an amendment to the bill H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 81, line 24, increase the first amount by $50,000,000.

On page 82, line 4, after “tion” insert “Provided further. That an additional $50,000,000 shall be available to carry out section 33 (15 U.S.C. 2229)”.

On page 77, line 20, increase the amount by $20,000,000.

On page 77, line 24, after “grants” insert “and, of which at least $20,000,000 shall be available for interoperable communications grants”.

On page 85, line 18, after “expended” insert “Provided. That the aforementioned sum shall be reduced by $70,000,000”.

On page 81, strike 11$5,000,000” and insert “13,000,000”.

SA 1225. Mr. GREGG (for Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1139 proposed by Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. HATCH) to the bill H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 1, line 8 of the amendment, after the word “database”, insert “of which no less than $2,000,000 shall be for the Legal Orientation Program.”

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2005, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on “The Department of Treasury’s report to Congress entitled: ‘Assessment: The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002.’”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on “The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nominations of R. Thomas Weiner to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management and Budget, and Mark A. Limbaugh to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works, be authorized to hold a hearing July 14, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. on the following pending nominations:

Marcus A. Peacock, of Minnesota, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Susan P. Bodine, of Maryland, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency.

Granta Y. Nakayama, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 3 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a joint hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in SD–430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., for a hearing titled, “Department of Homeland Security: Second Stage Review.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., in the Senate Dirksen Office Building, Room 226.


II. Matters: Senate Judiciary Committee Rules

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a joint hearing with the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions on S. 1087, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendment of 2005.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 14, 2005, for a hearing to consider the nominations of James P. Terry to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals, Department of Veterans’ Affairs and Charles S. Ciccolella to be Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training, Department of Labor.

The hearing will take place in Room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 10:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BIOTERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Bioterrorism and Public Health Preparedness, be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 14th at 10 a.m. in SD–430.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 14 at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the national park service’s business strategy for operation and management of the national park system, including development and implementation of business plans, use of business consultants, and incorporating business practices into day-to-day operations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing entitled,
"Danger in the District: How Prepared Is the National Capital Region?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 14, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on military justice and detention policy in the Global War on Terrorism.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CORNYN. I ask unanimous consent to extend privileges of the floor for the remainder of the first session of the 109th Congress to Brian Fitzpatrick, a fellow in my staff.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Chris Hall of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 1394

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is ready for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk reads as follows:

A bill (S. 1394) to reform the United Nations, and for other purposes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, in order that the bill on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 136, S. 335.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title. The legislative clerk reads as follows:

A bill (S. 335) to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the Record.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 335) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 335

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD ACT.


(b) TERMINATION.—(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 108 of the Congressional Award Act (S. 2008) is amended by striking "October 1, 2004" and inserting "October 1, 2009"

(2) SAVINGS PROVISION.—During the period of October 1, 2004, through the date of the enactment of this section, all actions and functions of the Congressional Award Board under the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) shall have the same effect as though no lapse or termination of the Board ever occurred.

(c) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The Congressional Award Act is amended—

(1) in section 103 (2 U.S.C. 803)—

(A) in subsection (b)(1)(B) and (C), by striking "a a local" and inserting "a local";

and

(B) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking "section" each place it appears and inserting "subsection";

and

(2) in section 104(c)(2)(A) (2 U.S.C. 804(c)(2)(A)), by inserting a comma after "1993".

ORDER FOR PRINTING—H.R. 6

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 6 be printed as passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2005

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, July 15, I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then begin a period for morning business until 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; provided further that at 10 a.m., the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 158, H.R. 3057, the Foreign Operations bill, as provided under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, tomorrow, the Senate will begin consideration of the Foreign Operations appropriations bill. Senator LEAHY and I will be here and ready for amendments. However, no votes will occur tomorrow.

The next vote will be on Monday about 5:30 p.m. I anticipate the vote will be in relation to an amendment offered either Friday or next Monday to the Foreign Operations bill.

We are also attempting to clear some executive nominations, and a vote or votes may be necessary early next week on those nominations.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:21 p.m., adjourned until Friday, July 15, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 14, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

STEWART A. BAKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (NEW POSITION)

TRACY A. HENKE, OF MISSOURI, TO BE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATION AND PREPAREDNESS, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. VICE C. SUZANNE MINSER, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601.

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IN THE MARINE CORPS

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