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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate that funds for death gratuities and related survivor benefits for survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces should not be subject to annual appropriations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1197

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MANCHIN *and Mr. MORAN*

Viz:

- 1 At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:
- 2 **SEC. 646. SENSE OF SENATE THAT FUNDS FOR DEATH GRA-**
- 3 **TUITIES AND RELATED SURVIVOR BENEFITS**
- 4 **FOR SURVIVORS OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF**
- 5 **THE ARMED FORCES SHOULD NOT BE SUB-**
- 6 **JECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.**
- 7 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following
- 8 findings:

1 (1) The death gratuity and related survivor
2 benefits are a one-time payment to help families
3 with the acute financial hardships that accompany
4 the loss of a deceased member of the Armed Forces.

5 (2) During the recent lapse in appropriations,
6 the death gratuity and related survivor benefits were
7 suspended until an appropriations Act covering pay-
8 ment of such benefits was enacted.

9 (3) Not paying the death gratuity and related
10 survivor benefits in a timely manner stands against
11 our values as a Nation to honor and support those
12 who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

13 (4) While it is altruistic to declare that lapses
14 in annual appropriations must be avoided, a history
15 of periodic lapses in annual appropriations suggests
16 other such lapses are possible.

17 (5) It is time for permanent legislation that will
18 ensure death gratuities and related survivor benefit
19 for families of deceased members of the Armed
20 Forces are not subject to annual appropriations.

21 (b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate
22 that funds for death gratuities and related survivor bene-
23 fits for survivors of deceased members of the Armed
24 Forces should not be subject to annual appropriations.