

(3) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—Members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed for a term of 1 year.

(4) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Executive Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, not later than 30 days after the date on which the vacancy occurs.

(c) MEETINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson of the Executive Committee.

(2) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) FIRST MEETING.—The first meeting of the Executive Committee shall take place not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this subtitle.

(4) PUBLIC MEETING.—The Executive Committee shall hold at least 1 public meeting before the date described in subsection (d)(1) to receive comments from small business concerns and other interested parties.

(d) DUTIES.—

(1) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, upon a vote of the majority of members of the Executive Committee then serving, the Executive Committee shall submit to the Administrator recommendations relating to the feasibility of establishing a small business common application and web portal in order to meet the goals described in section 612.

(2) TRANSMISSION TO EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.—The Executive Committee shall transmit to each Executive agency a complete copy of the recommendations submitted under paragraph (1).

(3) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Executive Committee shall transmit to each relevant committee of Congress a complete copy of the recommendations submitted under paragraph (1).

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS BY EXECUTIVE AGENCIES.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Executive Committee transmits recommendations to the Executive agency under paragraph (2), each Executive agency that provides Federal assistance to small business concerns shall submit to Congress recommendations, if any, for legislative changes necessary for the Executive agency to carry out the recommendations under paragraph (1).

(e) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

(1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—The members of the Executive Committee shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as officers or employees of the United States.

(2) DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.—The Administrator may detail to the Executive Committee any employee of the Economic Development Administration, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

(f) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply with respect to the Executive Committee.

SEC. 614. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subtitle.

Subtitle B—Government Accountability Office Review

SEC. 621. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REVIEW.

Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives that evaluates the status of

the programs authorized under this Act and the amendments made by this Act, including the extent to which such programs have been funded and implemented and have contributed to promoting job creation among small business concerns.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 54—STATING THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES TO OPPOSE THE SALE, SHIPMENT, PERFORMANCE OF MAINTENANCE, REFURBISHMENT, MODIFICATION, REPAIR, AND UPGRADE OF ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM OR BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO OR FOR THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

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Whereas the General Director of Rosoboronexport, the largest Russian arms exporter, recently announced that his company was transferring anti-aircraft and anti-ship missile systems to Syria;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has announced the deployment of 11 warships, including amphibious ships designed to carry naval infantry, to the eastern Mediterranean, and it is expected that some of those ships will dock at the Syrian port of Tartus;

Whereas Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently stated, “What can every nation and group represented here do? . . . I ask you to reach out to Russia and China, and to not only urge but demand that they get off the sidelines and begin to support the legitimate aspirations of the Syrian people.”;

Whereas Secretary of State Clinton further stated on July 17, 2012, “[O]ur commitment is to try to get Russia to cooperate. So we want the rest of the world to put pressure on Russia . . . as long as he [Bashar al-Assad] has Russia uncertain about whether or not to side against him in any more dramatic way that it already has, he [Assad] feels like he can keep going.”;

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation recently refurbished at least three Syrian Mi-25 helicopters; and

Whereas the Government of the Russian Federation has taken a tentative positive step of expounding a new policy that it will not enter into new arms agreements with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the policy of the United States—

(1) to oppose the sale, shipment, performance of maintenance, refurbishment, modification, repair, or upgrade of any military equipment, including parts that can be used in military equipment, from or by the Government of the Russian Federation to or for the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; and

(2) to oppose any effort by the Government of the Russian Federation to increase, maintain, or sustain the military readiness and or military capabilities of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2573. Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURR, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KYL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. ISAKSON) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3412, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families.

SA 2574. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3414, to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2575. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REED, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3414, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2576. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3414, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 2578. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3414, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2579. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3414, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2580. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3414, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2573. Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURR, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KYL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. KIRK, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. SHELBY, and Mr. ISAKSON) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3412, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief to middle-class families; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Tax Hike Prevention Act of 2012”.

SEC. 2. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF 2001 TAX RELIEF.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 901 of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 is amended by striking “December 31, 2012” both places it appears and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001.

SEC. 3. TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF 2003 TAX RELIEF.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 303 of the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 is amended by striking “December 31, 2012” and inserting “December 31, 2013”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall take effect as if