

less” and inserting “multiplied by \$15,000; less”.

SEC. 1401A. PAYMENT OF INSURANCE BENEFITS OF RETIREES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1114(j) of title 11, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(j)(1) No claim for retiree benefits shall be limited by section 502(b)(7).

“(2)(A) Each retiree whose benefits are modified pursuant to subsection (e)(1) or (g) shall have a claim in an amount equal to the value of the benefits lost as a result of such modification. Such claim shall be reduced by the amount paid by the debtor under subparagraph (B).

“(B)(i) In accordance with section 1129(a)(13)(B), the debtor shall pay the retiree with a claim under subparagraph (A) an amount equal to the cost of 18 months of premiums on behalf of the retiree and the dependents of the retiree under section 602(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1162(3)), which amount shall not exceed the amount of the claim under subparagraph (A).

“(ii) If a retiree under clause (i) is not eligible for continuation coverage (as defined in section 602 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974), the Secretary of Labor shall determine the amount to be paid by the debtor to the retiree based on the 18-month cost of a comparable health insurance plan.

“(C) Any amount of the claim under subparagraph (A) that is not paid under subparagraph (B) shall be a general unsecured claim.”.

(b) CONFIRMATION OF PLAN.—Section 1129(a)(13) of title 11, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(13) The plan provides—

“(A) for the continuation after its effective date of the payment of all retiree benefits (as defined in section 1114), at the level established pursuant to subsection (e)(1) or (g) of section 1114, at any time before the confirmation of the plan, for the duration of the period the debtor has obligated itself to provide such benefits; and

“(B) that the holder of a claim under section 1114(j)(2)(A) shall receive from the debtor, on the effective date of the plan, cash equal to the amount calculated under section 1114(j)(2)(B).”.

(c) RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of Labor shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the amendments made by this section.

SA 25. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 473, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 1236. PROTECTION OF COAL INDUSTRY HEALTH BENEFITS.

Section 9711(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to rules applicable to this part and part II) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION AND MODIFICATION OF BENEFITS.—Except as provided in subsection (d), the benefits required to be provided by a last signatory operator under this chapter may not be terminated or modified by any court in a proceeding under title 11 of the United States Code or by agreement at any time when such operator is participating in such a proceeding.”.

SA 26. Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an

amendment to the bill S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 132, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 234. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION.

(a) RESTRICTION OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BANKRUPTCY CASE FILES.—Section 107 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (b), and inserting the following:

“(b) On request of a party in interest, the bankruptcy court shall, and on the bankruptcy court’s own motion, may, protect a person with respect to a trade secret or confidential research, development, or commercial information.

“(c) The bankruptcy court, for cause, may protect an individual, with respect to—

“(1) any means of identification (as defined in section 1028(d) of title 18) contained in a paper filed, or to be filed, in a case under this title; or

“(2) information contained in a paper described in paragraph (1) that could cause undue annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or risk of injury to person or property.”.

(b) SECURITY OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER OF DEBTOR IN NOTICE TO CREDITOR.—Section 342(c) of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “last 4 digits of the” before “taxpayer identification number”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following: “If the notice concerns an amendment that adds a creditor to the schedules of assets and liabilities, the debtor shall include the full taxpayer identification number in the notice sent to that creditor, but the debtor shall include only the last 4 digits of the taxpayer identification number in the copy of the notice filed with the court.”.

SA 27. Mr. CHAFEE (for himself and Mr. REED) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 196, line 14, insert “, other than redemptions under section 722 of this title,” after “claim”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing, entitled Power Generation Resource Incentives & Diversity Standards, will be held on Tuesday, March 8 at 2:30 p.m., in Room SD-366.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding ways to encourage the diversification of power generation resources. Issues to be discussed include: renewable portfolio standards (RPS) efforts among states and the cost and benefits of a federal RPS program. New approaches to promoting a variety of clean power resources, such as wind, solar, clean coal technology and nuclear power, will also be considered.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact: Shane Perkins at 202-224-7555.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will hold two hearings to consider the reauthorization of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The first hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at 10 a.m., in SD-106, Dirksen Senate Office Building. The second hearing will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2005, at 10 a.m., in SR-328A, Russell Senate Office Building. Senator SAXBY CHAMBLISS will preside at both hearings.

For further information, please contact Robert Sturm at 202-224-2035.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 1, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony from combatant commanders on their military strategy and operational requirements, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Mr. Ronald A. Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 1, at 10 a.m., to receive testimony on the President’s proposed budget for FY 2006 for the Department of the Interior.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to