

other arrangements as the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs consider appropriate with the Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury, appropriate entities within the Department of Veterans Affairs, or other Federal entities to carry out the purpose of this section.”

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 55 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1105 the following new items:

“1105a. Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury.

“1105b. Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

“1105c. Joint Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Research Initiative.”

(e) REPORTS ON ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) REPORT BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the establishment of the Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury required by section 1105a of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), and the establishment of the Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder required by section 1105b of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (b)). The report shall, for each such Center—

(A) describe in detail the activities and proposed activities of such Center; and

(B) assess the progress of such Center in discharging the responsibilities of such Center.

(2) JOINT REPORT BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to Congress a report on the establishment of the Joint Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Research Initiative required by section 1105c of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (c)). The report shall—

(A) describe in detail the activities and proposed activities of such Research Initiative; and

(B) assess the progress of such Research Initiative in discharging the responsibilities of such Research Initiative.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Defense for Defense Health Program, \$15,000,000, of which—

(1) \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury required by section 1105a of title 10, United States Code;

(2) \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Center of Excellence in Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder required by section 1105b of title 10, United States Code; and

(3) \$5,000,000 shall be available for the Joint Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Research Initiative required by section 1105c of title 10, United States Code.

SA 2188. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following:

SEC. 214. ASSESSMENT OF ACQUISITION OF THE COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE REPLACEMENT VEHICLE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended for a contract for the procurement of the Combat Search and Rescue Replacement Vehicle (CSAR-X) until the later of—

(1) 60 legislative days after the date of the approval of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; or

(2) the submittal by the Secretary of the Defense to the congressional defense committees of written notice in accordance with established procedures.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that, in addition to the limitation in subsection (a), no amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense should be obligated or expended for a contract for the procurement of the Combat Search and Rescue Replacement Vehicle until the resolution by the Comptroller General of all pending bid protests with respect to the Combat Search and Rescue Replacement Vehicle.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1634, a bill to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes.

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, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to britni_rillera@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Allen Stayman at (202) 224-7865 or Britni Rillera at (202) 224-1219.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL AND PRIVATE SECTOR FOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 2 p.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Private Sector Preparedness, Part II: protecting our critical infrastructure.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

This hearing will address issues relating to telephone number portability.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of Clarence H. Albright, of South Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Energy; Lisa E. Epifani, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs; James L. Caswell, of Idaho, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and Brent T. Wahlquist of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “Airport Airways Trust Fund: The Future of Aviation Financing.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing on the nomination of Dr. James W. Holsinger to be Medical Director and Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of