

of monuments and sites in times of crisis, war, or natural disaster;

Whereas, in an age of increasing conflict and volatility, the World Heritage Convention is more important than ever in ensuring the protection of priceless historical treasures;

Whereas the recent upheaval in Egypt, which threatened artifacts from the antiquities museum in Cairo, and mounting concerns about the destruction of the Roman ruins of Leptis Magna and other ancient cities in Libya serve as reminders of the crucial role UNESCO plays in promoting protection and conservation;

Whereas, through its List of World Heritage in Danger, UNESCO seeks to work with national governments to preserve natural and cultural sites under duress, by raising international awareness and providing local authorities with the support they need;

Whereas, in Afghanistan, UNESCO's safeguarding campaign is premised on the belief that a shared cultural heritage can strengthen national identity and create a common sense of ownership over the country's past and future;

Whereas the United States Government provides considerable assistance to World Heritage sites around the globe through programs such as the National Park Service's World Heritage Fellowship, which provides site managers from developing countries with training at World Heritage sites in the United States, including Everglades, Grand Canyon, Hawaii Volcanoes, and Olympic National Parks;

Whereas the World Heritage Centre has formed innovative partnerships with several private organizations in the United States, including new interactive tools that allow users to virtually tour UNESCO World Heritage sites from their computers;

Whereas April 18th has been endorsed by the UNESCO General Conference as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, also known as World Heritage Day; and

Whereas the 39th anniversary of the day in 2011 reflects a long-standing commitment to the celebration and preservation of natural and cultural sites around the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the mission of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention;

(2) acknowledges the 39th anniversary of the International Day for Monuments and Sites; and

(3) commends UNESCO and its role in preserving and celebrating natural and cultural sites worldwide.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 278. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 279. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 280. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 281. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 282. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 493, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 278. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 73, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 209. INITIATIVE TO PUBLICIZE THE SBIR PROGRAMS AND STTR PROGRAMS TO VETERANS.

(a) INITIATIVE.—The Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall develop an initiative to use programs of the Administration in effect on the date of enactment of this Act—

(1) to publicize the SBIR programs and STTR programs of the Federal agencies to veterans recently separated from service in the Armed Forces; and

(2) to encourage veterans with applicable technical skills to apply for awards under the SBIR programs and STTR programs of the Federal agencies.

(b) LIMITATION.—Neither the Administrator nor the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may hire additional employees or enter into additional contracts for services to carry out this section.

SA 279. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ PROHIBITION ON USING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO REPAY TARP FUNDS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person may repay or refinance amounts received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program established under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-343) using funds received in any form under any other Federal assistance program.

SA 280. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 493, to reauthorize and improve the SBIR and STTR programs, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 83, strike lines 8 and 9 and insert the following:

“(v) the names and titles of the key individuals that will carry out the project, the position each key individual holds in the small business concern, and contact information for each key individual;

On page 85, strike lines 22 through 24 and insert the following:

program that has been—

“(i) convicted of a fraud-related crime involving funding received under the SBIR program or STTR program; or

“(ii) found civilly liable for a fraud-related violation involving funding received under the SBIR program or STTR program.”; and

On page 89, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 90, line 10, and insert the following:

“(A) continue the most recent study under this section relating to the issues described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (E) of subsection (a)(1);

“(B) make recommendations with respect to the issues described in subparagraphs (A), (D), and (E) of subsection (a)(2); and

On page 95, line 7, strike “the waste,” and all that follows through “2011” on line 10 and insert “waste, fraud, and abuse prevention activities”.

On page 96, line 13, strike the quotation marks and the second period and insert the following:

“(4) COORDINATION WITH IG.—Each Federal agency shall coordinate the activities funded under subparagraph (E), (F), or (G) of paragraph (1) with their respective Inspectors General, when appropriate, and each Federal agency that allocates more than \$50,000,000 to the SBIR program of the Federal agency for a fiscal year may share such funding with its Inspector General when the Inspector General performs such activities.”.

On page 99, strike lines 17 through 19 and insert the following:

(1) AMENDMENTS REQUIRED FOR FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE PREVENTION.—Not later

On page 100, strike line 1 and all that follows through page 102, line 4, and insert the following:

(2) CONTENT OF AMENDMENTS.—The amendments required under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) definitions or descriptions of fraud, waste, and abuse;

(B) guidelines for the monitoring and oversight of applicants to and recipients of awards under the SBIR program or the STTR program;

(C) a requirement that each Federal agency that participates in the SBIR program or STTR program include information concerning the method established by the Inspector General of the Federal agency to report fraud, waste, and abuse (including any telephone hotline or Web-based platform)—

(i) on the website of the Federal agency; and

(ii) in any solicitation or notice of funding opportunity issued by the Federal agency for the SBIR program or the STTR program;

(D) a requirement that each applicant for funding under the SBIR program or STTR program shall certify that the applicant—

(i) is a small business concern; and

(ii) has disclosed the names of any other Federal agency to which the applicant has submitted an essentially equivalent work proposal, as defined under the SBIR Policy Directive and the STTR Policy Directive;

(E) a requirement that each small business concern that receives funding under the SBIR program or the STTR program, when requesting payment for work performed under an award under the program, shall certify that the small business concern—

(i) has performed all work for which the small business concern is requesting payment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award; and

(ii) has not received payment from another Federal agency for the same work; and

(F) a requirement that, for each certification under subparagraph (D) or (E), an individual who may bind the small business concern acknowledge that—

(i) the statements in the certification are true and complete to the best of the knowledge of the individual; and

(ii) the provision of false information or concealing a material fact is a criminal offense under section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

(3) CONSULTATION.—The Administrator shall develop the certifications required under subparagraph (D) and (E) of paragraph (2) in cooperation with the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency.

(4) AMENDMENT TO INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978.—Section 4 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) Each Inspector General of each establishment that is required to participate in