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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PRYOR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Service Act for Care
5 and Relief Initiatives for Forces Injured in Combat En-
6 agements of 2004” or “SACRIFICE of 2004”.

7 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF SENATE.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following
9 findings:

1 (1) Members of the Armed Forces of the
2 United States place themselves in harms way in the
3 defense of democratic values and to keep the United
4 States safe.

5 (2) This call to duty has resulted in the ulti-
6 mate SACRIFICE of members of the Armed Forces
7 of the United States who are killed or critically in-
8 jured while serving the United States.

9 (b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Sen-
10 ate—

11 (1) to honor the SACRIFICE of the members
12 of the Armed Forces who have been killed or criti-
13 cally wounded while serving the United States;

14 (2) to recognize the heroic efforts of the med-
15 ical personnel of the Armed Forces in treating
16 wounded military personnel and civilians; and

17 (3) to support advanced medical technologies
18 that assist the medical personnel of the Armed
19 Forces in saving lives and reducing disability rates
20 for members of the Armed Forces.

21 **SEC. 3. POLICY ON TRACKING OF WOUNDED FROM COMBAT**
22 **ZONES.**

23 (a) POLICY.—Not later than 120 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
25 shall—

1 (1) prescribe the policy of the Department of
2 Defense for providing timely notification to the next
3 of kin of the status, including health and location,
4 of members of the Armed Forces who are seriously
5 ill or injured in a combat zone; and

6 (2) transmit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
7 ices of the Senate and House of Representatives a
8 copy of the policy prescribed under subparagraph
9 (A).

10 (b) ELEMENTS.—The policy prescribed under sub-
11 section (a) shall ensure respect for the expressed desires
12 of individual members of the Armed Forces regarding no-
13 tification of next of kin under the policy, and shall also
14 include standards of timeliness for the initial and con-
15 tinuing notification of next of kin under the policy.

16 **SEC. 4. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND COMBAT CASUALTY**
17 **TECHNOLOGIES.**

18 (a) FUNDING FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND COM-
19 BAT CASUALTY TECHNOLOGIES.—(1) Funds are hereby
20 authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2005 for the
21 use of the Department of Defense for research, develop-
22 ment, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide activities, in the
23 amount of \$10,000,000.

24 (2) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by
25 paragraph (1) for research, development, test, and evalua-

1 tion, Defense-wide activities, \$10,000,000 shall be allo-
2 cated to Program Element PE 0603826D8Z and avail-
3 able for medical equipment and combat casualty care tech-
4 nologies.

5 (b) OFFSET.—(1) Of the amount authorized to be ap-
6 propriated by section 301(1) of the National Defense Au-
7 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 for operation and
8 maintenance for the Army, \$2,500,000 of the amount oth-
9 erwise available for travel shall not be available for any
10 purpose.

11 (2) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by
12 section 301(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act
13 for Fiscal Year 2005 for operation and maintenance for
14 the Navy, \$2,500,000 of the amount otherwise available
15 for travel shall not be available for any purpose.

16 (3) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by
17 section 301(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act
18 for Fiscal Year 2005 for operation and maintenance for
19 the Air Force, \$2,500,000 of the amount otherwise avail-
20 able for travel shall not be available for any purpose.

21 (4) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by
22 section 301(5) of the National Defense Authorization Act
23 for Fiscal Year 2005 for operation and maintenance for
24 Defense-wide activities, \$2,500,000 of the amount other-

- 1 wise available for travel shall not be available for any pur-
- 2 pose.

