

On page 112, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 8121. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Air Force may, using funds available to the Air Force, demolish or provide for the demolition of any facilities or other improvements on real property at the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

**SA 3540.** Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. CONRAD) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 112, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 8121. Of the amount appropriated by title III under the heading "AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE", up to \$7,000,000 may be available for F-16 Theater Airborne Reconnaissance System upgrades.

**SA 3541.** Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. REED, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. LEVIN)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 112, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 8121. For the purposes of applying sections 204 and 605 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2004 (division B of Public Law 108-199) to matters in title II of such Act under the heading "NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY" (118 Stat.69), in the account under the heading "INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES", the Secretary of Commerce shall make all determinations based on the Industrial Technology Services funding level of \$218,782,000 for reprogramming and transferring of funds for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program and may submit such a reprogramming or transfer, as the case may be, to the appropriate committees within 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SA 3542.** Mr. STEVENS (for Mr. DEWINE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 112, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 8121. (a)(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on mental health services available to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

(2) The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A comprehensive review of mental health services that are available—

(i) to members of the Armed Forces who are deployed in combat theaters;

(ii) to members of the Armed Forces at any facilities in the United States; and

(iii) to dependents of members of the Armed Forces during and after deployment of members overseas.

(B) Data on the average number of service days since September 11, 2001, on which members of the Armed Forces were absent or excused from duty for mental health reasons.

(C) A description of the current procedures for reducing the negative perceptions among

members of the Armed Services that are often associated with mental health counseling.

(D) A description of—

(i) the mental health services available to members of the Armed Forces, including members of the reserve components, and their dependents; and

(ii) the barriers to access to such services.

(E) An analysis of the extent to which the Secretary of the Army has implemented the recommendations on mental health services that were made by the Mental Health Advisory Team of the Army on March 25, 2004.

(F) A plan for actions that the Secretary determines appropriate for improving the delivery of appropriate mental health services to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

(b) Not later than 360 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that describes—

(1) the actions taken to implement the plan submitted under subsection (a)(2)(F); and

(2) the reasons why actions in the plan have not been completed, if any.

**SA 3543.** Mr. STEVENS (for Mrs. FEINSTEIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 112, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 8121. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV of this Act under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to \$5,000,000 may be available for support of the TIGER pathogen detection system.

**SA 3544.** Mr. INOUE (for Mr. DORGAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . **FUNDING FOR NORTH DAKOTA STATE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE, AND MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY.**

(a) **RESCISSION.**—There is rescinded an amount equal to \$795,280 from the amount appropriated to carry out part B of title VII of the Higher Education Act of 1965, in title III of division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199; 118 Stat. 3). This amount shall reduce the funds available for the projects specified in the statement of the managers on the Conference Report 108-401 accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199; 118 Stat. 3).

(b) **DISREGARD AMOUNT.**—In the statement of the managers on the Conference Report 108-401 accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199; 118 Stat. 3), in the matter in title III of division E, relating to the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education under the heading "Higher Education", the provision specifying \$800,000 for Wahpeton State School of Science and North Dakota State University to recruit, retain and train pharmacy technicians shall be disregarded.

(c) **APPROPRIATION.**—There is appropriated an amount equal to \$795,280 to the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration for "Training and Employment Services," available for obligation for the period from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005, of which—

(1) \$200,000 shall be made available to the North Dakota State School of Science to recruit, retain, and train pharmacy technicians;

(2) \$297,640 shall be made available to Bismarck State College for training and education related to its electric power plant technologies curriculum; and

(3) \$297,640 shall be made available for Minot State University for the Job Corps Fellowship Training Program.

**SA 3545.** Mr. INOUE proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4613, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 112, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 8121. Of the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to \$2,500,000 may be used for small business development and transition.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2004, at 10 a.m., in open session to consider the nomination of General George W. Casey, Jr., USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force—Iraq.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 24, 2004, at 3 p.m., in closed session to receive a briefing regarding ICRC reports on U.S. Military Detainee Operations.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing on Venezuela.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act: Education for the 21st Century Workforce" during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 10 a.m., in SD-430.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized

to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Building Room 226.

### Tentative Agenda

#### I. Nominations

Claude A. Allen to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit and Michael H. Watson to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio

#### II. Legislation

S. 1735, Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2003 [Hatch, Feinstein, Grassley, Graham, Chambliss, Cornyn, Schumer, Biden];

S. 1635, L-1 Visa, Intracompany Transferee, Reform Act of 2003 [Chambliss];

S.J. Res. 4, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States Act of 2003 [Hatch, Feinstein, Craig, Sessions, DeWine, Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Chambliss, Specter, Kyl];

S. 1700, Advancing Justice through DNA Technology Act of 2003 [Hatch, Biden, Specter, Leahy, DeWine, Feinstein, Kennedy, Schumer, Durbin, Kohl, Edwards]; and

S. 2396, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2004 [Hatch, Leahy, Chambliss, Durbin, Schumer]

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

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Aviation be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., on Security Screening Options for Airports.

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

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTRY, CONSERVATION, AND RURAL REVITALIZATION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation and Rural Revitalization of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 2004. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the implementation of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act.

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

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 2543, to establish a program and criteria for national heritage areas in the United States, and for other purposes.

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

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., on H.R. 2608—National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2003.

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

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Steven Wackowski, an intern with the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Pete McAleer, a Defense fellow in Senator GREGG's office, and Brian Glackin, a Defense fellow in Senator COCHRAN's office, be granted privileges of the floor during the consideration of the fiscal year 2005 Defense appropriations bill.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Paul Thanos, a legislative fellow in the offices of MARIA CANTWELL, be granted the privileges of the floor during consideration of the Defense appropriations bill.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Reb Brownell, a detailee on the Foreign Operations Subcommittee, be granted the privilege of the floor throughout the Senate's consideration and voting on the resolution renewing sanctions against Burma.

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

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 218

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 218 is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 218) to amend title 18 United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for its second reading in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV and object to further proceedings on this matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read a second time on the next legislative day.

#### ESTABLISHING A DEMOCRACY CAUCUS WITHIN THE U.N.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 83, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 83) promoting the establishment of a democracy caucus within the United Nations.

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

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues for their support of S. Con. Res. 83, a resolution that I introduced in support of the establishment of a Democracy Caucus within the United Nations. In particular, I thank Senators LUGAR, HAGEL, LIEBERMAN, and COLEMAN for their co-sponsorship of this resolution. I also want to thank Chairman LUGAR for permitting the resolution to come to the floor today.

I am pleased that the Bush administration also supports the establishment of a U.N. Democracy Caucus, and that significant progress was made on this front in Geneva at this year's Commission on Human Rights. In particular, Peru, Romania, East Timor, Poland, Chile, South Korea, India and Italy have been very engaged in collaborative democracy-promotion initiatives. I am encouraged by such joint efforts. The broader the international support for a caucus, the more effective it will be.

The establishment of a U.N. Democracy Caucus is not merely a project supported by Congress and the State Department. It is also endorsed by a broad-based coalition of U.S.-based organizations and advocacy groups such as Freedom House, Human Rights Watch, the American Jewish Committee, the American Bar Association and the Council for Community of Democracies. I also thank them for their work and advocacy on this issue.

The idea of establishing a Democracy Caucus within the United Nations makes extraordinary good sense. The basic principal is this: democratic nations share common values, and should work together at the United Nations to promote those values. We will be more effective in doing so.

Working together with like-minded nations in the United Nations and other multilateral organizations is a logical and practical way to conduct foreign policy. We build coalitions in American politics, in legislatures across the land and here in the Congress. Similarly, we should build coalitions of like-minded states in the United Nations, particularly to bolster global democratic principles, advance human rights, and promote international security and stability.

The administration has recently rediscovered the virtues of working in cooperation with other nations at the United Nations. There we are just one nation, though a very powerful one. We only have one vote, whether in the General Assembly or the Security Council. Other democratic states should be natural allies on many