

Budget Request, as this investment manifests the Senate's belief that the Federal government should have a robust program of research across all disciplines of scientific endeavor.

(2) For fiscal years 2001-2008, the science and technology (6.1, 6.2 and 6.3) accounts for the Department of Defense, including all of the Armed Services, in Function 050 (National Defense), shall increase annually and at a minimum achieve the levels called for in Section 214 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

(3) Congressional authorizers and appropriators should continue their efforts to support merit-based and peer-reviewed R&D programs as a priority in the federal science investment portfolio.

#### REED (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2964

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. L. CHAFEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the concurrent resolution, (S. Con. Res. 101), supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:  
**SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING  
THE NEED TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA.**

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

(1) On average, 12 children die from gun fire everyday in America.

(2) On May 20, 1999, the Senate passed the Violent and Repeat Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act, by a vote of 73 to 25, in part, to stem gun-related violence in the United States.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in function 750 of this resolution assume that Congress should—

(1) pass the conference report to accompany H.R. 1501, the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act, including Senate-passed provisions, with the purpose of limiting access to firearms by juveniles, convicted felons, and other persons prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing firearms; and

(2) consider H.R. 1501 not later than April 20, 2000.

#### ROBB (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2965

Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 101, supra; as follows:

On page 4, line 4, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 4, line 5, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 4, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 4, line 13, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 4, line 14, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 4, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 4, line 22, increase the amount by \$1,300,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, increase the amount by \$1,322,100,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,344,600,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,367,400,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$1,390,700,000.

On page 5, line 7, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 5, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 5, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 5, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 18, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,300,000,000.

On page 18, line 8, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 18, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,322,100,000.

On page 18, line 12, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 18, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,344,600,000.

On page 18, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 18, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,367,400,000.

On page 18, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 18, line 23, increase the amount by \$1,390,700,000.

On page 18, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 29, line 3, decrease the amount by \$97,000,000.

On page 29, line 4, decrease the amount by \$5,938,100,000.

On page 29, after line 5, insert the following:

“Not later than September 29, 2000, the Senate Committee on Finance shall report to the Senate a reconciliation bill proposing changes in laws within its jurisdiction necessary to reduce revenues by not more than \$19,000,000 in fiscal year 2001 and \$1,743,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.”

#### NOTICE OF HEARINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on April 6, 2000 in SR-328A at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss interstate shipment of state inspected meat.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. 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 Wednesday, April 5, immediately following the business meeting for a hearing. The committee will examine the energy potential of the 1002 area of the Arctic Coastal Plain; the role this energy could play in national security; the role this energy could play in reducing U.S. dependence on imported oil; and the legislative provisions of S. 2214, the Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Security Act of 2000.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, for hearings on Medicaid in the Schools: A Pattern of Improper Payments.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to hold two hearings.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. to mark up the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, to be Special Trustee for American Indians within the Department of the Interior, and to conduct a hearing on S. 612, “the Indian Needs Assessment and Program Evaluation Act of 1999.” The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on political parties in America.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT  
AND THE COURTS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 9:30 a.m., in SH216.

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent Dave Carney, a member of Senator ABRAHAM's staff, be allowed access to the floor.

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

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Caroline Chang, a Fellow working in my office, be permitted floor privileges during the pendency of S. Con. Res. 101.

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

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Gabriel Lam of my staff be accorded the privilege of the floor for today only.

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

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that John Stooddy, a detailee to the Committee on Small Business staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during pendency of S. Con. Res. 101.

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

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Cross, a Fellow in my office, be afforded privilege on the floor during debate on Amendment No. 2955 and also during the vote, whenever it should occur.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6,  
2000

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 6. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of the proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 101, the budget resolution, with 8½ hours of debate remaining.

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

## PROGRAM

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will continue consideration of the budget resolution at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow. The first votes are scheduled

to occur at 10:30. In addition, the so-called vote-arama should begin at some point tomorrow by late afternoon or early evening. Therefore, Senators should adjust their schedules accordingly.

CONGRATULATING THE U-CONN  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM  
FOR THEIR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 282, introduced earlier today by Senators DODD and LIEBERMAN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 282) congratulating the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for winning the 2000 women's basketball championship.

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed upon en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 282) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 282

Whereas the University of Connecticut women's basketball team won its second national championship in 5 years by defeating the University of Tennessee by the score of 71-52;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Huskies entered the 2000 NCAA Tournament with a perfect 15-0 record in the Big East Conference and with just one loss during the regular season;

Whereas National Coach of the Year Geno Auriemma's team began the season ranked number one in the Nation and will finish the season ranked number one in the Nation;

Whereas the University of Connecticut Women Huskies brought the State of Connecticut its second straight NCAA Basketball Title, following the 1999 championship of the University of Connecticut Men's team;

Whereas both Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova were chosen consensus All-Americans; Ralph was selected the NCAA tournament's Most Outstanding Player; Kelly Schumacher set a championship-game record for blocked shots with 9; and Ralph, Abrosimova, Sue Bird, and Asjha Jones were named to the All-Tournament team;

Whereas the Huskies dominated March Madness, averaging 91.3 points and a 19-point margin of victory in the tournament;

Whereas University of Connecticut's 19-point win over Tennessee, the other powerhouse of women's collegiate basketball, was the second largest margin of victory ever in a championship game;

Whereas the high caliber of the University of Connecticut Women Huskies in both athletics and academics has again advanced the sport of women's basketball and provided in-

spiration for future generations of young female athletes; and

Whereas the Huskies' season of accomplishment rallied Connecticut residents of all ages, from Stamford to Storrs, from Norwalk to Norwich, behind a common purpose and inspired a wave of euphoria across the State: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate commends the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for completing the 1999-2000 season with a 36-1 record and winning the 2000 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

## ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the Durbin statement and amendment introduction.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET—  
Continued

## AMENDMENT NO. 2953

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I send an amendment to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Illinois [Mr. DURBIN] proposes an amendment numbered 2953.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

## FEDERAL REVENUE TOTALS

On page 4, line 3, decrease the amount by \$0.

On page 4, line 4, decrease the amount by \$4,843,000,000.

On page 4, line 5, decrease the amount by \$35,146,000,000.

On page 4, line 6, decrease the amount by \$65,248,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, decrease the amount by \$99,450,000,000.

On page 4, line 8, decrease the amount by \$128,552,000,000.

## FEDERAL REVENUE CHANGES

On page 4, line 12, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 4, line 13, increase the amount by \$4,843,000,000.

On page 4, line 14, increase the amount by \$35,146,000,000.

On page 4, line 15, increase the amount by \$65,248,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$99,450,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$128,552,000,000.

## NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY

On page 4, line 21, increase the amount by \$0.

On page 4, line 22, increase the amount by \$136,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, increase the amount by \$1,280,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$4,186,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$8,785,000,000.