made in the United States, such person shall be eligible to receive any executive or contract made with funds provided pursuant to this Act, pursuant to the debarment, suspension, and eligibility procedures described in section 5.400 through 5.409 of title 48, Code of Federal Regulations.

SEC. 306. Such sums as may be necessary are appropriated to the account described in subsection (a) of section 415 of Public Law 104–1 to pay awards and settlements as authorized under such subsection.

SEC. 307. Amounts available for administrative expenses of any legislative branch entity which participates in the Legislative Branch Financial Managers Council (LBFMCC) established by charter on March 9, 1996, shall be available to finance an appropriate share of LBFMCC costs as determined by the LBFMCC, except that the total LBFMCC costs to be shared among all participating legislative branch entities (in such allocations among the entities as the entities may determine) may not exceed $325,000.

SEC. 308. Section 316 of Public Law 101–302 is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subsection and inserting the words “and (2) the text of the George Washington letter to Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, in August 1790, which is on display at the B’nai B’rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C.”

SEC. 309. Section 5596(a) of title 5, U.S.C., is amended by deleting “and” at the end of subsection (4); by deleting the period at the end of paragraph (5) and inserting a semicolon, and by adding the following new paragraph (a) at the end of the subchapter:

(a) the effective dates for all personnel actions taken on or after the date of enactment of this Act;

SEC. 310. The Architect of the Capitol shall by section 9.400 through 9.409 of title 10, United States Code, appoint the Sen-

SEC. 311. (a) AUTHORITY OF ARCHITECT TO SET PAY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS.—Section 108 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2001 (40 U.S.C. 150b–3b) is amended as follows:

(1) Subsections (a) and (b) are deleted in their entirety and a new subsection (a) is added to read as follows:

“(a) The Architect of the Capitol may fix the rate of basic pay for any not less than 12 positions, at a rate not less than the minimum rate necessary to maintain an accounting and financial management system, including financial reporting and internal controls, which—

(1) complies with applicable federal accounting principles, standards, and requirements, and internal control standards;

(2) complies with any other requirements applicable to such systems; and

(3) provides for—

(A) complete, reliable, consistent, and timely information which is prepared on a uniform basis and which is responsive to financial information needs of the Architect of the Capitol;

(B) the development and reporting of cost information;

(C) the integration of accounting and budgeting information; and

(D) the systematic performance of measurement.

SEC. 312. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 16) expressing the sense of Congress that the George Washington letter to Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, in August 1790, which is on display at the B’nai B’rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., is one of the most significant early statements buttressing the nascent American constitutional guarantee of religious freedom; and

the letter: “For happily the Government of the United States, which Washington’s birthday to hear readings of the letter and to discuss how the letter’s message can be applied to contemporary challenges. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representa- The preamble was agreed to.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 94, S. Con. Res. 16.

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

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The preamble was agreed to.

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

S. CON. RES. 16

Whereas George Washington responded to a letter sent by Moses Seixas, warden of Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, in August 1790;

Whereas the letter from Touro Synagogue is the most famous of many congratulatory notes addressed to the new president by American Jewish congregations; and

Whereas Seixas articulated the following principle, which Washington repeated in his letter: “For happily the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance; requires only that who live under its protection, should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effec- tual support”;

Whereas this was the first statement of such a principle enunciated by a leader of the new United States Government;

Whereas this principle has become the cornerstone of United States religious and ethnic toleration as it has developed during the past two centuries;

Whereas the original letter is on display as part of the permanent collection of the B’nai B’rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas Americans of all religious faiths gather at Touro Synagogue each August on the anniversary of the date of the letter’s delivery and at the Klutznick Museum on George Washington’s birthday to hear readings of the letter and to discuss how the letter’s message can be applied to contemporary challenges. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representa- tives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the George Washington letter to Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, in August 1790, which is on display as part of the permanent collection of the B’nai B’rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum in Wash- ington, D.C., is one of the most significant early statements buttressing the nascent American constitutional guarantee of religious freedom; and

(2) the text of the George Washington letter should be widely circulated, serving as an important tool for teaching tolerance to children and adults alike.

NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 94, S. Res. 16.

The resolution (S. Res. 16) designating August 16, 2001, as “National Airborne Day,” is the sense of Congress.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related thereto be printed in the Record.

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

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Whereas these Jews, some of whom were Marranos, came to the United States with hopes of starting a new life in this country, where they could practice their religious beliefs freely and without persecution;

Whereas they were drawn to the Colony of Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations because of Governor Roger Williams’ assurance of religious liberty;

WHEREAS the letter from Touro Synagogue is the most famous of many congratulatory notes addressed to the new president by American Jewish congregations; and

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S. RES. 16

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