

those of private sector forecasters. The Commission shall work with the Directors of the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget in their efforts to explain the factors affecting the accuracy of budget projections.

#### SEC. 405. REPORT.

Not later than \_\_\_\_\_, the Commission shall transmit a report to the President and to each House of Congress. The report shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with its recommendations for such legislative or administrative actions as it considers appropriate. No finding, conclusion, or recommendation may be made by the Commission unless approved by a majority of those voting, a quorum being present. At the request of any Commission member, the report shall include that member's dissenting findings, conclusions, or recommendations.

#### SEC. 406. TERMINATION.

The Commission shall terminate 30 days after the date of transmission of the report required in section 405.

#### SEC. 407. FUNDING.

There are authorized to be appropriated not more than \$1,000,000 to carry out this title. Sums so appropriated shall remain available until expended.

By Mr. HAGEL:

S. 691. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements and contracts with the Nebraska State Forester to carry out watershed restoration and protection activities on National Forest System land in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 691

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

#### SECTION 1. WATERSHED RESTORATION AND PROTECTION ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(2) STATE.—The term "State" means the State of Nebraska.

(3) STATE FORESTER.—The term "State Forester" means the Nebraska State Forester.

(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into a cooperative agreement or contract, including a sole source contract, with the State Forester, under which the State Forester may carry out eligible watershed restoration and protection activities on National Forest System land in the State if similar or complementary activities are being carried out by the State Forester on State or private land that is located within the same watershed as the National Forest System land.

(2) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—Watershed restoration and protection activities that are eligible to be carried out by the State Forester under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) treatment of insect-infected trees;

(B) reduction of hazardous fuels; and

(C) other activities to restore or improve watersheds across ownership boundaries.

(c) AGENCY AGREEMENT.—Except as provided in subsection (f), a cooperative agree-

ment or contract under subsection (b)(1) may authorize the State Forester to be an agent of the Secretary for the purpose of carrying out the watershed restoration or protection activities under the cooperative agreement or contract.

(d) SUBCONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.—In carrying out the watershed restoration or protection activities under subsection (b), the State Forester may enter into subcontracts in accordance with applicable contract procedures of the State.

(e) TIMBER SALES.—Subsections (d) and (g) of section 14 of the National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 472a) shall not apply to watershed restoration and protection activities carried out by the State Forester under subsection (b).

(f) NO DELEGATION OF DUTIES UNDER NEPA.—With respect to any watershed restoration or protection activity of the State Forester carried out or proposed to be carried out under subsection (b), the Secretary shall not delegate to the State Forester or to any other employee of the State Forest Service any of the duties of the Secretary under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

(g) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements or contracts under this section terminates on September 30, 2006.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED & PROPOSED

SA 368. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Governments for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 369. Mr. COCHRAN proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 370. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. CORZINE, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 371. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 372. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 373. Mr. DODD (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 374. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 375. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 376. Mr. CONRAD proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 377. Mr. GREGG proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 378. Mr. McCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him

to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 379. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 380. Mr. SCHUMER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 381. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DAYTON, and Mr. SARBANES) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 382. Ms. CANTWELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 383. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 384. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 385. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. SARBANES) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 386. Mr. HARKIN proposed an amendment to amendment SA 339 submitted by Mr. BREAUX (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. VOINOVICH) to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 387. Mr. BYRD proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 388. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 389. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 390. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 391. Mr. STEVENS (for himself and Mr. NICKLES) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra.

SA 392. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 393. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 394. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 395. Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 396. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. INOUE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 397. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 398. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 399. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 400. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 401. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 402. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 403. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 404. Mr. NICKLES submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 405. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 406. Ms. STABENOW submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 407. Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 408. Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mr. SARBANES, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 409. Mr. DAYTON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 410. Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. KERRY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 368.** Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING PROGRAMS OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) the Corps of Engineers provides quality, responsive engineering services to the United States, including planning, designing, building, and operating invaluable water resources and civil works projects;

(2) the ports of the United States are a vital component of the economy of the United States, playing a critical role in international trade and commerce and in maintaining the energy supply of the United States;

(3) interruption of port operations would have a devastating effect on the United States;

(4) the navigation program of the Corps enables 2,400,000,000 tons of commerce to move on navigable waterways;

(5) the Department of Transportation estimates that those cargo movements have created jobs for 13,000,000 people;

(6) flood damage reduction structures provided and maintained by the Corps save taxpayers \$21,000,000,000 in damages every year, in addition to numerous human lives;

(7) the Corps designs and manages the construction of military facilities for the Army and Air Force while providing support to the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies;

(8) the Civil Works program of the Corps adds significant value to the economy of the United States;

(9) through contracting methods, the civil works program employs thousands of private sector contract employees, as well as Federal employees, in all aspects of construction, science, engineering, architecture, management, planning, design, operations, and maintenance; and

(10) the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that \$1,000,000,000 expended for the Civil Works program generates approximately 40,000 jobs in support of construction operation and maintenance activities in the United States.

(b) BUDGETARY ASSUMPTIONS.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) to perform vital functions described in subsection (a), the Corps of Engineers requires additional funding in order to sustain aging infrastructure of, and address the growing demand for water supply in, the United States; and

(2) the budgetary totals in this resolution assume that the level of funding provided for programs of the Corps described in subsection (a) will not be reduced below current baseline spending levels established for the programs.

**SA 369.** Mr. COCHRAN proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 22, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal year 2005 through 2013; as follows:

On page 23, line 15, increase the amount by \$3,500,000,000.

On page 23, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,575,000,000.

On page 23, line 20, increase the amount by \$875,000,000.

On page 23, line 24, increase the amount by \$525,000,000.

On page 24, line 3, increase the amount by \$350,000,000.

On page 24, line 7, increase the amount by \$175,000,000.

On page 4, line 14, increase the amount by \$3,500,000,000.

On page 5, line 4, increase the amount by \$1,575,000,000.

On page 5, line 5, increase the amount by \$875,000,000.

On page 5, line 6, increase the amount by \$525,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, increase the amount by \$350,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, increase the amount by \$175,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$1,575,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$875,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$525,000,000.

On page 5, line 20, decrease the amount by \$350,000,000.

On page 5, line 21, decrease the amount by \$175,000,000.

On page 46, line 20, increase the amount by \$3,500,000,000.

On page 46, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,575,000,000.

On page 47, line 6, increase the amount by \$875,000,000.

On page 47, line 15, increase the amount by \$525,000,000.

**SA 370.** Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. DODD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. ROCKFELLER, Mr. CORZINE, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 23, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2003 and for fiscal years 2005 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$3,210,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$3,745,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$3,970,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$4,043,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$4,082,000,000.

On page 3, line 15, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 3, line 16, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 3, line 17, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 3, line 18, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$3,210,000,000.

On page 4, line 2, increase the amount by \$3,745,000,000.

On page 4, line 3, increase the amount by \$3,970,000,000.

On page 4, line 4, increase the amount by \$4,043,000,000.

On page 4, line 5, increase the amount by \$4,082,000,000.

On page 4, line 6, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 4, line 9, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 4, line 10, increase the amount by \$4,080,000,000.

On page 4, line 15, increase the amount by \$2,111,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,919,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,802,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$1,676,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,545,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,406,000,000.

On page 4, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,259,000,000.

On page 4, line 22, increase the amount by \$1,106,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, increase the amount by \$945,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$775,000,000.

On page 5, line 5, increase the amount by \$1,576,000,000.

On page 5, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,751,000,000.