

S. 3035

At the request of Mr. BAUCUS, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCHE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3035, a bill to require a report on the establishment of a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center or Polytrauma Network Site of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the northern Rockies or Dakotas, and for other purposes.

S. 3122

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3122, a bill to require the Attorney General of the United States to compile, and make publicly available, certain data relating to the Equal Access to Justice Act, and for other purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 3543

At the request of Mr. KERRY, his name was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3543 intended to be proposed to H.R. 1586, a bill to impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 3145. A bill to amend section 1004 of title 39, United States Code, to include that it is a policy of the Postal Service to ensure reasonable and sustainable workloads and schedules for supervisory and management employees and to clarify provisions relating to consultation and changes or terminations in certain proposals; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, today I am introducing a bill to clarify certain provisions relating to pay and benefits consultation between the United States Postal Service and supervisors' and postmasters' organizations.

The Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 created a process for postmasters and other non-union postal employees to negotiate pay and benefits through consultation. In the 108th Congress, I sponsored the Postmaster Equity Act which extended additional protections for postmasters to provide for fact-finding in the event that consultation reached an impasse. The same protections already applied to supervisors. However, it has come to my attention that there may be ambiguity in the interpretation of these provisions.

The legislation I am introducing, along with Representative GERALD CONNOLLY in the House of Representatives, should eliminate any ambiguity in existing law regarding consultation with management organizations. It reiterates that any changes to pay policies or benefits for postmasters, supervisors, and other managerial positions be done in conjunction with consultation process required under title 39 section 1004(e). The bill also requires the Postal Service to ensure policies to provide for reasonable and sustainable workloads and schedules for supervisory and management employees.

In light of the unprecedented challenges faced by the Postal Service today, fostering close cooperation and consultation on pay and benefits between the Postal Service and management organizations is essential. It is my hope that the Postal Service and all of its employee organizations will continue to work cooperatively to keep the Postal Service an employer of choice, and to promote advancement across the organization.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

S. 3145

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. POSTAL SERVICE SUPERVISORY AND OTHER MANAGERIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Section 1004 of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “to ensure reasonable and sustainable workloads and schedules for supervisory and management employees;” after “other managerial personnel;”;

(2) in subsection (b), in the second sentence, by inserting “as provided under subsection (d) and any changes in, or termination of, pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for members of the supervisors' organization as provided under subsection (e)” before the period; and

(3) in subsection (e)(1), by inserting “, or termination of,” after “any changes in”.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 497, 498, 499, 655, 710, 711, 712, 736, 737, 738, 739, 744, 745, 746, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order; that any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD as if read; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

Martha L. Minow, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal

Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning).

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

David Adelman, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Singapore.

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of the Philippines.

Allan J. Katz, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Portuguese Republic.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

William Charles Ostendorff, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2011.

William D. Magwood, IV, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2015.

William D. Magwood, IV, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2010.

George Apostolakis, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2014.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

Gary Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Chester Alonzo Finn, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Sara A. Gelser, of Oregon, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Dongwoo Joseph Pak, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Carol Jean Reynolds, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2010.

Fernando Torres-Gill, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2011.

Jonathan M. Young, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

BARRY GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP & EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Gwendolyn E. Boyd, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2014.

Peggy Goldwater-Clay, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring June 5, 2012.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sharon L. Browne, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2010.

Charles Norman Wiltse Keckler, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2010.