

Beginning on page 47, strike line 6 and all that follows through page 48, line 2, and insert the following:

(5) FORM OF ASSISTANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with Federal and international intellectual property law, assistance under this subsection shall be provided—

(i) as direct assistance in the form of grants, concessional loans, cooperative agreements, contracts, insurance, or loan guarantees to or with qualified entities;

(ii) as indirect assistance to such entities through—

(I) funding for international clean technology funds supported by multilateral institutions;

(II) support from development and export promotion assistance programs of the United States Government; or

(III) support from international technology programs of the Department of Energy; or

(iii) in such other forms as the Board may determine appropriate.

(B) OVERSIGHT BY THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY OF ASSISTANCE FOR MULTILATERAL TRUST FUNDS.—In the case of assistance provided under subparagraph (A)(ii)(I) for a clean technology fund or similar fund that is a multilateral trust fund based at the World Bank, the Secretary of the Treasury shall use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to ensure that the assistance is used in accordance with the purposes of this section.

On page 48, beginning on line 20, strike “emissions through Federal or State engagement” and insert the following: “emissions in eligible countries.”

(C) Funding for Federal or State engagement

On page 49, beginning on line 10, strike “the date that is 30 days after the date on which the Board submits” and insert “30 days after submitting”.

On page 50, line 15, strike “(d)” and insert “(e)”.

On page 50, lines 17 and 18, strike “President” and insert “Board”.

On page 50, line 24, strike “President” and insert “Board”.

On page 51, line 6, strike “; and” and insert a semicolon.

On page 51, line 15, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

On page 51, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(C) such information as may be necessary to provide for the evaluation, not less frequently than once every three years, of the performance of each international clean technology fund provided assistance pursuant to paragraph (5)(A)(ii)(I).

On page 51, line 16, strike “(e)” and insert “(f)”.

On page 51, line 24, strike “(f)” and insert “(g)”.

On page 52, line 3, strike “(g)” and insert “(h)”.

On page 439, line 10, strike “; and” and insert a semicolon.

On page 439, line 11, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

On page 439, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

(vi) the Committee on Financial Services. On page 439, line 14, strike “President” and insert “Board”.

On page 439, strike lines 15 through 17 and insert the following:

(A) is eligible to receive official development assistance according to the guidelines of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; and

On page 439, line 24, strike “President” and insert “Board”.

SA 4979. Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. SESSIONS, and

Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 642. REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT OF REDUCTION OF SBP SURVIVOR ANNUITIES BY DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) REPEAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(A) In section 1450, by striking subsection (c).

(B) In section 1451(c)—

(i) by striking paragraph (2); and

(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such subchapter is further amended as follows:

(A) In section 1450—

(i) by striking subsection (e);

(ii) by striking subsection (k); and

(iii) by striking subsection (m).

(B) In section 1451(g)(1), by striking subparagraph (C).

(C) In section 1452—

(i) in subsection (f)(2), by striking “does not apply—” and all that follows and inserting “does not apply in the case of a deduction made through administrative error.”; and

(ii) by striking subsection (g).

(D) In section 1455(c), by striking “, 1450(k)(2).”.

(b) PROHIBITION ON RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.—No benefits may be paid to any person for any period before the effective date provided under subsection (f) by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a).

(c) PROHIBITION ON RECOUPMENT OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY REFUNDED TO SBP RECIPIENTS.—A surviving spouse who is or has been in receipt of an annuity under the Survivor Benefit Plan under subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code, that is in effect before the effective date provided under subsection (f) and that is adjusted by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a) and who has received a refund of retired pay under section 1450(e) of title 10, United States Code, shall not be required to repay such refund to the United States.

(d) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY FOR OPTIONAL ANNUITY FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—Section 1448(d) of such title is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “Except as provided in paragraph (2)(B), the Secretary concerned” and inserting “The Secretary concerned”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—” and all that follows through “In the case of a member described in paragraph (1),” and inserting “DEPENDENT CHILDREN ANNUITY WHEN NO ELIGIBLE SURVIVING SPOUSE.—In the case of a member described in paragraph (1),”; and

(B) by striking subparagraph (B).

(e) RESTORATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PREVIOUSLY ELIGIBLE SPOUSES.—The Secretary of the military department concerned shall restore annuity eligibility to any eligible surviving spouse who, in consultation with the Secretary, previously elected to transfer payment of such annuity to a surviving child or children under the provisions of section

1448(d)(2)(B) of title 10, United States Code, as in effect on the day before the effective date provided under subsection (f). Such eligibility shall be restored whether or not payment to such child or children subsequently was terminated due to loss of dependent status or death. For the purposes of this subsection, an eligible spouse includes a spouse who was previously eligible for payment of such annuity and is not remarried, or remarried after having attained age 55, or whose second or subsequent marriage has been terminated by death, divorce or annulment.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The sections and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the later of—

(1) the first day of the first month that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) the first day of the fiscal year that begins in the calendar year in which this Act is enacted.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a field hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks. The hearing will be held on Monday, July 21, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at the Destination Center at Blue Ridge Parkway, 195 Hemphill Knob Road, Asheville, North Carolina.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory of all species within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Specifically, the hearing will address: (1) How much has been learned up to this point and at what cost? (2) What is left to be done and what is the estimated time and cost to complete the inventory? (3) How has the data been used and are there other ways to use it? (4) What changes, if any, should be made in the program and (5) Should the program be expanded to include other National Parks?

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to rachel_pastenack@energy.senate.gov.

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Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of S. Res. 588, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows: