108TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION **S. 3005**

To allow State Homeland Security Program grant funds to be used to pay costs associated with the attendance of part-time and volunteer first responders at terrorism response courses approved by the Office for State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2004

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JEF-FORDS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.

- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Rural and Part-time
- 5 Firefighter Training Fairness Act".

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1 SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL PROGRAMS.

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds 3 appropriated to the Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness for grants to States and 4 5 local governments may be used by such States and local governments to provide a reasonable stipend to part-time 6 7 and volunteer first responders who are not otherwise com-8 pensated for travel to or participation in terrorism response courses approved by the Office for Domestic Pre-9 10 paredness, which stipend shall not be considered compensation for purposes of rendering such first responder 11 12 an employee under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.). 13

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