

agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 169, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

SEC. 244. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this title may be used by any recipient of such funds to discriminate against any person because that person is a member of the uniformed services.

(b) Any person or entity, acting in good faith, that has knowledge of any instance in which a recipient of funds under this title has discriminated or is discriminating against a member of the uniformed services may file a complaint against such recipient with the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "member of the uniformed services" means an individual who—

(1) is a member of—

(A) the uniformed services (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code); or

(B) the National Guard in State status under title 32, United States Code; or

(2) was discharged or released from service in the uniformed services (as so defined) or the National Guard in such status under conditions other than dishonorable.

(d) Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit the use or availability of any funds appropriated or otherwise made available under this title for programs, activities, or accounts that assist or provide housing to members of the uniformed services.

SA 1810. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 169, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

SEC. 244. (a) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation may not, from any amounts appropriated or otherwise made available under this title for fiscal year 2014, award any discretionary grant amounts to any nonprofit organization that, in any of fiscal years 2009 through 2013—

(1) provided a compensation package to one or more of its officers at a level exceeding, by at least 25 percent, the maximum basic rate of pay of the Senior Executive Service;

(2) utilized an average of 12 percent or more of the discretionary grant amounts it received from either the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation for the organization's grant administration expenses (including salaries); and

(3) had a finding of a significant deficiency or material weakness in any audit of that organization furnished to or conducted on behalf of either the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation in connection with a Federal housing grant award.

(b) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation shall each submit a report to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban

Affairs of the Senate and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives—

(1) on the number of nonprofit organization grantees meeting the criteria established under subsection (a);

(2) that summarize the type and amount of Federal housing grants awarded to each such organization, including the percentage of each such grant that was utilized by the organization for grant administration expenses, in each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013; and

(3) that describe the steps to be taken by the Secretary or the Corporation, as the case may be, to achieve greater cost-savings and grant-administration efficiencies in the future, including a plan for requiring future grant recipients to limit their grant administration expenditures to 10 percent of grant funds received from the Secretary or the Corporation, as the case may be.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "nonprofit organization" means an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

SEC. 245. Any amounts saved, reserved, remaining, or otherwise unobligated as a result of the prohibition set forth under section 244, shall be transferred to and appropriated under the heading "Home Investment Partnerships Program": *Provided*, that such amounts shall only be used by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to rehabilitate substandard housing of children residing in rural counties with the highest poverty rates.

SA 1811. Mr. WHITEHOUSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 6, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

For grants to eligible applicants for eligible projects of national and regional significance (as such terms are defined in paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 1301(c) of SAFETEA-LU (23 U.S.C. 101 note)), \$500,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SA 1812. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 52, after line 24, add the following:

SEC. 155. (a) Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration shall—

(1) complete a study of the safety of movable railroad bridges and the transportation of hazardous materials over such bridges; and

(2) post a report on the Federal Railroad Administration's website that containing the results of such study.

(b) The study conducted under subsection (a) shall address—

(1) the adequacy of span locking and its relation to the practice of trains passing over bridges displaying a stop signal; and

(2) the adequacy of training received by train crews to inspect their route before passing over a bridge displaying a stop signal.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, I submit the following notice in writing:

In accordance with rule V of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby give notice in writing that it is my intention to move to suspend rule XVI, and rule XXII, Paragraph 2, for the purpose of proposing and considering Amendment No. 1739, including germaneness requirements.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the November 6, 2012 referendum on the political status of Puerto Rico and the Administration's response.

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 may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to danielle_deraney@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Allen Stayman at (202) 224-7865 or Danielle Deraney at (202) 224-1219.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, the Subcommittee on National Parks has previously announced a hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 31, at 2:30 p.m. to consider several bills. In addition to the bills previously announced, the subcommittee will also hear testimony on:

S. 1328, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the State of Illinois, and for other purposes, and

S. 1339, to reauthorize the Ohio & Erie Canal National Heritage Canalway.

For further information, please contact David Brooks at (202) 224-9863 or John Assini at (202) 224-9313.