

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3833

To authorize support for the Armed Forces Support Foundation in assisting members of the National Guard and Reserve and former members of the Armed Forces in securing employment in the private sector, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2006

Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Armed Forces Employ-
5 ment Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT OF ARMED FORCES SUPPORT FOUNDA-**
2 **TION IN ASSISTING CERTAIN MEMBERS AND**
3 **FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
4 **IN SECURING PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOY-**
5 **MENT.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

8 (1) Helmets to Hardhats, a federally subsidized
9 non-profit organization that helps military recruit-
10 ment efforts and is dedicated to helping current and
11 former military personnel find employment, has
12 helped more than 150,000 military personnel find
13 employment in the construction industry and has re-
14 ferred 40,000 military personnel into apprenticeship
15 programs.

16 (2) The Armed Forces Support Foundation, a
17 non-profit organization having similar purposes, will
18 expand the model employed by Helmets to Hardhats
19 by helping current and former military personnel
20 find employment in other sectors of the economy
21 that are applicable to the skills and experience of
22 such personnel in the military.

23 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
24 gress that the Federal Government should support private
25 sector employment initiatives for military personnel in

1 order to help ensure that those who serve or have served
2 in the Armed Forces have access to gainful employment.

3 (c) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the National Guard
4 Bureau may, utilizing amounts authorized to be appro-
5 priated by subsection (e), make grants to the Armed
6 Forces Support Foundation, a non-profit organization, in
7 order to support activities of the Foundation in assisting
8 members of the National Guard and Reserve and former
9 members of the Armed Forces in securing employment in
10 the private sector.

11 (d) UTILIZATION OF GRANT AMOUNTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Armed Forces Support
13 Foundation shall utilize amounts granted to the
14 Foundation under subsection (c) to enter into agree-
15 ments with various private sector entities and asso-
16 ciations in order to encourage and facilitate employ-
17 ment of members of the National Guard and Re-
18 serve and former members of the Armed Forces in
19 the private sector.

20 (2) EMPLOYMENT IN PARTICULAR AREAS OF
21 ECONOMY.—It is the sense of Congress that, in en-
22 tering into agreements described in paragraph (1),
23 the Foundation should enter into agreements with
24 entities and associations involved in energy, trans-
25 portation, aerospace, domestic security, and other

1 areas of the economy in which the employment of in-
2 dividuals having past military service would be of
3 particular utility.

4 (e) FUNDING.—There is authorized to be appro-
5 priated for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011 for the
6 Department of Defense for operation and maintenance for
7 the Army National Guard, \$10,000,000 for purposes of
8 grants under subsection (c).

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