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To improve security at Armed Forces recruitment centers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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A BILL

To improve security at Armed Forces recruitment centers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Securing Military Personnel Response Firearm Initiative Act'' or ''SEMPER FI Act''.

SEC. 2. IMPROVED SECURITY MEASURES FOR PROTECTION OF ARMED FORCES RECRUITMENT CENTERS AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACK.

(a) SERVICE-ISSUE SIDEARMS AUTHORIZED FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS.—The Secretary concerned shall authorize an eligible member of the Armed Forces assigned

to duty at an Armed Forces recruitment center to carry a service-issue sidearm as a personal- or force-protection measure while on duty at the recruiting center notwithstanding any Federal, State, or local law or Department of Defense policy to the contrary.

(b) ALTERNATIVE OR ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES.—In lieu of authorizing eligible members of the Armed Forces to carry a service-issue sidearm under subsection (a) or in addition to authorizing such members to carry a service-issue sidearm under such subsection, the Secretary concerned may develop and implement additional security measures for Armed Forces recruitment centers under the jurisdiction of the Secretary concerned, including improved structural security measures.

(c) RELATION TO POSSE COMITATUS ACT.—This section shall not be interpreted to grant any member of the Armed Forces the authority to conduct civilian law enforcement functions within the territory of the United States.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The terms ''Armed Forces'' and ''Secretary concerned'' have the meanings given those terms in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code.

(2) The term ''eligible member'' means a member of the Armed Forces who is an officer or non-commissioned officer.

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