

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 323—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON MAINTAINING THE CURRENT ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT IN RETIRED PAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES UNDER THE AGE OF 62

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BLUNT, and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

S. RES. 323

Whereas is the responsibility of Congress to get the fiscal house of government in order, and all government spending should be examined to achieve that goal;

Whereas HJ Res. 59 (113th Congress), a bipartisan budget proposal, is a first step in this direction, though it fails to address broader government spending issues;

Whereas retirees from the Armed Forces, both those who served a full career and those medically retired and their survivors, have provided great service and sacrificed much for our country;

Whereas HJ Res. 59 (113h Congress) disproportionately targets these military retirees in the name of fiscal responsibility; and

Whereas, while the decisions regarding future spending cuts may be difficult and painful, the solution should require contributions from all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) retirees from the Armed Forces should not unfairly bear the burden of excessive government spending;

(2) military retirees earned the benefits they were promised upon entering military, and it is the duty of the Senate to protect them; and

(3) the Senate should seek alternatives to the provisions of section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2103 (introduced as HJ Res. 59 (113th Congress)) before the effective date of that section and the amendments made by that section.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a sense of the Senate resolution to address the issue of military retirement pay in this budget proposal.

It is the responsibility of Congress to get our fiscal house in order and that all government spending should be examined to achieve that goal. However, this budget proposal disproportionately targets the retirees of the U.S. Armed Forces in the name of fiscal responsibility.

We, as a body, acknowledge military retirees, both those who served full careers and those who have medically retired and their survivors. They have provided great service and sacrificed much for our country. Making decisions regarding future spending cuts would be difficult and painful, but the solution should require contributions from all Americans, not just our servicemembers who have sacrificed so much.

Therefore, I, along with Senator ISAKSON—and I am pleased to say Sen-

ator MURKOWSKI and Senator MCCAIN—have joined in offering a sense of the Senate resolution that military retirees should not unfairly bear the burden of our excessive government spending.

Our military retirees earned the benefits they were promised upon entering the military, and it is our duty to protect them.

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator CHAMBLISS in this sense-of-the-Senate resolution. It is absolutely important that we not disproportionately burden those who have served us and who have saved us, and our veterans have done both. As we deal with the difficult decisions in the years ahead on getting our debt and our deficit in order, it is important that we all share part of the burden, that we all put our shoulder to the yoke and we make sure we don't disproportionately put it on our veterans or on any segment of our society. We are all in this together. But, most importantly, we are all here today because of the sacrifice of our men and women in harm's way, and we cannot single them out for disproportionate savings in terms of the budget and the deficit.

I commend Senator CHAMBLISS on his leadership, and I am happy to join him in this resolution.

SENATE RESOLUTION 324—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO THE TRAGIC SHOOTING AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2013, OF EMPLOYEES OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 324

Whereas on November 1, 2013, a gunman entered Terminal 3 of the Los Angeles International Airport and opened fire at a security checkpoint, targeting the Transportation Security Officers who are charged with protecting our aviation system and the people of the United States;

Whereas Gerardo Hernandez, a 39-year-old resident of Porter Ranch, California, a beloved husband and father of two, lost his life in the shooting and tragically became the first Transportation Security Officer to be killed in the performance of his duties;

Whereas James Speer and Tony Grigsby, dedicated Transportation Security Officers and colleagues of the deceased officer, were wounded in the attack;

Whereas a member of the traveling public, Brian Ludmer, a 29-year-old high school teacher from Lake Forest, Illinois, was also injured; and

Whereas Transportation Security Officers, law enforcement personnel, first responders, and medical professionals acted courageously to subdue the gunman, secure the airport, help move passengers out of harm's way, and treat victims of the attack;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) strongly condemns the senseless and appalling act of violence carried out at Los An-

geles International Airport on November 1, 2013;

(2) offers its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Gerardo Hernandez;

(3) honors the dedicated public service of Gerardo Hernandez, James Speer, and Tony Grigsby;

(4) sends its hope for a quick recovery to the other victims of the horrific attack; and

(5) remains committed to preventing similar tragedies from happening again.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2600. Ms. AYOTTE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3304, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2601. Ms. AYOTTE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3304, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2602. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3304, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2600. Ms. AYOTTE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3304, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. ____ . REPEAL OF ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF RETIRED PAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES UNDER THE AGE OF 62.

(a) REPEAL.—Effective immediately after the enactment of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 is repealed.

(b) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER REQUIRED TO CLAIM THE REFUNDABLE PORTION OF THE CHILD TAX CREDIT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT WITH RESPECT TO TAXPAYER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any taxpayer for any taxable year unless the taxpayer includes the taxpayer's Social Security number on the return of tax for such taxable year.

“(B) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a joint return, the requirement of subparagraph (A) shall be treated as met if the Social Security number of either spouse is included on such return.

“(C) LIMITATION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to the extent the tentative minimum tax (as defined in section 55(b)(1)(A)) exceeds the credit allowed under section 32.”.

(2) OMISSION TREATED AS MATHEMATICAL OR CLERICAL ERROR.—Subparagraph (I) of section 6213(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(I) an omission of a correct Social Security number required under section 24(d)(5) (relating to refundable portion of child tax credit), or a correct TIN under section 24(e) (relating to child tax credit), to be included on a return.”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (e) of section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting “WITH RESPECT TO QUALIFYING CHILDREN” after “IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT” in the heading thereof.

(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 2601. Ms. AYOTTE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3304, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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(b) STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCES BASED ON THE RECEIPT OF ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—

(1) STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE.—Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

(A) in subsection (e)(6)(C), by striking clause (iv); and

(B) in subsection (k), by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) THIRD PARTY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS.—For purposes of subsection (d)(1), a payment made under a State law (other than a law referred to in paragraph (2)(G)) to provide energy assistance to a household shall be considered money payable directly to the household.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 2605(f)(2) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8624(f)(2)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “and for purposes of determining any excess shelter expense deduction under section 5(e) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e))”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: “, except that such payments or allowances shall not be considered to be expended for purposes of determining any excess shelter expense deduction under section 5(e)(6) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(6))”.

SA 2602. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3304, to authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to Bennie G. Adkins and Donald P. Sloat of the United States Army for

acts of valor during the Vietnam Conflict and to authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to certain other veterans who were previously recommended for award of the Medal of Honor; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . MEDALS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WHO WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN AN ATTACK PERPETRATED BY A HOMETOWN VIOLENT EXTREMIST WHO WAS INSPIRED OR MOTIVATED BY A FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

(a) PURPLE HEART.—

(1) AWARD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1129 the following new section:

“§ 1129a. Purple Heart: members killed or wounded in attacks of hometown violent extremists motivated or inspired by foreign terrorist organizations

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of the award of the Purple Heart, the Secretary concerned shall treat a member of the armed forces described in subsection (b) in the same manner as a member who is killed or wounded as a result of an international terrorist attack against the United States.

“(b) COVERED MEMBERS.—A member described in this subsection is a member on active duty who was killed or wounded in an attack perpetrated by a hometown violent extremist who was inspired or motivated to engage in violent action by a foreign terrorist organization in circumstances where the death or wound is the result of an attack targeted on the member due to such member’s status as a member of the armed forces, unless the death or wound is the result of willful misconduct of the member.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘foreign terrorist organization’ means an entity designated as a foreign terrorist organization by the Secretary of State pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

“(2) The term ‘hometown violent extremist’ shall have the meaning given that term by the Secretary of Defense in regulations prescribed for purposes of this section.”.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 57 of this title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1129 the following new item:

“1129a. Purple Heart: members killed or wounded in attacks of hometown violent extremists motivated or inspired by foreign terrorist organizations.”.

(2) RETROACTIVE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.—

(A) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as of September 11, 2001.

(B) REVIEW OF CERTAIN PREVIOUS INCIDENTS.—The Secretaries concerned shall undertake a review of each death or wounding of a member of the Armed Forces that occurred between September 11, 2001, and the date of the enactment of this Act under circumstances that could qualify as being the result of the attack of a hometown violent extremist as described in section 1129a of title 10, United States Code (as added by paragraph (1)), to determine whether the death or wounding qualifies as a death or wounding resulting from a hometown violent extremist attack motivated or inspired by a foreign terrorist organization for purposes of the award of the Purple Heart pursuant to such section (as so added).

(C) ACTIONS FOLLOWING REVIEW.—If the death or wounding of a member of the Armed Forces reviewed under subparagraph (B) is determined to qualify as a death or wounding resulting from a hometown violent extremist attack motivated or inspired by a foreign terrorist organization as described in section 1129a of title 10, United States Code (as so added), the Secretary concerned shall take appropriate action under such section to award the Purple Heart to the member.

(D) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(9) of title 10, United States Code.

(b) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MEDAL FOR THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM.—

(1) REVIEW OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2009 ATTACK AT FORT HOOD, TEXAS.—If the Secretary concerned determines, after a review under subsection (a)(2)(B) regarding the attack that occurred at Fort Hood, Texas, on November 5, 2009, that the death or wounding of any member of the Armed Forces in that attack qualified as a death or wounding resulting from a hometown violent extremist attack motivated or inspired by a foreign terrorist organization as described in section 1129a of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), the Secretary of Defense shall make a determination as to whether the death or wounding of any civilian employee of the Department of Defense or civilian contractor in the same attack meets the eligibility criteria for the award of the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of Freedom.

(2) AWARD.—If the Secretary of Defense determines under paragraph (1) that the death or wounding of any civilian employee of the Department of Defense or civilian contractor in the attack that occurred at Fort Hood, Texas, on November 5, 2009, meets the eligibility criteria for the award of the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of Freedom, the Secretary shall take appropriate action to award the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of Freedom to the employee or contractor.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled, “What Information Do Data Brokers Have On Consumers, and How Do They Use It?”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on December 18, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet