

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:

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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:

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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.”.