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To ensure that appropriated funds are not used for operation of golf courses on real property controlled by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SIMPSON (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To ensure that appropriated funds are not used for operation of golf courses on real property controlled by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

3 (a) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure
4 that no funds appropriated by Congress are used for the
5 maintenance and operation of golf courses on real prop-
6 erty within the control of the Department of Veterans Af-
7 fairs.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
9 Secretary may provide for the maintenance and operation

1 of golf courses on real property within the control of the
2 Department by—

3 (1) entering into leases or other arrangements
4 for a period not to exceed 20 years with (i) Depart-
5 ment of Veterans Affairs employee associations; (ii)
6 other non-Federal nonprofit organizations; or (iii)
7 private entities; or

8 (2) entering into enhanced use leases under sec-
9 tion 8162 of title 38, United States Code, without
10 regard to sections 8163 and 8168 of title 38, United
11 States Code.

12 (c) In making any arrangement under subsection (b),
13 the Secretary shall, to the extent the Secretary considers
14 appropriate, seek to provide for therapeutic work opportu-
15 nities for VA patients and members participating in pro-
16 grams authorized by section 1718 of title 38, United
17 States Code.

18 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds
19 generated in connection with the use of real property with-
20 in the control of the Department of Veterans Affairs that
21 is used for a golf course shall be retained by the Depart-
22 ment for such uses as the Secretary deems appropriate.

23 (e) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, before
24 leasing a golf course on real property within the control
25 of the Department, consider the option of excessing the

- 1 golf course to the General Services Administration so that
- 2 the property can be screened for redeployment by another
- 3 executive agency.

