the annuitant is necessary to—

“(A) fulfill functions critical to the mission of the agency, or any component of that agency;

“(B) assist in the implementation or oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) or

the Troubled Asset Relief Program under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.);

“(C) assist in the development, management, or oversight of agency procurement actions;

“(D) assist the Inspector General for that agency in the performance of the mission of that Inspector General;

“(E) promote appropriate training or mentoring programs of employees;

“(F) assist in the recruitment or retention of employees; or

“(G) respond to an emergency involving a direct threat to life of property or other unusual circumstances.

“(3) The head of an agency may not waive the application of subsection (a) with respect to an annuitant—

“(A) for more than 520 hours of service performed by that annuitant during the period ending 6 months following the individual's annuity commencing date;

“(B) for more than 1040 hours of service performed by that annuitant during any 12-month period; or

“(C) for more than a total of 3120 hours of service performed by that annuitant.

“(4)(A) The total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8344(l) applies may not exceed 2.5 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency.

“(B) If the total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8344(l) applies exceeds 1 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency, the head of that agency shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Personnel Management—

“(i) a report with an explanation that justifies the need for the waivers in excess of that percentage; and

“(ii) not later than 180 days after submitting the report under clause (i), a succession plan.

“(5)(A) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management may promulgate regulations providing for the administration of this subsection.

“(B) Any regulations promulgated under subparagraph (A) may—

“(i) provide standards for the maintenance and form of necessary records of employment under this subsection;

“(ii) to the extent not otherwise expressly prohibited by law, require employing agencies to provide records of such employment to the Office or other employing agencies as necessary to ensure compliance with paragraph (3);

“(iii) authorize other administratively convenient periods substantially equivalent to 12 months, such as 26 pay periods, to be used in determining compliance with paragraph (3)(B);

“(iv) include such other administrative requirements as the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may find appropriate to provide for effective operation of, or to ensure compliance with, this subsection; and

“(v) encourage the training and mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection.

“(6)(A) Any hours of training or mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection shall not be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3), but those hours of training or mentoring may not exceed 520 hours.

“(B) If the primary service performed by any limited time appointee employed under

this subsection is training or mentoring of employees, the hours of that service shall be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3).

“(7) The authority of the head of an agency under this subsection to waive the application of subsection (a) shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of the Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009.”; and

(3) in subsection (j) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(h)” and inserting “(i)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or (h)” and inserting “(h), or (i)”.

(c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in the amendments made by this section may be construed to authorize the waiver of the hiring preferences under chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code in selecting annuitants to employ in an appointive or elective position.

(d) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 1005(d)(2) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “(1)(2)” and inserting “(m)(2)”; and

(2) by striking “(i)(2)” and inserting “(j)(2)”.

#### **SEC. 1163. GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives a report regarding the use of the authority under the amendments made by section 1162.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—The report submitted under subsection (a) shall—

(1) include the number of annuitants for whom a waiver was made under subsection (1) of section 8344 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by this subtitle, or subsection (1) of section 8468 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by this subtitle; and

(2) identify each agency that used the authority described in paragraph (1).

(c) **AGENCY DATA.**—Each head of an agency (as defined under sections 8344(l)(1) and 8468(i)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, as added by section 1162 of this subtitle) shall—

(1) collect and maintain data necessary for purposes of the Comptroller General report submitted under subsection (a); and

(2) submit to the Comptroller General that data as the Comptroller General requires in a timely fashion.

**SA 1523.** Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XI of division A, insert the following:

#### **Subtitle B—Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants**

##### **SEC. 1161. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009”.

##### **SEC. 1162. PART-TIME REEMPLOYMENT.**

(a) **CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**—Section 8344 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (1) as subsection (m);

(2) by inserting after subsection (k) the following:

“(1)(1) For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) the term ‘head of an agency’ means—

“(i) the head of an Executive agency, other than the Department of Defense or the Government Accountability Office;

“(ii) the head of the United States Postal Service;

“(iii) the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, with respect to employees of the judicial branch; and

“(iv) any employing authority described under subsection (k)(2), other than the Government Accountability Office; and

“(B) the term ‘limited time appointee’ means an annuitant appointed under a temporary appointment limited to 1 year or less.

“(2) The head of an agency may waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) with respect to any annuitant who is employed in such agency as a limited time appointee, if the head of the agency determines that the employment of the annuitant is necessary to—

“(A) fulfill functions critical to the mission of the agency, or any component of that agency;

“(B) assist in the implementation or oversight of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) or the Troubled Asset Relief Program under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.);

“(C) assist in the development, management, or oversight of agency procurement actions;

“(D) assist the Inspector General for that agency in the performance of the mission of that Inspector General;

“(E) promote appropriate training or mentoring programs of employees;

“(F) assist in the recruitment or retention of employees; or

“(G) respond to an emergency involving a direct threat to life of property or other unusual circumstances.

“(3) The head of an agency may not waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) with respect to an annuitant—

“(A) for more than 520 hours of service performed by that annuitant during the period ending 6 months following the individual's annuity commencing date;

“(B) for more than 1040 hours of service performed by that annuitant during any 12-month period; or

“(C) for more than a total of 3120 hours of service performed by that annuitant.

“(4)(A) The total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8468(i) applies may not exceed 2.5 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency.

“(B) If the total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8468(i) applies exceeds 1 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency, the head of that agency shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Personnel Management—

“(i) a report with an explanation that justifies the need for the waivers in excess of that percentage; and

“(ii) not later than 180 days after submitting the report under clause (i), a succession plan.



“(5)(A) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management may promulgate regulations providing for the administration of this subsection.

“(B) Any regulations promulgated under subparagraph (A) may—

“(i) provide standards for the maintenance and form of necessary records of employment under this subsection;

“(ii) to the extent not otherwise expressly prohibited by law, require employing agencies to provide records of such employment to the Office of Personnel Management or other employing agencies as necessary to ensure compliance with paragraph (3);

“(iii) authorize other administratively convenient periods substantially equivalent to 12 months, such as 26 pay periods, to be used in determining compliance with paragraph (3)(B);

“(iv) include such other administrative requirements as the Director of the Office of Personnel Management may find appropriate to provide for the effective operation of, or to ensure compliance with, this subsection; and

“(v) encourage the training and mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection.

“(6)(A) Any hours of training or mentoring of employees by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection shall not be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3), but those hours of training or mentoring may not exceed 520 hours.

“(B) If the primary service performed by any limited time appointee employed under this subsection is training or mentoring of employees, the hours of that service shall be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3).

“(7) The authority of the head of an agency under this subsection to waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of the Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009.”; and

(3) in subsection (m) (as so redesignated)—  
(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(k)” and inserting “(l)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or (k)” and inserting “(k), or (l)”.  
(b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8468 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (j);  
(2) by inserting after subsection (h) the following:

“(i)(1) For purposes of this subsection—  
“(A) the term ‘head of an agency’ means—  
“(i) the head of an Executive agency, other than the Department of Defense or the Government Accountability Office;  
“(ii) the head of the United States Postal Service;  
“(iii) the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, with respect to employees of the judicial branch; and  
“(iv) any employing authority described under subsection (h)(2), other than the Government Accountability Office; and  
“(B) the term ‘limited time appointee’ means an annuitant appointed under a temporary appointment limited to 1 year or less.  
“(2) The head of an agency may waive the application of subsection (a) with respect to any annuitant who is employed in such agency as a limited time appointee, if the head of the agency determines that the employment of the annuitant is necessary to—  
“(A) fulfill functions critical to the mission of the agency, or any component of that agency;  
“(B) assist in the implementation or oversight of the American Recovery and Rein-

vestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) or the Troubled Asset Relief Program under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.);  
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“(B) for more than 1040 hours of service performed by that annuitant during any 12-month period; or  
“(C) for more than a total of 3120 hours of service performed by that annuitant.

“(4)(A) The total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8344(1) applies may not exceed 2.5 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency.

“(B) If the total number of annuitants to whom a waiver by the head of an agency under this subsection or section 8344(1) applies exceeds 1 percent of the total number of full-time employees of that agency, the head of that agency shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Office of Personnel Management—  
“(i) a report with an explanation that justifies the need for the waivers in excess of that percentage; and  
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“(5)(A) The Director of the Office of Personnel Management may promulgate regulations providing for the administration of this subsection.

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“(i) provide standards for the maintenance and form of necessary records of employment under this subsection;  
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“(7) The authority of the head of an agency under this subsection to waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of the Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009.”; and

(3) in subsection (m) (as so redesignated)—  
(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “(k)” and inserting “(l)”; and  
(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “or (h)” and inserting “(h), or (i)”.  
(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the amendments made by this section may be construed to authorize the waiver of the hiring preferences under chapter 33 of title 5, United States Code in selecting annuitants to employ in an appointive or elective position.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1005(d)(2) of title 39, United States Code, is amended—  
(1) by striking “(1)(2)” and inserting “(m)(2)”; and  
(2) by striking “(i)(2)” and inserting “(j)(2)”.  
**SEC. 1163. GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REPORT.**

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(b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under subsection (a) shall—  
(1) include the number of annuitants for whom a waiver was made under subsection (1) of section 8344 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by this subtitle, or subsection (i) of section 8468 of title 5, United States Code, as amended by this subtitle; and  
(2) identify each agency that used the authority described in paragraph (1).

(c) AGENCY DATA.—Each head of an agency (as defined under sections 8344(1)(1) and 8468(i)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code, as added by section 1162 of this subtitle) shall—  
(1) collect and maintain data necessary for purposes of the Comptroller General report submitted under subsection (a); and  
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**SA 1524.** Mr. DORGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ARMY PROPERTY TO UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA.**

(a) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER.—The Secretary of the Army shall transfer, without consideration, to the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, all right, title, and interest of the United States in the property described in subsection (b) if, upon the completion of the contracts referenced in

this subsection is training or mentoring of employees, the hours of that service shall be included in the hours of service performed for purposes of paragraph (3).

“(7) The authority of the head of an agency under this subsection to waive the application of subsection (a) shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of the Part-Time Reemployment of Annuitants Act of 2009.”; and

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subsection (b), the Secretary determines that it is no longer in the best interest of the Army to recover the property and there are no statutory, regulatory, or other impediments to the transfer.

(b) **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.**—The exact legal description of the property transferred under this section shall be determined by the Secretary following an inventory. In general, such property consists of all United States Government property procured for the United States Army Engineered Surfaces for Weapons System Life Extension Program and in the possession of Alion Science and Technology Corporation and the University of North Dakota, both located in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and assigned to the following contracts: FA4600-06-D-0003, SPO7000-97-D-4001, and AMPTIAC-05-0001.

(c) **CONDITION OF TRANSFER.**—The transfer authorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to the condition that the University of North Dakota enters into an agreement with the Secretary that governs future uses of the transferred property.

(d) **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The Secretary may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the transfer under this section as the Secretary determines appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(e) **DATES OF TRANSFER.**—Any transfer of property under this section shall take effect not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, or upon completion and termination of the contracts identified in subsection (b), whichever occurs later.

(f) **DELEGATION.**—The Secretary may delegate roles and responsibilities under this section to one or more subordinates as needed.

**SA 1525.** Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 245, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

**SEC. 803. REPEAL OF SUNSET OF AUTHORITY TO PROCURE FIRE RESISTANT RAYON FIBER FOR THE PRODUCTION OF UNIFORMS FROM FOREIGN SOURCES.**

Subsection (f) of section 829 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 229; 10 U.S.C. 2533a note) is repealed.

**SA 1526.** Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. LINCOLN, and Mr. BURRIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

**SEC. 652. CONTINUATION OF MILITARY COMPENSATION FOR RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS DURING PHYSICAL EVALUATION BOARD PROCESS AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS.**

Section 1218 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(d)(1) The Secretary of a military department shall give a member of a reserve component under the jurisdiction of the Secretary who is being evaluated by a physical evaluation board for separation or retirement for disability under this chapter or for placement on the temporary disability retired list or inactive status list under this chapter the option to remain on active duty in order to continue to receive pay and allowances under title 37 during the physical evaluation board process until such time as the member—

“(A) is cleared by the board to return to duty; or

“(B) is separated, retired, or placed on the temporary disability retired list or inactive status list.

“(2) A member may change the election under paragraph (1) at any point during the physical evaluation board process and be released from active duty.

“(3) The requirements in paragraph (1) shall expire on the date that is five years after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

“(e) A member contemplating the exercise of an option under subsection (d) may exercise such option only after consultation with a member of the applicable judge advocate general's corps.”.

**SEC. 653. ENCOURAGEMENT OF USE OF LOCAL RESIDENCES FOR CERTAIN RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS.**

Section 1222 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) **USE OF LOCAL RESIDENCES FOR CERTAIN RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS.**—(1)(A) A member of a reserve component described by subparagraph (B) shall be permitted to reside at the member's permanent place of residence if residing at that location is medically feasible, as determined by a licensed health care provider.

“(B) A member of a reserve component described by this subparagraph is any member remaining on active duty under section 1218(d) of this title during the period the member is on active duty under such subsection.

“(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as terminating, altering, or otherwise affecting the authority of the commander of a member described in paragraph (1)(B) to order the member to perform duties consistent with the member's fitness for duty.

“(3) The Secretary concerned shall pay any reasonable expenses of transportation, lodging, and meals incurred by a member residing at the member's permanent place of residence under this subsection in connection with travel from the member's permanent place of residence to a medical facility during the period in which the member is covered by this subsection.”.

**SEC. 654. ASSISTANCE WITH TRANSITIONAL BENEFITS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 61 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1218 the following new section:

**“§ 1218a. Discharge or release from active duty: transition assistance**

“The Secretary of a military department shall provide to a member of a reserve component under the jurisdiction of the Secretary who is injured while on active duty in

the armed forces the following before such member is demobilized or separated from the armed forces:

“(1) Information on the availability of care and administrative processing through community based warrior transition units.

“(2) The location of the community based warrior transition unit located nearest to the member's permanent place of residence.

“(3) An opportunity to consult with a member of the applicable judge advocate general's corps regarding the member's eligibility for compensation, disability, or other transitional benefits.”.

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 61 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1218 the following new item:

“1218a. Discharge or release from active duty; transition assistance.”.

**SA 1527.** Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following:

**SEC. 312. PROHIBITION ON DISPOSING OF WASTE IN OPEN-AIR BURN PITS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall prohibit the disposal of covered waste in an open-air burn pit during a contingency operation lasting longer than one year.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the use of open-air burn pits in contingency operations. The report shall include—

(1) a description of each type of waste burned in such open-air burn pits; and

(2) a discussion of the feasibility of alternative methods of disposing of covered waste, including—

(A) a plan to use such alternative methods; or

(B) if the Secretary determines that no such alternative method is feasible, a detailed discussion explaining why open-air burn pits are the only feasible method of disposing of such waste.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **CONTINGENCY OPERATION.**—The term “contingency operation” has the meaning given that term by section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

(2) **COVERED WASTE.**—The term “covered waste” includes the following:

(A) Hazardous waste, as defined by section 1004(5) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6903(5)).

(B) Medical waste.

(C) Solid waste containing plastic.

(D) Automotive and marine batteries.

(E) Pesticides.

(F) Explosives.

(G) Automotive oils.

(H) Fuels and fluids.

(I) Compressed gas containers.

(J) Materials containing asbestos.

(K) Electrical equipment.

(L) Solvents.

(M) Paint thinners and strippers.

(N) Rubber.

(O) Preserved (treated) wood.

(P) Unexploded ordnance.

(3) **MEDICAL WASTE.**—The term “medical waste” means any solid waste generated in

the diagnosis, treatment, or immunization of human beings or animals, in research pertaining thereto, or in the production of testing of biologicals.

**SA 1528.** Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CORNYN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 402 and insert the following:  
**SEC. 402. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY FOR INCREASES OF ARMY ACTIVE-DUTY END STRENGTHS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010, 2011, AND 2012.**

(a) **AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ARMY ACTIVE-DUTY END STRENGTH.**—

(1) **AUTHORITY.**—For each of fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012, the Secretary of Defense may, as the Secretary determines necessary for the purposes specified in paragraph (2), establish the active-duty end strength for the Army at a number greater than the number otherwise authorized by law up to the number equal to the fiscal-year 2010 baseline plus 30,000.

(2) **PURPOSE OF INCREASES.**—The purposes for which an increase may be made in the active duty end strength for the Army under paragraph (1) are the following:

(A) To increase dwell time for members of the Army on active duty.

(B) To support operational missions.

(C) To achieve reorganizational objectives, including increased unit manning, force stabilization and shaping, and supporting wounded warriors.

(b) **RELATIONSHIP TO PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER AUTHORITY.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the authority of the President under section 123a of title 10, United States Code, to waive any statutory end strength in a time of war or national emergency.

(c) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER VARIANCE AUTHORITY.**—The authority in subsection (a) is in addition to the authority to vary authorized end strengths that is provided in subsections (e) and (f) of section 115 of title 10, United States Code.

(d) **BUDGET TREATMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—If the Secretary of Defense increases active-duty end strength for the Army for fiscal year 2010 under subsection (a), the Secretary may fund such an increase through Department of Defense reserve funds or through an emergency supplemental appropriation.

(2) **FISCAL YEARS 2011 AND 2012.**—(2) If the Secretary of Defense plans to increase the active-duty end strength for the Army for fiscal year 2011 or 2012, the budget for the Department of Defense for such fiscal year as submitted to Congress shall include the amounts necessary for funding the active-duty end strength for the Army in excess of the fiscal-year 2010 baseline.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **FISCAL-YEAR 2010 BASELINE.**—The term “fiscal-year 2010 baseline”, with respect to the Army, means the active-duty end strength authorized for the Army in section 401(1).

(2) **ACTIVE-DUTY END STRENGTH.**—The term “active-duty end strength”, with respect to the Army for a fiscal year, means the strength for active duty personnel of Army as of the last day of the fiscal year.

**SA 1529.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1073. REPORT ON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY.**

Not later than 30 days after completing the evaluation of communications systems enhancements and capabilities that are needed for the Army National Guard to respond to natural and man-made disasters, as called for in the Defense Science Board 2009 Report on Interagency Operability, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to Congress a report on the evaluation. The report required under subsection (a) shall include an assessment of the capabilities of GUARDNET, the mobilization, training, and administrative network of the Army National Guard.

**SA 1530.** Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1083. CERTAIN SERVICE PERFORMED IN THE RESERVE COMPONENTS DEEMED ACTIVE SERVICE.**

Section 106 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) Any person who has not otherwise performed qualifying active duty service shall be deemed to have been on active duty for purposes of all laws administered by the Secretary if the person is entitled under chapter 1223 of title 10 to retired pay for nonregular service or, but for age, would be entitled under such chapter to retired pay for nonregular service.”.

**SA 1531.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. SENSE OF THE SENATE ON NEGOTIATING CONCESSIONS WITH TERRORISTS.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The United States has a longstanding policy of opposing negotiations with terrorists and terrorist organizations on concessions of any kind, including ransom demands, prisoner releases, and hostage ex-

changes. This longstanding policy has been repeated by numerous administrations over the past 4 decades.

(2) For example, at an August 4, 1975 meeting between President Gerald Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Yugoslavian President Josip Tito, Secretary Kissinger explained that the United States “position is, as it has always been, that we refuse to negotiate and to pay ransom in these cases. We do this in order not to encourage the capture of other Americans for the same purpose.”.

(3) In his comments to President Tito, Secretary Kissinger explained the basis for the United States policy, as well as his expectation that the United States would never change this no-negotiation policy: “The American Government will always refuse to negotiate because that is the only way we can keep demands from being made upon us.”.

(4) In the same conversation, President Ford said, “It’s our strong feeling that if we were to breach this hard line that we take there would be no end to the demands being made upon us. We have to be tough and that is right in the long run.”.

(5) On January 20, 1986, President Ronald Reagan issued National Security Decision Directive 207, which prohibits negotiations with terrorist organizations regarding the release of hostages.

(6) National Security Decision Directive 207 sets forth in unequivocal terms the United States “firm opposition to terrorism in all its forms” and makes clear the Government’s “conviction that to accede to terrorist demands places more American citizens at risk. This no-concessions policy is the best way of protecting the greatest number of people and ensuring their safety.”.

(7) National Security Decision Directive 207 continues to say: “The [United States Government] will pay no ransoms, nor permit releases of prisoners or agree to other conditions that could serve to encourage additional terrorism. We will make no changes in our policy because of terrorist threats or acts.”.

(8) Department of State Publication 10217, which was released in similar formats by the administrations of George H.W. Bush in 1991 and Bill Clinton in 1994, espouses the same no-concessions policy and makes clear that the United States “will not support the freeing of prisoners from incarceration in response to terrorist demands.”.

(9) On April 4, 2002, President George W. Bush said, “[t]error must be stopped. No nation can negotiate with terrorists, for there is no way to make peace with those whose only goal is death.”.

(10) Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, while serving in the United States Senate, wrote in 2007 that the United States “cannot negotiate with individual terrorists; they must be hunted down and captured or killed.”.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the sense of the Senate that the United States should firmly maintain its longstanding policy against negotiating with terrorists and terrorist organizations on any concession or demand. It is further the sense of the Senate that any abandonment or weakening of this policy would endanger the safety of American citizens, including United States servicemen, and increase terrorist kidnappings, hostage demands, and murders.

**SA 1532.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction,

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

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERRORISTS.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(B) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(2) NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERRORISTS.—The term “negotiations with terrorists” includes any direct or indirect negotiations with any person or organization that—

(A) has been designated by the United States, including any department or agency of the United States, as a person or organization that commits, threatens to commit, or supports terrorism;

(B) has engaged in any activity or is a representative of an organization that would render the person inadmissible under section 212(a)(3)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(3)(B)); or

(C) is a member of al Qaeda or affiliated with al Qaeda through any council or activity.

(3) CONCESSION.—The term “concession” includes any discussion or demand for—

(A) payment or ransom;

(B) the withdrawal of United States military or diplomatic presence; or

(C) the release of any prisoner or detainee held by the United States.

(b) REPORTS.—

(1) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a preliminary report that identifies any case in 300 days preceding the report in which the United States engaged in negotiations with terrorists regarding any person held in the custody of the United States or allied forces.

(2) PERIODIC REPORTS.—If any employee, agent, or representative of the Department of Defense or the Department of State engages in, authorizes, or cooperates in any way with, negotiations with terrorists regarding any person held in the custody of the United States or allied forces, the Secretary of Defense or, where appropriate, the Secretary of State, shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress within 30 days of the engagement, authorization, or cooperation.

(3) FORM.—A report required under this subsection shall include all relevant facts, including the name of the terrorist person or organization, the name of any prisoner, detainee, or hostage who was the subject of such negotiations, the concession demanded or discussed during the negotiations, the name of any government or third party involved in the negotiations, and the outcome of the negotiations. The report shall be submitted in an unclassified format with a classified annex where appropriate.

**SA 1533.** Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 323, beginning on line 19, strike “or” and all that follows through line 22, and insert the following:

“(B) has purposefully and materially supported hostilities against the United States or its coalition partners; or

“(C) is a member of al Qaeda or a group that is connected with al Qaeda.”.

**SA 1534.** Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BOND, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BYRD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DORGAN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 512. AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL MILITARY-TO-CIVILIAN AND CIVIL SECURITY COOPERATION CONTACT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 134 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**“§ 2249e. International military-civilian contact activities conducted by the National Guard: availability of appropriated funds**

“(a) AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Funds appropriated to the Department of Defense shall be available for the payment of costs incurred by the National Guard (including the costs of pay and allowances of members of the National Guard) in conducting international military-to-civilian contacts, civil security cooperation contacts, and comparable activities for purposes as follows:

“(1) To support the objectives of the commander of the combatant command for the theater of operations in which such contacts and activities are conducted.

“(2) To build international civil-military partnerships and capacity.

“(3) To strengthen cooperation between the departments and agencies of the United States Government and agencies of foreign governments.

“(4) To facilitate intergovernmental collaboration between the United States Government and foreign governments.

“(5) To facilitate and enhance the exchange of information between the United States Government and foreign governments on matters relating to defense and security.

“(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) Funds shall not be available under subsection (a) for contacts and activities described in that subsection that are conducted in a foreign country unless jointly approved by the commander of the combatant command concerned and the chief of mission concerned.

“(2) Funds shall not be available under subsection (a) for the participation of a member of the National Guard in contacts and activities described in that subsection in a foreign country unless the member is on active duty in the armed forces at the time of such participation.

“(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—In the event of the participation of personnel of a department or agency of the United States Government (other than the Department of Defense) in contacts and activities for which payment is made under subsection (a), the head of such department or agency shall reimburse the Secretary of Defense for the costs associated with the participation of such personnel in such contacts and activities. Amounts reim-

bursed the Department of Defense under this subsection shall be deposited in the appropriation or account from which amounts for the payment concerned were derived. Any amounts so deposited shall be merged with amounts in such appropriation or account, and shall be available for the same purposes, and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such appropriation or account.

“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘military-to-civilian contacts’ means the following:

“(A) Contacts between members of the armed forces and foreign civilian personnel.

“(B) Contacts between members of foreign Armed Forces and United States civilian personnel.

“(2) The term ‘civil security cooperation contacts’ means contacts between United States civilian personnel and foreign civilian personnel.

“(3) The term ‘United States civilian personnel’ means the following:

“(A) Personnel of the United States Government (including personnel of departments and agencies of the United States Government other than the Department of Defense) and personnel of State and local governments of the United States.

“(B) Members and employees of the legislative branch, and non-governmental individuals, if the participation of such individuals in contacts and activities described in subsection (a)—

“(i) contributes to responsible management of defense resources;

“(ii) fosters greater respect for and understanding of the principle of civilian control of the military;

“(iii) contributes to cooperation between foreign military and civilian government agencies and United States military and civilian governmental agencies; or

“(iv) improves international partnerships and capacity on matters relating to defense and security.

“(4) The term ‘foreign civilian personnel’ means the following:

“(A) Civilian personnel of foreign governments at any level (including personnel of ministries other than ministries of defense).

“(B) Non-governmental individuals of foreign countries, if the participation of such individuals in contacts and activities described in subsection (a) will further the achievement of any matter set forth in clauses (i) through (iv) of paragraph (3)(B).”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of subchapter I of chapter 134 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“2249e. International military-civilian contact activities conducted by the National Guard: availability of appropriated funds.”.

**SA 1535.** Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. 1222. REPORT ON CUBA AND CUBA'S RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall provide to the defense and intelligence committees of the Congress a report addressing the following:

(1) The cooperative agreements and relationships that Cuba has with Iran, North



Korea, and other states suspected of nuclear proliferation.

(2) A detailed account of the economic support provided by Venezuela to Cuba and the intelligence and other support that Cuba provides to the government of Hugo Chavez.

(3) A review of the evidence of relationships between the Cuban government or any of its components with drug cartels or involvement in other drug trafficking activities.

(4) The status and extent of Cuba's clandestine activities in the United States.

(5) The extent and activities of Cuban support for governments in Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador, Central America, and the Caribbean.

(6) The status and extent of Cuba's research and development program for biological weapons production.

(7) The status and extent of Cuba's cyberwarfare program.

**SA 1536.** Mr. MARTINEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. 1222. REPORT ON VENEZUELA.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence shall provide to the defense and intelligence committees of the Congress a report addressing the following:

(1) An inventory of all weapons purchases by, and transfers to, the government of Venezuela and Venezuela's transfers to other countries since 1998, particularly purchases and transfers of missiles, ships, submarines, and any other advanced systems. The report shall include an assessment of whether there is accountability of the purchases and transfers with respect to the end-use and diversion of such materiel to popular militias, other governments, or irregular armed forces.

(2) The mining and shipping of Venezuelan uranium to Iran, North Korea, and other states suspected of nuclear proliferation.

(3) The extent to which Hugo Chavez and other Venezuelan officials and supporters of the Venezuelan government provide political counsel, collaboration, financial ties, refuge, and other forms of support, including military materiel, to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC).

(4) The extent to which Hugo Chavez and other Venezuelan officials provide funding, logistical and political support to the Islamist terrorist organization Hezbollah.

(5) Deployment of Venezuelan security or intelligence personnel to Bolivia, including any role such personnel have in suppressing opponents of the government of Bolivia.

(6) Venezuela's clandestine material support for political movements and individuals throughout the Western Hemisphere with the objective of influencing the internal affairs of nations in the Western Hemisphere.

(7) Efforts by Hugo Chavez and other officials or supporters of the Venezuelan government to convert or launder funds that are the property of Venezuelan government agencies, instrumentalities, parastatals, including Petroleos de Venezuela, SA (PDVSA).

(8) Covert payments by Hugo Chavez or officials or supporters of the Venezuelan gov-

ernment to foreign political candidates, government officials, or officials of international organizations for the purpose of influencing the performance of their official duties.

**SA 1537.** Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. 1232. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE UNITED STATES FOR A STABLE AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF IRAQ.**

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

(1) The men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Iraq have done so with the utmost bravery and courage and deserve the respect and gratitude of the people of the United States and the people of Iraq.

(2) The leadership of Generals David Petraeus and Raymond Odierno, as the Commanders of the Multi-National Force Iraq, as well as Ambassador Ryan Crocker, was instrumental in bringing stability and success to Iraq.

(3) The strategy known as the surge resulted in significant security gains and facilitated the economic, political, and social gains that have occurred in Iraq since the surge was initiated in 2007.

(4) The people of Iraq have begun to develop a stable government and stable society because of the security provided by the surge and the decision of the people of Iraq to accept the ideals of a free and fair democratic society over the tyranny espoused by Al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations.

(5) The security gains achieved by the surge must be carefully maintained so that those fragile gains can be solidified and expanded upon, primarily by citizens of Iraq in service to their country, with the support of the United States as necessary.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) a stable and democratic Republic of Iraq is in the long-term national security interest of the United States;

(2) the people and the Government of the United States are committed to helping the people of Iraq ensure the stability of Iraq and peace in the region, which the stability of Iraq will provide; and

(3) the United States should be a long-term strategic partner with the Government and the people of Iraq in support of their efforts to build democracy, good governance, and peace and stability in the region, including through providing non-military assistance to the people of Iraq.

**SA 1538.** Mr. UDALL of New Mexico submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 571, line 6, strike "\$5,395,831,000" and insert "\$5,763,856,000".

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2009 at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Creating a Consumer Financial Protection Agency: A Cornerstone of America's New Economic Foundation."

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

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. LEVIN. 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 Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Office Building.

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

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. LEVIN. 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 Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Office Building.

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

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS**

Mr. LEVIN. 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 Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 9 a.m. in room 325 of the Russell Office Building.

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

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized