

to World War II, when as a pilot he flew missions in support of the Flying Tigers over the "Hump" between Burma and China. Because of his dedicated service to the people of China, he was later decorated with the Yuan Hai Medal by the Chinese government.

Since he first arrived in the Senate 36 years ago, Senator STEVENS has worked tirelessly to improve the bilateral relationship between the United States and China, and promote exchanges and cooperation between the two sides.

While Senator MURKOWSKI's tenure in the Senate may be shorter than that of her senior colleague from Alaska, she nevertheless is already playing a key part in shaping our relationship with China.

As the chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, she has the unique responsibility of overseeing our relationship with China and its many neighbors in the region.

My own relationship with China first started in 1979 when I had the chance to visit as the Mayor of San Francisco.

In 1980, I joined my counterpart, Mayor Wang Daohan, in signing an agreement to establish the first Sister City relationship of its kind between San Francisco and Shanghai.

Since that time, I have traveled regularly to China and had the opportunity to get to know many of its leaders.

I can tell you that, in my view, no nation on Earth has changed more positively in the past three decades than China.

That is why I consider it truly an honor to join with my colleagues in introducing this resolution to recognize the Festival of China.

I hope that during the month of October 2005 more Americans will have the chance to understand China and its unique contributions to art and culture during the past 5,000 years.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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On page ___, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT.—Notwithstanding section 101 of this joint resolution, amounts are provided for making payments under the "Community Services Block Grant Act" at a rate not less than the amounts made available for such Act in fiscal year 2005.

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At the appropriate place in the bill insert the following:

SEC. ___. Notwithstanding Sec. 101 of H.J. Res. 68, the Community Services Block Grant program shall be funded at the same rate of operation as in Division F of Public Law 108-447, through November 18, 2005.

SA 1923. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. BOND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. Of the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE", up to \$4,000,000 may be used for Oral Anthrax/Plague Vaccine Development.

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propriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. Of the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to \$1,000,000 may be used for Integrated Starter/Alternator for Up-Armored High Mobility Multi-Wheeled Vehicles.

SA 1925. Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2863, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 220, after line 25, add the following:

SEC. 8116. Of the amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, ARMY", up to \$1,000,000 may be made available for an environmental management and compliance information system.

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At the end of subtitle E of title II, add the following:

SEC. 244. REPORT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION ON RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION ACTIVITIES.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall jointly submit to Congress a report setting forth the recommendations of the Secretary and the Administrator regarding cooperative activities between the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration related to research, development, test, and evaluation on areas of mutual interest to the Department and the Administration.

(b) AREAS COVERED.—The areas of mutual interest to the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration referred to in subsection (a) may include, but not be limited to, areas relating to the following:

- (1) Aeronautics research.
- (2) Facilities, personnel, and support infrastructure.
- (3) Propulsion and power technologies.
- (4) Space access and operations.

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On page 220, after line 25, insert the following:

SEC. 8116. (a) The amount appropriated by title IV under the heading "RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, NAVY" may be increased by up to \$1,500,000.

(b) The amount made available pursuant to subsection (a) shall be available for research within the High-Brightness Electron Source program.

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(b) The amount made available pursuant to subsection (a) shall be available for research on and facilitation of technology for converting obsolete chemical munitions to fertilizer.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

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 Friday, September 30, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Janellen Duffy, a fellow with the Finance Committee staff, be granted the privilege of the floor today.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration of Margaret Spelling, PN 9-45; provided further that the Senate proceed to its consideration.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate also proceed en bloc to the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: 148, 318 through 337, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Margaret Spellings, of Texas, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Thirty-third Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brigadier General Rita M. Broadway

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Salvatore A. Angelella

Andrew E. Busch

Arthur B. Cameron, III

Susan Y. Desjardins

Richard T. Devereaux

Judith A. Fedder

Eric E. Fiel

Jonathan D. George

Mark W. Graper

Bradley A. Heithold

Susan J. Helms

Peter F. Hoene

Darrell D. Jones

Duane A. Jones

Noel T. Jones

Robert C. Kane

Stanley T. Kresge

Michael A. Longoria

Charles W. Lyon

Otis G. Mannon

Susan K. Mashiko

Darren W. McDew

Clyde D. Moore, II

Douglas H. Owens

John T. Pray, Jr.

David E. Price

Philip M. Ruhlman

David J. Scott

Dana A. Simmons

Paula G. Thornhill

Suzanne M. Vautrinot

David B. Warner

Lawrence L. Wells

Janet C. Wolfenbarger

Daniel P. Woodward

Scott E. Wuesthoff

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lorenz

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Gary L. North

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be General

Lt. Gen. Duncan J. McNabb

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position

of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Frank G. Klotz

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Douglas M. Fraser

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. John F. Regni

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated in accordance with Article II, Section 2, Clause 2, of the Constitution:

To be brigadier general

Col. Richard J. Tubb;

IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. James P. Eggleton

To be brigadier general

Col. Blake E. Williams

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. James S. Goodwin

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Roger F. Clements

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Daniel P. Leaf

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. William S. Wallace

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Philip Volpe

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Michael H. Sumrall

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the