

under section 3, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to establish an Oceans and Human Health Initiative to coordinate and implement research and activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration related to the role of the oceans, the coasts, and the Great Lakes in human health. In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall consult with other Federal agencies conducting integrated oceans and human health research and research in related areas, including the National Science Foundation. The Oceans and Human Health Initiative is authorized to provide support for—

(1) centralized program and research coordination;

(2) an advisory panel;

(3) one or more National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration national centers of excellence;

(4) research grants; and

(5) distinguished scholars and traineeships.

(b) **ADVISORY PANEL.**—The Secretary is authorized to establish an oceans and human health advisory panel to assist in the development and implementation of the Oceans and Human Health Initiative. Membership of the advisory group shall provide for balanced representation of individuals with multi-disciplinary expertise in the marine and biomedical sciences. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the oceans and human health advisory panel.

(c) **NATIONAL CENTERS.**—

(1) The Secretary is authorized to identify and provide financial support through a competitive process to develop, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, for one or more centers of excellence that strengthen the capabilities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out its programs and activities related to the oceans' role in human health.

(2) The centers shall focus on areas related to agency missions, including use of marine organisms as indicators for marine environmental health, ocean pollutants, marine toxins and pathogens, harmful algal blooms, hypoxia, seafood testing, drug discovery, and biology and pathobiology of marine mammals, and on disciplines including marine genomics, marine environmental microbiology, ecological chemistry and conservation medicine.

(3) In selecting centers for funding, the Secretary will give priority to proposals with strong interdisciplinary scientific merit that encourage educational opportunities and provide for effective partnerships among the Administration, other Federal entities, State, academic, medical, and industry participants.

(d) **EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH GRANTS.**—

(1) The Secretary is authorized to provide grants of financial assistance to the scientific community for critical research and projects that explore the relationship between the oceans and human health and that complement or strengthen programs and activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration related to the ocean's role in human health. Officers and employees of Federal agencies may collaborate with, and participate in, such research and projects to the extent requested by the grant recipient. The Secretary shall consult with the oceans and human health advisory panel established under subsection (b) and may work cooperatively with other agencies participating in the interagency program under section 3 to establish joint criteria for such research and projects.

(2) Grants under this subsection shall be awarded through a competitive peer-reviewed, merit-based process that may be conducted jointly with other agencies participating in the interagency program estab-

lished in section 3 or under the National Oceanographic Partnership Program under section 7901 of title 10, United States Code.

(e) **DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS AND TRAINEESHIPS.**—

(1) The Secretary is authorized to designate and provide financial assistance to support distinguished scholars from academic institutions, industry, State governments, or other Federal agencies for collaborative work with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists and facilities.

(2) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to establish a program to provide traineeships, training, and experience to pre-doctoral and post-doctoral students and to scientists at the beginning of their careers who are interested in the oceans in human health research conducted under the NOAA initiative.

SEC. 5. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND OUTREACH.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with other appropriate Federal agencies shall design, and implement a national information and outreach program on potential ocean-related human health risks, including health hazards associated with the human consumption of seafood. Under such program, the Secretary shall—

(1) collect information on the incidence and locations of ocean-related health hazards and illnesses;

(2) disseminate such information to any appropriate Federal or State agency, involved industries, and other interested persons; and

(3) assess and make recommendations for observing systems to support the program.

SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **NOAA OCEANS AND HUMAN HEALTH INITIATIVE.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce to carry out the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Oceans and Human Health Initiative established under section 4, \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2006, and \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008. Not less than 50 percent of the amounts appropriated to carry out the initiative for each fiscal year shall be utilized to support the programs described in subsections (d) and (c) of section 4.

(b) **PUBLIC INFORMATION.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the public information and outreach program established under section 5, \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2007.

SA 2934. Mr. FRIST (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 305. REBUILDING FISH STOCKS.

Section 105 of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004, is repealed.

SA 2935. Mr. FRIST (for Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. BOXER)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. FRIST to the bill H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

(c) Within 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Utrok Atoll local government, in consultation with the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, shall submit a plan for the use of the vessel to be conveyed under subsection (a) to the House of Representatives Committee on Resources, the House of Representatives Committee on Science, the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

On page 4, after line 6, add the following:

TITLE IV—PACIFIC ALBACORE TUNA TREATY

SEC. 401. IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 201, 204, or 307(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1821, 1824, and 1857(2)), foreign fishing may be conducted pursuant to the Treaty between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges, signed at Washington May 26, 1981, including its Annexes and any amendments thereto.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary of Commerce, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, may—

(1) promulgate regulations necessary to discharge the obligations of the United States under the Treaty and its Annexes; and

(2) provide for the application of any such regulation to any person or vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, wherever that person or vessel may be located.

(c) **ENFORCEMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) shall be enforced as if subsection (a) were a provision of that Act. Any reference in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) to "this Act" or to any provision of that Act, shall be considered to be a reference to that Act as it would be in effect if subsection (a) were a provision of that Act.

(2) **REGULATIONS.**—The regulations promulgated under subsection (b), shall be enforced as if—

(A) subsection (a) were a provision of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.); and

(B) the regulations were promulgated under that Act.

SEC. 402. SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA TREATY ACT AMENDMENT.

Section 6 of the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973d(a)) is amended by striking "outside of the 200 nautical mile fisheries zones of the Pacific Island Parties." and inserting "or to fishing by vessels using the longline method in the high seas areas of the Treaty area."

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., on Port Security.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. ENZI. 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, March 24, at 11:30 a.m., to consider pending calendar business.

Agenda Item 1: To consider the nomination of Sue Ellen Wooldridge, to be Solicitor at the Department of the Interior.

Agenda Item 10: S. 1910—A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out an inventory and management program for forests derived from public domain land.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 24, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing to examine the environmental impacts on the U.S. natural gas supply. The meeting will be held in SD-406.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 11 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1529, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Amendments of 2003.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. on "Judicial Nominations" in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness list

Panel I: Senators.

Panel II: Paul S. Diamond to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., for a hearing entitled "Profiteering in a Non-Profit Industry: Abusive Practices in Credit Counseling."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Navy and Air Force aviation programs, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal

year 2005 and the future years defense program.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "The Real Estate Appraisal Industry."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 2:30 p.m.

The Purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 433, A bill to provide for enhanced collaborative forest stewardship management within the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests in Idaho, and for other purposes; S. 2180, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 1964, a bill to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the highlands region, and for other purposes.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 24, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on strategic forces and capabilities, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Shane Lowenberg of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's debate.

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

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

On Thursday, March 11, 2004, the Senate passed S. Con. Res. 95, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 95

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring).

SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005.

(a) DECLARATION.—Congress declares that this resolution is the concurrent resolution

on the budget for fiscal year 2005 including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 as authorized by section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 632).

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this concurrent resolution is as follows:

Sec. 1. Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005.

TITLE I—LEVELS AND AMOUNTS

Sec. 101. Recommended levels and amounts.

Sec. 102. Social security.

Sec. 103. Major functional categories.

TITLE II—RECONCILIATION

Sec. 201. Reconciliation in the Senate.

TITLE III—RESERVE FUNDS AND ADJUSTMENTS

Subtitle A—Reserve Funds

Sec. 301. Reserve fund for health insurance for the uninsured.

Sec. 302. Reserve fund for higher education.

Sec. 303. Reserve for energy legislation.

Sec. 304. Reserve fund for guard and reserve health care.

Sec. 305. Reserve fund for Montgomery GI bill benefits.

Sec. 306. Reserve for funding of Hope Credit.

Sec. 307. Reserve fund for expansion of pediatric vaccine distribution program.

Sec. 308. Reserve fund for addressing minority health disparities.

Sec. 309. Reserve for postal service reform.

Subtitle B—Adjustments With Respect to Discretionary Spending

Sec. 311. Adjustment for surface transportation.

Sec. 312. Supplemental appropriations for Iraq and related activities for fiscal year 2005.

Sec. 313. Adjustment for wildland fire suppression.

Sec. 314. Reserve fund for eliminating survivor benefit plan-social security offset.

TITLE IV—BUDGET ENFORCEMENT

Sec. 401. Restrictions on advance appropriations.

Sec. 402. Extension of emergency rule in the Senate.

Sec. 403. Discretionary spending limits in the Senate.

Sec. 404. Scoring rules.

Sec. 405. Adjustments to reflect changes in concepts and definitions.

Sec. 406. Application and effect of changes in allocations and aggregates.

Sec. 407. Exercise of rulemaking powers.

Sec. 408. Pay-as-you-go point of order in the Senate.

TITLE V—SENSE OF THE SENATE

Sec. 501. Sense of the Senate on budget process reform.

Sec. 502. Sense of the Senate on budget process reform with regard to the creation of bipartisan commissions to combat waste, fraud, and abuse and to promote spending efficiency.

Sec. 503. Sense of the Senate on the relationship between annual deficit spending and increases in debt service costs.

Sec. 504. Sense of the Senate regarding the costs of the medicare prescription drug program.

Sec. 505. Sense of the Senate regarding pay parity.

Sec. 506. Sense of the Senate on returning stability to payments under medicare physician fee schedule.

Sec. 507. Sense of the Senate regarding the use of Federal funds to support American companies and American workers.