CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE 12417

June 28, 2001

Disease for 10 more years (5 reports). Sponsor: Senator ROCKEFELLER.

S. 1053: Reinstates sick leave for veterans, including those currently in administrative matters. Sponsor: Senator ROCKEFELLER.

S. 1088: Creates flexibility for MGIB to pay for high tech/short-term courses. Sponsor: Senator ROCKEFELLER.

S. 1093: Miscellaneous veterans’ benefits provisions (based on informal input from VA):

COMPENSATION

a. Eliminate compensation for incarcerated persons—We previously enacted legislation to reduce compensation to incarcerated veterans to the equivalent of 10 percent, disability compensation (or, if they only received 10 percent, to the equivalent of 5 percent). Veterans that were already incarcerated were grandfathered out of the reduction. This change would stop only future payments to these veterans.

b. Reduce benefits for fugitive felons—Currently, veterans who are fugitive from justice are eligible to receive VA benefits. This bill would bar them from receiving benefits while a fugitive (fleeing prosecution, confinement for a felony, or in violation of a condition of probation or parole).

c. Duty to assist (technical corrections).

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Eliminate the cap of 500 veteran participants in Voc Rehab’s Independent Living Program. The cap was set when the program was initially piloted. While the time limit on the program was repealed, the cap on participants was not. VA has not turned any one away from the program, but has been exceeding 500 veterans in the last couple of years. The goal of the program is to assist a veteran who is too disabled to retrain for employment to achieve and maintain a stated independent living outcome.

LOAN GUARANTY

Increase the home loan guaranty amount to $53,175 from the current $50,750, to keep pace with FHA (and the amount to $63,175 from the current $50,750, to keep pace with FHA and the text of S. 1077, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof; that the bill be advanced to third reading and the Senate then proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 77, H.R. 2216; that all listed amendments must be offered by 6 p.m. Monday, July 9, with the exception of the managers on amendments be authorized to offer any listed first-degree amendment in order other than a managers’ amendment be the following list which is at the desk; that all listed amendments must be offered by 6 p.m. Monday, July 9, with the exception of the managers’ amendment; that the managers on amendments be authorized to offer any listed first-degree amendment in order for that amendment to qualify under the deadline; that any listed first-degree amendment be subject to relevant second-degree amendments; that any time limitation for debate on a first-degree amendment specified in this agreement then a second-degree amendment to that amendment would be accorded the same time limit; further, that upon disposition of the above amendments, the bill be advanced to third reading and the Senate then vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate; finally, I ask unanimous consent that S. 1077 be returned to the calendar.

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

The list of amendments is as follows:

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Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business tonight, it adjourn until the hour of 9 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, June 29. I further ask consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of the Patients’ Bill of Rights.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Daschle, I announce that tomorrow we will convene at 9 a.m. and that shortly thereafter, as soon as the prayer and pledge are completed, we will resume consideration of the Patients’ Bill of Rights, with the votes as outlined previously in the unanimous consent request.