

(c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 PERIOD.—The expenses of the committee for the period October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, under this section shall not exceed \$2,071,712, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for training consultants of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

(d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2009.—For the period October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009, expenses of the committee under this section shall not exceed \$879,131, of which amount—

(1) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for the procurement of the services of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946); and

(2) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for training consultants of the professional staff of such committee (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that Act).

SEC. 20. SPECIAL RESERVE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within the funds in the account “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations” appropriated by the legislative branch appropriation Acts for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009, there is authorized to be established a special reserve to be available to any committee funded by this resolution as provided in subsection (b) of which—

(1) an amount not to exceed \$4,375,000, shall be available for the period March 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; and

(2) an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000, shall be available for the period October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008; and

(3) an amount not to exceed \$3,125,000, shall be available for the period October 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009.

(b) AVAILABILITY.—The special reserve authorized in subsection (a) shall be available to any committee—

(1) on the basis of special need to meet unpaid obligations incurred by that committee during the periods referred to in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (a); and

(2) at the request of a Chairman and Ranking Member of that committee subject to the approval of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MODIFYING INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 743, which was introduced earlier today.

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

The clerk will state the bill by title. The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 743) to amend title 36, United States Code, to modify the individuals eligible for associate membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America, Incorporated.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be

read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 743) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 743

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

SECTION 1. MODIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED.

Section 140503(b) of title 36, United States Code, is amended by inserting “, spouses, siblings,” after “parents”.

RECOMMITTING TO A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN NORTHERN UGANDA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 16, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 16) calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD as if read, without intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 16) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 16

Whereas, for nearly two decades, the Government of Uganda has been engaged in an armed conflict with the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) that has resulted in up to 200,000 deaths from violence and disease and the displacement of more than 1,600,000 civilians from eastern and northern Uganda.

Whereas former United Nations Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator Jan Egeland has called the crisis in northern Uganda “the biggest forgotten, neglected humanitarian emergency in the world today”;

Whereas Joseph Kony, the leader of the LRA, and several of his associates have been indicted by the International Criminal Court

for war crimes and crimes against humanity, including rape, murder, enslavement, sexual enslavement, and the forced recruitment of an estimated 66,000 children;

Whereas the LRA is a severe and repeat violator of human rights and has continued to attack civilians and humanitarian aid workers despite a succession of ceasefire agreements;

Whereas the Secretary of State has labeled the LRA “vicious and cult-like” and designates it as a terrorist organization;

Whereas the 2005 Department of State report on the human rights record of the Government of Uganda found that “security forces committed unlawful killings ... and were responsible for deaths as a result of torture” along with other “serious problems,” including repression of political opposition, official impunity, and violence against women and children;

Whereas, in the 2004 Northern Uganda Crisis Response Act (Public Law 108-283; 118 Stat. 912), Congress declared its support for a peaceful resolution of the conflict in northern and eastern Uganda and called for the United States and the international community to assist in rehabilitation, reconstruction, and demobilization efforts;

Whereas the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement, which was mediated by the Government of Southern Sudan and signed by representatives of the Government of Uganda and the LRA on August 20, 2006, and extended on November 1, 2006, requires both parties to cease all hostile military and media offensives and asks the Sudan People's Liberation Army to facilitate the safe assembly of LRA fighters in designated areas for the duration of the peace talks;

Whereas the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement is set to expire on February 28, 2007, and although both parties to the agreement have indicated that they are willing to continue with the peace talks, no date has been set for resumption of the talks, and recent reports have suggested that both rebel and Government forces are preparing to return to war;

Whereas a return to civil war would yield disastrous results for the people of northern Uganda and for regional stability, while peace in Uganda will bolster the fragile Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan and de-escalate tensions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

Whereas continuing violence and instability obstruct the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the people of northern Uganda and impede national and regional trade, development and democratization efforts, and counter-terrorism initiatives; and

Whereas the Senate unanimously passed Senate Resolution 366, 109th Congress, agreed to February 6, 2006, and Senate Resolution 573, 109th Congress, agreed to September 19, 2006, calling on Uganda, Sudan, the United States, and the international community to bring justice and provide humanitarian assistance to northern Uganda and to support the successful transition from conflict to sustainable peace, while the House of Representatives has not yet considered comparable legislation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) disapproves of the LRA leadership's inconsistent commitment to resolving the conflict in Uganda peacefully;

(2) urges the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Government of Uganda to return to negotiations in order to extend and expand upon the existing ceasefire and to recommit to pursuing a political solution to this conflict;

(3) entreats all parties in the region to immediately cease human rights violations and

address, within the context of a broader national reconciliation process in Uganda, issues of accountability and impunity for those crimes against humanity already committed;

(4) presses leaders on both sides of the conflict in Uganda to renounce any intentions and halt any preparations to resume violence and to ensure that this message is clearly conveyed to armed elements under their control; and

(5) calls on the Secretary of State, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and the heads of other similar governmental agencies and nongovernmental organizations within the international community to continue and augment efforts to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in northern Uganda and to support a peaceful resolution to this crisis by publicly and forcefully reiterating the preceding demands.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF A NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 47, received from the House and at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 47) supporting the goals and ideals of a National Medal of Honor Day to celebrate and honor the recipients of the Medal of Honor.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, without intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 47) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 800

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 800 has been received from the House and is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 800) to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair labor practices during the organizing efforts, and for other purposes.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read a

second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2007

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 2; that on Friday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of S. 4, and that the time until 10 a.m. be for debate to run concurrently on the Sununu amendment No. 292 and the Salazar amendment No. 280, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators SUNUNU and SALAZAR or their designees; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote; and that at 10 a.m., without further intervening action or debate, the Senate vote in relation to the Sununu amendment; that upon disposition of the Sununu amendment, the Senate then vote in relation to the Salazar amendment; that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided between the votes.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:40 p.m., adjourned until Friday, March 2, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Thursday, March 1, 2007:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

- BRIGADIER GENERAL SHELBY G. BRYANT, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL HOWARD M. EDWARDS, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL NORMAN L. ELLIOTT, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL STEVEN E. FOSTER, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT D. IRETON, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL EMIL LASSEN III, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE T. LYNN, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT B. NEWMAN, JR., 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL TIMOTHY R. RUSH, 0000
- BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN M. SISCHO, 0000

To be brigadier general

- COLONEL CRAIG W. BLANKENSTEIN, 0000
- COLONEL WILLIAM J. CRISLER, JR., 0000
- COLONEL JOHNNY O. HUNTER, 0000
- COLONEL RODNEY K. HUNTER, 0000
- COLONEL JEFFREY R. JOHNSON, 0000
- COLONEL VERLE L. JOHNSTON, JR., 0000
- COLONEL JEFFREY S. LAWSON, 0000
- COLONEL BRUCE R. MACOMBER, 0000
- COLONEL GREGORY L. MARSTON, 0000
- COLONEL JAMES M. MCCORMACK, 0000
- COLONEL DEBRAH C. MCMANUS, 0000
- COLONEL JOHN E. MOONEY, JR., 0000
- COLONEL DANIEL L. PEABODY, 0000
- COLONEL KENNY RICKET, 0000
- COLONEL SCOTT B. SCHOFIELD, 0000

- COLONEL JOHN G. SHEEDY, 0000
- COLONEL JOHN B. SOLEAU, JR., 0000
- COLONEL FRANCIS A. TURLEY, 0000
- COLONEL JAMES R. WILSON, 0000
- COLONEL PAUL G. WORCESTER, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

- MAJ. GEN. BENJAMIN C. FREAKLEY, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

- COLONEL DAVID H. BERGER, 0000
- COLONEL WILLIAM D. BEYDLER, 0000
- COLONEL MARK A. BRILAKIS, 0000
- COLONEL MARK A. CLARK, 0000
- COLONEL DAVID C. GARZA, 0000
- COLONEL CHARLES L. HUDSON, 0000
- COLONEL RONALD J. JOHNSON, 0000
- COLONEL THOMAS M. MURRAY, 0000
- COLONEL LAWRENCE D. NICHOLSON, 0000
- COLONEL ANDREW W. O'DONNELL, JR., 0000
- COLONEL ROBERT R. RUARK, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be Brigadier General

- COL. TRACY L. GARRETT, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GINO L. AUTERI AND ENDING WITH JESUS E. ZARATE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRIAN E. BERGERON AND ENDING WITH LOLO WONG, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRIAN D. AFLECK AND ENDING WITH LORNA A. WESTFALL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH WILLIAM R. BAEZ AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL D. WEBB, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KENT D. ABBOTT AND ENDING WITH AN ZHU, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANTHONY J. PACENTA AND ENDING WITH CHARLES J. MALONE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TANSEL ACAR AND ENDING WITH DAVID A. ZIMLIKI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRIAN G. ACCOLA AND ENDING WITH DAVID H. ZONIES, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JEFFREY M. KLOSKY AND ENDING WITH ROBERT W. ROSS III, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2007.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF TODD A. PLIMPTON, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PERRY L. HAGAMAN AND ENDING WITH WILLIAM A. HALL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVID W. ADMIRE AND ENDING WITH D068041, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES A. ADAMEC AND ENDING WITH VANESSA WORSHAM, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DENNIS R. BELL AND ENDING WITH KENT J. VINCE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RONALD J. AQUINO AND ENDING WITH D068048, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MIYAKO N. SCHANELY, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANTHONY C. ADOLPH AND ENDING WITH KAIESHA N. WRIGHT, WHICH