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NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senator from New York, Mrs. CLINTON, be recognized for 5 minutes to speak?

Mr. WARNER. We would have to lay this aside. We are waiting for the Chair to rule.

Mr. REID. It doesn't have to be laid aside.

Mr. WARNER. We wanted to clear the amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BOND. I promise I will speak very briefly. We discussed this amendment at great length today. This is an amendment designed to take care of and put in a special employee cohort, workers in some very dirty nuclear bomb plants in Iowa and Missouri, back in the 1940s and 1950s. At the request of the managers, we added a number of conditions to it. We worked through the authorizations, and the funding of it is by authorization. I believe we have worked that out.

I think the amendment will be set aside. If anybody is really interested in it we will be happy to refer them to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, and at the appropriate time we will come back and restate why this is so important. It is relatively inexpensive—\$180 million over 10 years. I hope my colleagues will be willing to accept it.

With that, I thank the managers and my cosponsors and I yield the floor.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I want to say at this time, we started today's very productive session of amendments with Senator BOND, who has remained on the floor now I would say about 9 hours, to obtain what you have right now. Well done, sir.

Mr. BOND. I thank my colleague.

Mr. WARNER. If it is agreeable to my colleagues, I ask unanimous consent that amendment be laid aside.

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

AMENDMENTS NOS. 3173, AS MODIFIED; 3202, 3440, AS MODIFIED; 3163, AS MODIFIED; 3199, AS MODIFIED; 3172, AS MODIFIED; 3245, AS MODIFIED; 3285, AS MODIFIED; 3254; 3413, AS MODIFIED; 3246; 3390, AS MODIFIED; 3273, AS MODIFIED; 3284, AS MODIFIED; 3434, AS MODIFIED; 3401; 3237, AS MODIFIED; 3279, AS MODIFIED

Mr. WARNER. I now send a package of amendments to the desk and ask they be considered en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, the amendments will be considered en bloc.

Is there debate?

Mr. LEVIN. These amendments have been cleared, I believe, on both sides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendments are agreed to en bloc.

The amendments were agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3173, AS MODIFIED

(Purpose: To provide for the supplemental subsistence allowance, imminent danger pay, family separation allowance, and certain federal assistance to be cumulative benefits; and to require a report on availability of social services to members of the Armed Forces)

On page 127, between the matter following line 5 and line 6, insert the following:

SEC. 621. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE AND ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE IMMINENT DANGER PAY, FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE, AND CERTAIN FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.

(a) ENTITLEMENT NOT AFFECTED BY RECEIPT OF IMMINENT DANGER PAY AND FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.—Subsection (b)(2) of section 402a of title 37, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A) shall not take into consideration—

“(i) the amount of the supplemental subsistence allowance that is payable under this section;

“(ii) the amount of special pay (if any) that is payable under section 310 of this section, relating to duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger; or

“(iii) the amount of family separation allowance (if any) that is payable under section 427 of this title; but”.

(b) ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 402a of such title is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (g) and (h) as subsections (h) and (i), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection (g):

“(g) ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER FEDERAL ASSISTANCE.—(1)(A) A child or spouse of a member of the armed forces receiving the supplemental subsistence allowance under this section who, except for the receipt of such allowance, would otherwise be eligible to receive a benefit described in subparagraph (B) shall be considered to be eligible for that benefit.

“(B) The benefits referred to in subparagraph (A) are as follows:

“(i) Assistance provided under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.).

“(ii) Assistance provided under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.).

“(iii) A service under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.).

“(iv) Assistance under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.).

“(2) A household that includes a member of the armed forces receiving the supplemental subsistence allowance under this section and, except for the receipt of such allowance, would otherwise be eligible to receive a benefit under the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.) shall be considered to be eligible for that benefit.”.

(c) REQUIREMENT FOR REPORT.—(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the committees of Congress named in paragraph (2) a report on the accessibility of social services to members of the Armed Forces and their families. The report shall include the following matters:

(A) The social services for which members of the Armed Forces and their families are eligible under social services programs generally available to citizens and other nationals of the United States.

(B) The extent to which members of the Armed Forces and their families utilize the social services for which they are eligible under the programs identified under subparagraph (A).

(C) The efforts made by each of the military departments—

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