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S. 1761

To provide early out authority for Forest Service employees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 1994

Referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

AN ACT

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1.—FOREST SERVICE SEPARATION PAY.—

4 (a) In order to avoid or minimize the need for involuntary
5 separations, effective for the period beginning upon the
6 date of enactment of this Act through and including Sep-
7 tember 30, 1994, the Secretary of Agriculture, under such
8 regulations and subject to such conditions as the Secretary
9 of Agriculture may prescribe, shall have authority to offer
10 separation pay to employees of the Forest Service to the
11 same extent the Secretary of Defense is authorized to offer

1 separation pay to employees of a defense agency in section
2 5597 of title 5, United States Code.

3 (b) In the event that an authority is enacted to offer
4 separation pay or a voluntary separation incentive similar
5 to such section 5597 of title 5, United States Code, but
6 applicable to employees in the executive branch generally,
7 the authority under subsection (a) shall terminate.

8 (c) Such payments may be made to employees who
9 agree, during a continuous 90 day period designated by
10 the agency head, beginning no earlier than the date of en-
11 actment of this Act and ending no later than September
12 30, 1994, to separate from service with the agency, wheth-
13 er by retirement or resignation.

14 (d) An employee who has received a voluntary separa-
15 tion incentive under this section and accepts employment
16 with the Government of the United States within 5 years
17 of the date of the separation on which payment of the in-
18 centive is based shall be required to repay the entire
19 amount of the incentive to the agency that paid the incen-
20 tive.

1 (e) Total outlays by the Forest Service pursuant to
2 the cooperative work trust funds accounts (12-8028-0-
3 7-302) shall not exceed \$271,668,000 in fiscal year 1994.

Passed the Senate November 20 (legislative day, November 2), 1993.

Attest:

WALTER J. STEWART,

Secretary.