

(Mr. WELLSTONE), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. KERREY) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 44, a joint resolution supporting the Day of Honor 2000 to honor and recognize the service of minority veterans in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

S. RES. 247

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 247, a resolution commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ACT

BOND AMENDMENT NO. 3145

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 2) to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965; as follows:

At the end of Title X—General Provisions, insert the following section:

SEC. . DIRECT CHECK PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This part may be cited as the “Direct Check for Education Pilot Program”.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

- (1) education should be a national priority but must remain a local responsibility;
- (2) the Federal Government’s competitive grant regulations and involvement often create barriers and obstacles to local creativity and reform;
- (3) parents, teachers, and local school districts must be allowed and empowered to set local education priorities; and
- (4) schools and education professionals must be accountable to the people and children served.

(c) DEFINITION.—

(1) COMPETITIVE GRANTS.—The term “competitive grants” means programs in which local school districts apply directly to the Department of Education and which funding is determined and distributed by the Department to local school districts. This does not include formula funds.

(d) DIRECT AWARDS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—

(1) DIRECT AWARDS.—From amounts appropriated for competitive grant programs included in this Act and provided for under paragraph (3), the Secretary shall make direct awards to not more than 50 local educational agencies in amounts determined under paragraph (3) to enable the local educational agencies to support programs or activities, for kindergarten through grade 12 students, that the local educational agencies deem appropriate.

(A) Priority consideration shall be given by the Secretary to the first applicant from each State that is eligible. Sixty days after

the application deadline for this section as set by the Secretary, the Secretary may make funding available to multiple local educational agencies within a State as long as the total number of participating local educational agencies does not exceed fifty.

(2) FUNDING.—From amounts appropriated on an annual fiscal year basis for competitive grant programs included in this act, with the exclusion of Title II, the Secretary shall provide an amount from these funds available as determined under paragraph (3).

(3) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT.—

(A) PER CHILD AMOUNT.—The Secretary, using the information provided under subsection (e), shall determine a per child amount for a year by dividing the total amount appropriated under subsection (d)(2) for the year, by the average daily attendance of kindergarten through grade 12 students in all States for the preceding year.

(B) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY AWARD.—The Secretary, using the information provided under subsection (e), shall determine the amount provided to each local educational agency under this section for a year by multiplying.—

(i) the per child amount determined under subparagraph (A) for the year; by

(ii) the average daily attendance of kindergarten through grade 12 students that are served by the local educational agency for the preceding year.

(e) CENSUS DETERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each local educational agency shall conduct a census to determine the average daily attendance of kindergarten through grade 12 students served by the local educational agency not later than December 1 of each year.

(2) SUBMISSION.—Each local educational agency shall submit the number described in paragraph (1) to the Secretary not later than March 1 of each year.

(f) PENALTY.—If the Secretary determines that a local educational agency has knowingly submitted false information under subsection (e) for the purpose of gaining additional funds under this section, then the local educational agency shall be fined an amount equal to twice the difference between the amount the local educational agency received under this section, and the correct amount the local educational agency would have received under this section if the agency had submitted accurate information under subsection (e).

(g) DISBURSAL.—The Secretary shall disburse the amount awarded to a local educational agency under this section for a fiscal year not later than July 1 of each year.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

ROBB AMENDMENT NO. 3146

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ROBB submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him the bill (S. 2521) making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY

Out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appropriated

for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, for expenses, not otherwise provided for, necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Navy and the Marine Corps, as authorized by law, \$220,000,000: *Provided*, That the amount made available by this heading shall be available for ship depot maintenance; *Provided further*, That the entire amount made available by this heading is designated as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

● Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, tomorrow I intend to offer an amendment (No. 3146) to address our critical ship maintenance shortfalls in fiscal year 2000 as part of the military construction appropriations bill for fiscal year 2001. I am filing this amendment tonight.●

NOTICE OF HEARING

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold a hearing entitled “Phony IDs And Credentials On The Internet.” This Subcommittee hearing will focus on the widespread availability of false identification documents and credentials on the Internet and the criminal uses to which such identification is put.

The hearing will take place on Friday, May 19, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Lee Blalack of the Subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, in executive session, to mark up the FY 2001 Defense authorization bill.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing to consider the nominations of Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, Thomas Motley, and John Mott to be Associate Judges