

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 370) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 370

SECTION 1. INCREASE IN AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES RELATING TO FOREIGN INTERCHANGES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The first section of Senate Resolution 247, Eighty-seventh Congress, agreed to February 7, 1962 (as amended by section 3(c) of Senate Resolution 281, Ninety-sixth Congress, agreed to March 11, 1980) is amended by striking "\$25,000" and inserting "\$30,000".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date on which this resolution is agreed to and shall apply to fiscal year 2000 and each fiscal year thereafter.

MODIFICATION TO AMENDMENT NO. 4302 TO H.R. 2389

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that previously agreed to amendment No. 4302 to H.R. 2389 be modified with the change that is at the desk.

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

The modification is as follows:

Add the following subsection at the end of Section 102:

"SEC. 102(e). TIME FOR PAYMENT.—The payment to an eligible State under this section for a fiscal year shall be made as soon as practicable after the end of that fiscal year."

Add the following subsection at the end of Section 103:

"SEC. 103(d). TIME FOR PAYMENT.—The payment to an eligible county under this section for a fiscal year shall be made as soon as practicable after the end of that fiscal year."

INCREASE OF FEES CHARGED TO EMPLOYERS RELATIVE TO H-1B NONIMMIGRANT WORKERS

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5362 which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5362) to increase the amount of fees charged to employers who are petitioners for the employment of H-1B non-immigrant workers, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 5362) was read the third time and passed.

BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 2000

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 652, S. 2413.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2413) to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 4304

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, Senators CAMPBELL and LEAHY have an amendment at the desk, and I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK], for Mr. LEAHY, for himself and Mr. CAMPBELL, proposes an amendment numbered 4304.

The amendment is as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 4304

(Purpose: To provide an interim definition for armor vests)

On page 5, redesignate subsection (e) on line 18 as subsection (f) and insert after line 17 the following:

(e) INTERIM DEFINITION OF ARMOR VEST.—For purposes of part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended by this Act, the meaning of the term "armor vest" (as defined in section 2503 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 3796611-2)) shall, until the date on which a final NIJ Standard 0115.00 is first fully approved and implemented, also include body armor which has been found to meet or exceed the requirements for protection against stabbing established by the State in which the grantee is located.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 4304) was agreed to.

The bill (S. 2413), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2413

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 "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) the number of law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty would significantly decrease if every law enforcement officer in the United States had the protection of an armor vest;

(2) according to studies, between 1985 and 1994, 709 law enforcement officers in the United States were killed in the line of duty;

(3) the Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that the risk of fatality to law enforcement officers while not wearing an armor vest is 14 times higher than for officers wearing an armor vest;

(4) according to studies, between 1985 and 1994, bullet-resistant materials helped save the lives of more than 2,000 law enforcement officers in the United States; and

(5) the Executive Committee for Indian Country Law Enforcement Improvements reports that violent crime in Indian country has risen sharply, despite a decrease in the national crime rate, and has concluded that there is a "public safety crisis in Indian country".

SEC. 3. MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ARMOR VESTS.

(a) MATCHING FUNDS.—Section 2501(f) of part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 379611(f)) is amended—

(1) by striking "The portion" and inserting the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The portion";

(2) by striking "subsection (a)" and all that follows through the period at the end of the first sentence and inserting "subsection (a)—

"(A) may not exceed 50 percent; and

"(B) shall equal 50 percent, if—

"(i) such grant is to a unit of local government with fewer than 100,000 residents;

"(ii) the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance determines that the quantity of vests to be purchased with such grant is reasonable; and

"(iii) such portion does not cause such grant to violate the requirements of subsection (e)."; and

(3) by striking "Any funds" and inserting the following:

"(2) INDIAN ASSISTANCE.—Any funds".

(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 2501(g) of part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 379611(g)) is amended to read as follows:

"(g) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Funds available under this part shall be awarded, without regard to subsection (c), to each qualifying unit of local government with fewer than 100,000 residents. Any remaining funds available under this part shall be awarded to other qualifying applicants."

(c) APPLICATIONS.—Section 2502 of part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 379611-1) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) APPLICATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH PURCHASES.—If an application under this section is submitted in conjunction with a transaction for the purchase of armor vests, grant amounts under this section may not be used to fund any portion of that purchase unless, before the application is submitted, the applicant—

"(1) receives clear and conspicuous notice that receipt of the grant amounts requested in the application is uncertain; and

"(2) expressly assumes the obligation to carry out the transaction, regardless of whether such amounts are received."

(d) DEFINITION OF ARMOR VEST.—Section 2503(1) of part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 379611-2(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking "means body armor" and inserting the following: "means—

"(A) body armor";

(2) by adding "or" at the end; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) body armor that has been tested through the voluntary compliance testing