

SEC. 204. TERMINATION OF COLLECTION OF LOAN FEES FROM VETERANS RATED ELIGIBLE FOR COMPENSATION AT PRE-DISCHARGE RATING EXAMINATIONS.

Section 3729(c) is amended—
 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “A fee”; and
 (2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) A veteran who is rated eligible to receive compensation as a result of a pre-discharge disability examination and rating shall be treated as receiving compensation for purposes of this subsection as of the date on which the veteran is rated eligible to receive compensation as a result of the pre-discharge disability examination and rating without regard to whether an effective date of the award of compensation is established as of that date.”.

TITLE III—OTHER BENEFITS AND BENEFITS MATTERS

Subtitle A—Employment Benefits

SEC. 301. AVAILABILITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL REDRESS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS DENIED OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT.

(a) ADMINISTRATIVE REDRESS.—Section 3330a(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “(A)” after “(1)”; and
 (2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) A veteran described in section 3304(f)(1) who alleges that an agency has violated such section with respect to such veteran may file a complaint with the Secretary of Labor.”.

(b) JUDICIAL REDRESS.—Section 3330b(a)(1) of such title is amended by inserting “, or a veteran described by section 3330a(a)(1)(B) with respect to a violation described by such section,” after “a preference eligible”.

Subtitle B—Medical Benefits

SEC. 311. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF CO-PAYMENTS FOR HOSPICE CARE.

Section 1710B(c)(2) is amended—
 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph (B):

“(B) to a veteran being furnished hospice care under this section; or”.

Subtitle C—Extension of Benefits and Related Authorities

SEC. 321. EXTENSION OF VARIOUS AUTHORITIES RELATING TO BENEFITS FOR VETERANS.

(a) SIX-YEAR EXTENSION OF BIENNIAL REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.—Section 541(c)(1) is amended by striking “2003” and inserting “2009”.

(b) PERMANENT AUTHORITY FOR COUNSELING AND TREATMENT FOR SEXUAL TRAUMA.—Section 1720D(a) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “During the period through December 31, 2004, the Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”; and
 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “, during the period through December 31, 2004.”.

(c) FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF REPORTS BY SPECIAL MEDICAL ADVISORY GROUP.—Section 7312(d) is amended by striking “December 31, 2004” and inserting “December 31, 2009”.

Subtitle D—Other Matters

SEC. 331. MODIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBER FOR PURPOSES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY VETERANS.

Subsection (d) of section 544 is amended to read as follows:

“(d) In this section, the term ‘minority group member’ means an individual who is—

- “(1) American Indian or Alaska Native;
- “(2) Asian;
- “(3) Black or African American;
- “(4) Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; or
- “(5) of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin.”.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 368—COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CAVALIERS WOMEN’S LACROSSE TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2004 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN’S LACROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 368

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of the University of Virginia are to be congratulated for their commitment and pride in the University of Virginia Cavaliers National Champion women’s lacrosse team;

Whereas in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship game against the Princeton Tigers, the Cavaliers raced out to a 5 to 1 halftime lead on the strength of 8 saves by tournament Most Valuable Player Andrea Pfeiffer and 2 goals and an assist from Tyler Leachman;

Whereas the Cavaliers won the 2004 NCAA Division I women’s lacrosse National Championship with an outstanding second half performance, scoring 5 goals to the Princeton Tigers’ 3 goals to win by a score of 10 to 4;

Whereas the Cavaliers added the NCAA women’s lacrosse title to their Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) title to claim their second championship in 2004;

Whereas every player on the Cavalier women’s lacrosse team—Amy Appelt, Caitlin Banks, Bridget Bradley, Kate Breslin, Laura Burns, Cary Chasney, Kim Connors, Ashley Dodson, Ashleigh Haas, Julie Hauser, Megan Havrilla, Carol Hotarek, Lauren Keller, Meredith Lazarus, Tyler Leachman, Nikki Leib, Chelsea Metz, Ginger Miles, Jessy Morgan, Erin Nagle, Andrea Pfeiffer, Elizabeth Pinney, Kaitlin Swagart, Erin Sweeney, Morgan Thalenberg, Molly Unlock, Jess Wasilewski, and Courtney Young—contributed to the team’s success in this impressive championship season;

Whereas the Cavaliers women’s lacrosse team Head Coach Julie Myers has won more than 100 games and has taken her teams to the NCAA title game 4 times, a feat only accomplished by 4 other coaches in women’s lacrosse Division I history;

Whereas Coach Myers’s 8 consecutive invitations to the NCAA lacrosse tournament has only been accomplished by 4 other coaches in women’s lacrosse Division I history;

Whereas Coach Myers entered this season, her ninth year at the University of Virginia, as Head Coach with 2 NCAA women’s lacrosse titles—1 as a player (1991) and 1 as an assistant coach (1993);

Whereas Julie Myers is the third person in NCAA women’s lacrosse history to win a title as both a player and a coach, and is the first person to play for the championship both as a player and as a head coach; and

Whereas assistant coaches Heather Dow, Kateri Linville, and Colleen Shearer deserve high commendation for their strong leadership of, and superb coaching support to, the

University of Virginia Cavaliers women’s lacrosse team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Virginia Cavaliers women’s lacrosse team for winning the 2004 NCAA Division I women’s lacrosse National Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team’s players, coaches, and support staff, and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Head Coach of the National Champion University of Virginia Cavaliers women’s lacrosse team.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3251. Mr. TALENT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3252. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2400, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3253. Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. PRYOR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2400, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3254. Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. PRYOR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2400, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3255. Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2400, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3256. Mr. CAMPBELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1955, to make technical corrections to laws relating to Native Americans, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3251. Mr. TALENT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. 1068. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON AMERICA’S NATIONAL WORLD WAR I MUSEUM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Liberty Memorial Museum in Kansas City, Missouri, was built in 1926 in honor of those individuals who served in World War I in defense of liberty and the Nation.

(2) The Liberty Memorial Association, a nonprofit organization which originally built the Liberty Memorial Museum, is responsible for the finances, operations, and collections management of the Liberty Memorial Museum.