Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 405, S. 1877.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1877) to amend the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995.

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

Ms. COLLINS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed, as follows:

The bill (S. 1877) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1877

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 "Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act Amendments of 1999".


(1) striking "regular"; and

(2) inserting "at predetermined and regular time intervals," after "report".

SEC. 3. EXEMPTIONS OF CERTAIN REPORTS FROM SUNSET. Section 3003(d) of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-66; 109 Stat. 734-36) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b) by striking "December 31, 1999" and inserting "April 30, 2000";

(2) inserting "at predetermined and regular time intervals," after "report".

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 403, S. 1503.

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

The bill (S. 1503) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1503

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1999".

(b) REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION.

(a) INCREASE IN RATES.—Section 1114 is amended—

(1) by striking "$95" in subsection (a) and inserting "$98";

(2) by striking "$182" in subsection (b) and inserting "$188";

(3) by striking "$279" in subsection (c) and inserting "$304";

(4) by striking "$399" in subsection (d) and inserting "$413";

(5) by striking "$599" in subsection (e) and inserting "$609";

(6) by striking "$717" in subsection (f) and inserting "$741";

(7) by striking "$965" in subsection (g) and inserting "$1,049";

(8) by striking "$1,049" in subsection (h) and inserting "$1,087";

(9) by striking "$1,181" in subsection (i) and inserting "$1,224";

(10) by striking "$1,964" in subsection (j) and inserting "$2,030";

(11) in subsection (k)—

(A) by striking "$76" both places it appears and inserting "$79"; and

(B) by striking "$2,443" and inserting "$2,533" and "$3,553", respectively; and

(12) by striking "$2,443" in subsection (l) and inserting "$2,533";

(13) by striking "$2,694" in subsection (n) and inserting "$2,794";

(14) by striking "$3,066" in subsection (o) and inserting "$3,179";

(15) by striking "$3,426" each place it appears in subsections (o) and (p) and inserting "$3,553";

(16) by striking "$4,028" and inserting "$4,326";

(17) by striking "$4,971" and "$5,271", respectively, and

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 1999

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on the bill (H.R. 2280) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2280) entitled "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid for service-connected disabilities, to enhance the compensation, memorial affairs, and housing programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve retirement authorities applicable to judges of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes", with the following amendments:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1999".

(b) REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.
(17) by striking "$2,199" in subsection (s) and inserting "$2,280".
(b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may authorize administratively, consistent with the increases authorized by this section, the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85–857 who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.
Section 1311(1) is amended—
(1) by striking "$114" in clause (A) and inserting "$117";
(2) by striking "$195" and "$60" in clause (B) and inserting "$201" and "$61", respectively; (3) by striking "$78" and "$50" in clause (C) and inserting "$80" and "$61", respectively;
(4) by striking "$92" in clause (D) and inserting "$95";
(5) by striking "$215" in clause (E) and inserting "$222"; and
(6) by striking "$186" in clause (F) and inserting "$201".

SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.
(1) DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.—Section 1314 is amended—
(a) NEW LAW RATES.—Section 1311(a) is amended—
(1) by striking "$361" in paragraph (1) and inserting "$373"; (2) by striking "$520" in paragraph (2) and inserting "$538"; (3) by striking "$675" in paragraph (3) and inserting "$699"; and
(4) by striking "$675" and "$332" in paragraph (4) and inserting "$699" and "$336", respectively.
(b) SUPPLEMENTAL DIC FOR DISABLED ADULT CHILDREN.—Section 1314 is amended—
(1) by striking "$215" in subsection (a) and inserting "$222";
(2) by striking "$361" in subsection (b) and inserting "$373"; and
(3) by striking "$182" in subsection (c) and inserting "$188".

SEC. 4. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.
Section 1162 is amended by striking "$528" and inserting "$538".

SEC. 5. DEPENDENCY AND INDENMITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.
(a) NEW LAW RATES.—Section 1311(a) is amended—
(1) by striking "$350" in paragraph (1) and inserting "$358"; and
(2) by striking "$385" in paragraph (2) and inserting "$391".
(b) OLD LAW RATES.—The table in section 1311(a)(2) is amended to read as follows:

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"1If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Marine Corps or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse’s rate shall be $1,082.
"2If the veteran served as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse’s rate shall be $1,082.

SEC. 6. DEPENDENCY AND INDENMITY COMPENSATION FOR CHILDREN.
(a) DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.—Section 1311(b) is amended by striking "$315" and inserting "$322".
(b) AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE.—Section 1312(c) is amended by striking "$215" and inserting "$222".
(c) HOUSEBOUND RATE.—Section 1311(d) is amended by striking "$104" and inserting "$107".

AMENDING THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT
Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate agree to the amendments of the House.

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

U.S. HOLOCAUST ASSETS COMMISSION EXTENSION ACT OF 1999
Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Banking Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2401, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2401) to amend the U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998 to extend the period by which the final report is due and to authorize additional funding. There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Ms. COLLINS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read the third time and passed.

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

The bill (H.R. 2401) was read the third time and passed.