

(b) RATIFICATION.—If this Act is not enacted on or before September 30, 2013, any actions undertaken by the Department of Veterans Affairs under the authorities extended by this Act during the period beginning on such date and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be deemed ratified.

#### SEC. 5. SCORING OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., to consider the Omnibus Budget for Senate Committees.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Lynden Armstrong at the Rules and Administration Committee at 202-224-6352.

### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

#### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 23, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Combating Human Trafficking: Federal, State, and Local Perspectives.”

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

### IMPROVING JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Veterans’ Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1412 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1412) to improve and increase the availability of on-job training and apprenticeship programs carried out by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sanders substitute amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the bill, as amended, be read three times and passed; the Sanders title amendment, which is at the desk, be agreed to; and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 1964) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2013”.

#### SEC. 2. EXTENSIONS OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES AFFECTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

(a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE MONTHLY ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE TO VETERANS WITH DISABILITY INVITED BY UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 322(d)(4) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “and \$500,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2013” after “2013”.

(2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Section 322 of such title is amended by striking “United States Paralympics, Inc.,” each place it appears and inserting “United States Olympic Committee”.

(b) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 521A of such title is amended—

(A) in subsection (g), by inserting “and \$2,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2013, and ending December 31, 2013” after “2013”; and

(B) in subsection (1), by striking “The Secretary may only provide assistance under this section during fiscal years 2010 through 2013.” and inserting “The Secretary may not provide assistance under this section after December 31, 2013.”

(2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Such section is further amended—

(A) except in subsection (d)(4), by striking “United States Paralympics, Inc.,” each place it appears and inserting “United States Olympic Committee”;

(B) in subsection (d)(4), by striking “United States Paralympics, Inc.” and inserting “United States Olympic Committee”; and

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

“(m) APPLICABILITY TO COMMONWEALTHS AND TERRITORIES OF UNITED STATES.—The provisions of this section and section 322 of this title shall apply with respect to the following in the same manner and to the same degree as the United States Olympic Committee:

“(1) The American Samoa National Olympic Committee.

“(2) Guam National Olympic Committee.

“(3) Comité Olímpico de Puerto Rico.

“(4) Such entities as the Secretary considers appropriate to represent the interests of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States Virgin Islands under this section and section 322 of this title.”

(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 5 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 521A and inserting the following new item:

“521A. Assistance for United States Olympic Committee.”

(c) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTION OF COPAYMENTS FOR HOSPITAL CARE AND NURSING HOME CARE.—Section 1710(f)(2)(B) of such title is amended by striking “September 30, 2013” and inserting “September 30, 2014”.

(d) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR RECOVERY FROM THIRD PARTIES OF COST OF CARE AND

SERVICES FURNISHED TO VETERANS WITH HEALTH-PLAN CONTRACTS FOR NON-SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.—Section 1729(a)(2)(E) of such title is amended by striking “October 1, 2013” and inserting “October 1, 2014”.

(e) EXTENSIONS OF AUTHORITIES AFFECTING HOMELESS VETERANS.—

(1) HOMELESS VETERANS REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS.—Section 2021(e)(1)(F) of such title is amended by striking “2013” and inserting “2014”.

(2) REFERRAL AND COUNSELING SERVICES: VETERANS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS WHO ARE TRANSITIONING FROM CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.—Section 2023(d) of such title is amended—

(A) by inserting “to enter into a contract” before “to provide”; and

(B) by striking “September 30, 2013” and inserting “September 30, 2014”.

(f) EXTENSION OF PREVIOUSLY FULLY-FUNDED AUTHORITIES AFFECTING HOMELESS VETERANS.—

(1) COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAMS.—Section 2013 of such title is amended by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following new paragraphs:

“(6) \$250,000,000 for fiscal year 2014.

“(7) \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2015 and each subsequent fiscal year.”

(2) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES IN PERMANENT HOUSING.—Section 2044(e)(1)(E) of such title is amended by striking “for fiscal year 2013” and inserting “for each of fiscal years 2013 and 2014”.

(3) GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.—Section 2061(d)(1) of such title is amended by striking “through 2013” and inserting “through 2014”.

(g) EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES CAUSING DIFFICULTY WITH AMBULATING.—Section 2101(a)(4) of such title is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary’s” and inserting “(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Secretary’s”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), as designated by paragraph (1), by striking “September 30, 2013” and inserting “September 30, 2014”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) In fiscal year 2014, the Secretary may not approve more than 30 applications for assistance under paragraph (1) for disabled veterans described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii).”

(h) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CALCULATE NET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY SECURING DEFAULTED LOAN FOR PURPOSES OF LIQUIDATION.—Section 3732(c)(11) of such title is amended by striking “October 1, 2013” and inserting “October 1, 2014”.

(i) EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM ON ASSISTANCE FOR CHILD CARE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS RECEIVING HEALTH CARE.—Section 205 of the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-163; 38 U.S.C. 1710 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by striking “2-year” and inserting “3-year”; and

(2) in subsection (h), by striking “and 2011” and inserting “and 2014”.

#### SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF USE OF NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES FOR INCOME VERIFICATION PURPOSES FOR CERTAIN VETERANS BENEFITS.

(a) SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.—Section 453(j)(11) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 653(j)(11)) is amended by striking subparagraph (G) and inserting the following new subparagraph (G):

“(G) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority under this paragraph shall be in effect as follows:

“(i) During the period beginning on December 26, 2007, and ending on November 18, 2011.

“(ii) During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Department of

Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2013 and ending 180 days after that date.”.

(b) SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 5317A of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following new subsection (d):

“(d) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority under this section shall be in effect as follows:

“(1) During the period beginning on December 26, 2007, and ending on November 18, 2011.

“(2) During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2013 and ending 180 days after that date.”.

#### SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND RATIFICATION.

(a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2013, except that Section 2 (a) shall take effect on September 30, 2013.

(b) RATIFICATION.—If this Act is not enacted on or before September 30, 2013, any actions undertaken by the Department of Veterans Affairs under the authorities extended by this Act during the period beginning on such date and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be deemed ratified.

#### SEC. 5. SCORING OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go-Act of 2010 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 1412), as amended, was passed.

The amendment (No. 1965) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To amend the title)

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring authorities affecting veterans and their families, and for other purposes.”.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, tomorrow we are going to come in—I will ask consent in a little bit. We will come in at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. There will be a speech by me and Senator MCCONNELL. Then we have a vote at a quarter to 12, if I recall.

Tomorrow afternoon Senator MIKULSKI is going to—after we have our cau-

cus—come in and be recognized for 20 minutes. Following her remarks, Senator CRUZ will be recognized. I am happy to listen to those two Senators.

The place I am in now is that we are on automatic pilot. I filed the cloture motion. Cloture will occur Wednesday. The latest will be at noon. With some agreement we can move it up an hour or two. People can talk all they want. There is no way we can be prevented from having that vote. So we will have conversation, but there will not be any filibusters, because under the rules the time is for talking. But it does not delay anything.

As I indicated today earlier in a conversation I had with the Republican Senator, we follow the rules. Whatever the rules are, we follow them and do the best we can to make sure they are as fair to everyone as possible.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2013; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 11:15 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority the final half; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 203, the nomination of Todd Hughes to be U.S. circuit judge for the Federal Circuit, under the previous order; that following the disposition of the Hughes nomination, the Senate recess until 2:15 to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; that at 2:15 Senator MIKULSKI be recognized for up to 20 minutes; that at 2:30 Senator CRUZ be recognized.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. There will be a rollcall vote as I indicated at 11:15 on the confirmation of Hughes.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:11 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 24, 2013, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

##### LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

CHARLES NORMAN WILTSE KECKLER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 13, 2016. (REAPPOINTMENT)

##### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

KATHRYN B. THOMSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, VICE ROBERT S. RIVKIN, RESIGNED.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BRUCE HEYMAN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CANADA.

KEVIN WHITAKER, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA.

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

*To be major general*

BRIG. GEN. JOHN L. GRONSKI

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate September 23, 2013:

##### FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

ANN MILLER RAVEL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2017.

LEE E. GOODMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING APRIL 30, 2015.

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

EVAN RYAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS).

##### BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

KENNETH R. WEINSTEIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 13, 2014.