

easier for charitable organizations to make disaster relief payments to help victims and their families with both short-term and long-term needs, such as scholarships for victims' children.

Many of these proposals are based on provisions in current law that provide tax relief to soldiers who die in combat and government employees who die in terrorist attacks outside the United States. Extending these provisions to the victims of the terrorist attacks is appropriate because the attacks of September 11 were attacks on our entire nation.

Last week some families came down here to meet with the New Jersey delegation and House and Senate leadership to plead for immediate assistance, so that they can pay their mortgages, keep children in school, and keep their heads above water. They made their case powerfully and effectively, and we in Congress must not let them down.

I urge my colleagues to stand up for these victims and support my legislation. I asks unanimous consent the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no object, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1812

*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 "September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Fairness Act".

#### SEC. 2. REPEAL OF COLLATERAL COMPENSATION PROVISION.

(a) REPEAL OF COLLATERAL COMPENSATION PROVISION.—Section 405(b)(6) of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is hereby repealed.

(b) APPLICATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 11TH VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND OF 2001.—The compensation program established under the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) shall be administered as if section 405(b)(6) of that Act had not been enacted.

#### SEC. 3. AMENDMENT OF COLLATERAL SOURCE DEFINITION.

Paragraph (6) of section 402 of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended by adding at the end the following: "The term 'collateral source' does not include payments or other assistance received from a nonprofit organization, if such organization is described in paragraph (3) or (4) of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code."

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2481. Mr. ALLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abun-

dant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2482. Mr. ALLEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2483. Mr. CLELAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1650, to amend the Public Health Service Act to change provisions regarding emergencies; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SA 2484. Mr. CLELAND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1765, to improve the ability of the United States to prepare for and respond to a biological threat or attack; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2485. Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2486. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2487. Mr. STEVENS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2491. Mr. SANTORUM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2492. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2493. Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mr. DASCHLE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2494. Mr. SMITH, of New Hampshire submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2496. Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. FEINGOLD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2497. Mr. SMITH, of Oregon submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2499. Mr. BYRD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2500. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2501. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2502. Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. KYL, Mr. SMITH, of Oregon, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. CAMPBELL) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra.

SA 2503. Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. FRIST, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. DOMENICI)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1729, to provide assistance with respect to the mental health needs of individuals affected by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

SA 2504. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2505. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2506. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2507. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2508. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2509. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2510. Mr. GRAMM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1731, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2511. Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LUGAR) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) *supra*.

SA 2512. Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. GREGG) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2511 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 2471 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (S. 1731) *supra*.

SA 2513. Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. MILLER) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) *supra*.

SA 2514. Mr. SMITH, of Oregon submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2471 submitted by Mr. DASCHLE and intended to be proposed to the bill (S. 1731) *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2515. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1499, An act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school and individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities nationwide to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for other purposes.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Homestead Preservation Act".

##### SEC. 2. MORTGAGE PAYMENT ASSISTANCE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Labor (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") shall establish a program under which the Secretary shall award low-interest loans to eligible individuals to enable such individuals to continue to make mortgage payments with respect to the primary residences of such individuals.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a loan under the program established under subsection (a), an individual shall—

(1) be—

(A) an adversely affected worker who is receiving benefits under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.); or

(B) an individual who would be an individual described in subparagraph (A) but who

resides in a State that has not entered into an agreement under section 239 of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2311);

(2) be a borrower under a loan which requires the individual to make monthly mortgage payments with respect to the primary place of residence of the individual; and

(3) be enrolled in a job training or job assistance program.

(c) LOAN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A loan provided to an eligible individual under this section shall—

(A) be for a period of not to exceed 12 months;

(B) be for an amount that does not exceed the sum of—

(i) the amount of the monthly mortgage payment owed by the individual; and

(ii) the number of months for which the loan is provided;

(C) have an applicable rate of interest that equals 4 percent;

(D) require repayment as provided for in subsection (d); and

(E) be subject to such other terms and conditions as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(2) ACCOUNT.—A loan awarded to an individual under this section shall be deposited into an account from which a monthly mortgage payment will be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of such loan.

(d) REPAYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual to which a loan has been awarded under this section shall be required to begin making repayments on the loan on the earlier of—

(A) the date on which the individual has been employed on a full-time basis for 6 consecutive months; or

(B) the date that is 1 year after the date on which the loan has been approved under this section.

(2) REPAYMENT PERIOD AND AMOUNT.—

(A) REPAYMENT PERIOD.—A loan awarded under this section shall be repaid on a monthly basis over the 5-year period beginning on the date determined under paragraph (1).

(B) AMOUNT.—The amount of the monthly payment described in subparagraph (A) shall be determined by dividing the total amount provided under the loan (plus interest) by 60.

(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit an individual from—

(i) paying off a loan awarded under this section in less than 5 years; or

(ii) from paying a monthly amount under such loan in excess of the monthly amount determined under subparagraph (B) with respect to the loan.

(e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 6 weeks after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out this section, including regulations that permit an individual to certify that the individual is an eligible individual under subsection (b).

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.

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