

(B) of an individual described in paragraph (1)(B) may only be made not more than 2 years after—

(i) the retirement of the member of the armed forces described in subsection (a)(3)(A);

(ii) the member of the armed forces described in subsection (a)(3)(B) received a disability rating described in that subsection; and

(C) of an individual described in paragraph (1)(C) may only be made not more than 2 years after the death of the member of the armed forces.

(3)(A) During any time period described in paragraph (2)(A)(i), (B), or (C), an individual may receive no more than 1 permanent appointment under paragraph (1).

(B) Any individual who received an appointment under paragraph (1) during the period described in paragraph (2)(B) may not receive an appointment during the period described in paragraph (2)(C).

(4) Before the head of an agency may make an appointment under paragraph (1), the head of the agency shall, at least to an extent that satisfies the requirements of applicable law and regulation, provide advance notice of the vacancy to employees of the agency and to others.

(c) STATUS OF PREFERENCE ELIGIBLES.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to deprive an individual who is a preference eligible of a preference in hiring over an individual who is not a preference eligible.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—(1) Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall, in consultation with and with the assistance of the Secretary of Defense, prepare a report on activities carried out under this section and shall submit it to—

(A) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Government Oversight and Reform and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(2) The report shall include—

(A) findings and conclusions regarding—

(i) the extent to which the exercise of the authority under this section has served the public interest;

(ii) the extent to which the exercise of the authority under this section has had consequences that are counter to the public interest; and

(iii) opinions of spouses of members of the armed services and of employees and managers of agencies where appointments under subsection (b)(1) were made with respect to the authority under this section and its exercise;

(B) any available and appropriate quantitative, as well as qualitative, measures to support the findings and conclusions in subparagraph (A); and

(C) recommendations as to whether the authority under this section should be reauthorized, and, if so, recommendations whether the authority should be made permanent and codified within title 5 of the United States Code and recommendations for any amendments to this section.

(e) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to make an appointment under this section shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet

on Monday, September 15, 2008, at 11 a.m. to receive testimony on Voter Registration for Wounded Warriors: S. 3308, the “Veterans Voter Support Act.”

Individuals and organizations that wish to submit a statement for the hearing record are requested to contact the Chief Clerk, Lynden Armstrong, at 202-224-7078.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee, 202-224-6352.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a business meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 12 noon, in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 9 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday September 11, 2008, at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 11, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct an executive business meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 10 a.m. in room SD-562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entre-

preneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing entitled “Business Start-up Hurdles in Underserved Communities: Access to Venture Capital and Entrepreneurship Training,” on Thursday, September 11, 2008, beginning at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS AND THE HOUSE VETERANS’ AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet jointly with the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 11, 2008, in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 11, 2008, at 9 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Dividend Tax Abuse: How Offshore Entities Dodge Taxes on U.S. Stock Dividends.”

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 11, 2008, from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Russell 325.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I ask also unanimous consent that MAJ Marc Packler, my military fellow, be given the privilege of the floor during the Senate debate on the Defense authorization bill.

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

Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Chad Jungbluth and Andrew Pate, military fellows serving in my office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the consideration of the fiscal year 2009 Defense authorization bill.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Katie Graham of my Finance Committee staff have privileges of the floor for the duration of the 110th Congress.

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

MEASURE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED—S.J. RES. 42

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that