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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2003

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Reservists Pay Secu-
3 rity Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. NONREDUCTION IN PAY WHILE FEDERAL EM-**
5 **EMPLOYEE IS PERFORMING ACTIVE SERVICE IN**
6 **THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR NATIONAL**
7 **GUARD.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter IV of chapter 55 of
9 title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

11 **“§ 5538. Nonreduction in pay while serving in the**
12 **uniformed services or National Guard**

13 “(a) An employee who is absent from a position of
14 employment with the Federal Government in order to per-
15 form service in the uniformed services or the National
16 Guard shall be entitled to receive, for each pay period de-
17 scribed in subsection (b), an amount equal to the amount
18 by which—

19 “(1) the amount of basic pay which would oth-
20 erwise have been payable to such employee for such
21 pay period if such employee’s civilian employment
22 with the Government had not been interrupted by
23 that service, exceeds (if at all)

24 “(2) the amount of pay and allowances which
25 (as determined under subsection (d))—

1 “(A) is payable to such employee for that
2 service; and

3 “(B) is allocable to such pay period.

4 “(b)(1) Amounts under this section shall be payable
5 with respect to each pay period (which would otherwise
6 apply if the employee’s civilian employment had not been
7 interrupted)—

8 “(A) during which such employee is entitled to
9 reemployment rights under chapter 43 of title 38
10 with respect to the position from which such em-
11 ployee is absent (as referred to in subsection (a));
12 and

13 “(B) for which such employee does not other-
14 wise receive basic pay (including by taking any an-
15 nual, military, or other paid leave) to which such
16 employee is entitled by virtue of such employee’s ci-
17 vilian employment with the Government.

18 “(2) For purposes of this section, the period during
19 which an employee is entitled to reemployment rights
20 under chapter 43 of title 38—

21 “(A) shall be determined disregarding the provi-
22 sions of section 4312(d) of title 38; and

23 “(B) shall include any period of time specified
24 in section 4312(e) of title 38 within which an em-
25 ployee may report or apply for employment or reem-

1 employment following completion of service in the uni-
2 formed services or National Guard.

3 “(c) Any amount payable under this section to an em-
4 ployee shall be paid—

5 “(1) by such employee’s employing agency;

6 “(2) from the appropriation or fund which
7 would be used to pay the employee if such employee
8 were in a pay status; and

9 “(3) to the extent practicable, at the same time
10 and in the same manner as would basic pay if such
11 employee’s civilian employment had not been inter-
12 rupted.

13 “(d) The Office of Personnel Management shall, in
14 consultation with Secretary of Defense, prescribe any reg-
15 ulations necessary to carry out the preceding provisions
16 of this section.

17 “(e)(1) The head of each agency referred to in section
18 2302(a)(2)(C)(ii) shall, in consultation with the Office,
19 prescribe procedures to ensure that the rights under this
20 section apply to the employees of such agency.

21 “(2) The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-
22 ministration shall, in consultation with the Office, pre-
23 scribe procedures to ensure that the rights under this sec-
24 tion apply to the employees of that agency.

25 “(f) For purposes of this section—

1 “(1) the terms ‘employee’, ‘Federal Govern-
2 ment’, and ‘uniformed services’ have the same re-
3 spective meanings as given them in section 4303 of
4 title 38;

5 “(2) the term ‘service in the uniformed services’
6 has the meaning given that term in section 4303 of
7 title 38 and includes duty performed by a member
8 of the National Guard under section 502(f) of title
9 32 at the direction of the Secretary of the Army or
10 Secretary of the Air Force;

11 “(3) the term ‘employing agency’, as used with
12 respect to an employee entitled to any payments
13 under this section, means the agency or other entity
14 of the Government (including an agency referred to
15 in section 2302(a)(2)(C)(ii)) with respect to which
16 such employee has reemployment rights under chap-
17 ter 43 of title 38; and

18 “(4) the term ‘basic pay’ includes any amount
19 payable under section 5304.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 for chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code, is amended
22 by inserting after the item relating to section 5537 the
23 following:

“5538. Nonreduction in pay while serving in the uniformed services or National
Guard.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to pay periods (as de-
3 scribed in section 5538(b) of title 5, United States Code,
4 as amended by this section) beginning on or after Sep-
5 tember 11, 2001.

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