

SA 537. Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mrs. BOXER)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 1268, Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ (a) PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR SECURITY AND STABILIZATION OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN AND FOR OTHER DEFENSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES THROUGH PARTIAL SUSPENSION OF REDUCTION IN HIGHEST INCOME TAX RATE FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS.—The table contained in paragraph (2) of section 1(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to (relating to reductions in rates after June 30, 2001) is amended to read as follows:

"In the case of taxable years beginning during calendar year:	The corresponding percentages shall be substituted for the following percentages:			
	28%	31%	36%	39.6%
2001	27.5%	30.5%	35.5%	39.1%
2002	27.0%	30.0%	35.0%	38.6%
2003, 2004, and 2005	25.0%	28.0%	33.0%	35.0%
2006 and thereafter	25.0%	28.0%	33.0%	38.6%".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005.

(c) APPLICATION OF EGTRRA SUNSET TO THIS SECTION.—The amendment made by this section shall be subject to title IX of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 to the same extent and in the same manner as the provision of such Act to which such amendment relates.

NOTICES OF HEARING/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Tuesday, April 26, at 10 a.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding the status of the Department of Energy's Nuclear Power 2010 program.

For further information, please contact Clint Williamson at 202-224-7556 or David Marks at 202-228-6195.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. Thomas. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

The hearing will be held on Thursday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-

366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 242, a bill to establish four memorials to the Space Shuttle Columbia in the State of Texas; S. 262, a bill to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California; S. 336, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study of the feasibility of designating the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Watertrail as a national historic trail; S. 670, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of sites associated with the life of Cesar Estrada Chavez and the farm labor movement; S. 777, a bill to designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the "Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area", and for other purposes; and H.R. 126, a bill to amend Public Law 89-366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161 or Brian Carlstrom at (202) 224-6293.

AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURTS THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2011

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 289 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 289) to authorize an annual appropriation of \$10,000,000 for mental health courts through fiscal year 2011.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate is going to pass S. 289, a bill to reauthorize the Mental Health Court Program and provide \$10 million in grant funding annually for mental health courts through fiscal year 2011. I am the lead Democratic sponsor of this bill, and cosponsored similar legislation in the last Congress.

Senator DEWINE and I have worked together on a number of mental health issues. Last year, we worked together to enact the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act, which authorizes \$50 million annually

for a range of State and local projects designed to reduce the number of crimes committed by mentally ill individuals. We are now working together to obtain appropriations to fund the new law.

As former prosecutors, Senator DEWINE and I both realize the tremendous impact of mental illness on our criminal justice system. We need to stop the "revolving door" whereby mentally ill offenders cycle in and out of the criminal justice system for relatively minor offenses, taking up the time and resources of law enforcement officers, judges, and the community as a whole. My State of Vermont has benefited from funding under the Mental Health Court Program, and I know firsthand the good that mental health courts can do.

I hope the House will take up this bipartisan and uncontroversial legislation promptly and ensure that Federal support for mental health courts will continue.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 289) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 289

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

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 1001(a)(20) of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3793(a)(20)) is amended by striking "fiscal years 2001 through 2004" and inserting "fiscal years 2006 through 2011".

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 1268, the Iraq-Afghanistan supplemental appropriations bill; provided that the time until 11:45 be divided with Senator CHAMBLISS in control of one-half of the time and the other half divided equally between Senators CRAIG and KENNEDY; provided further that at 11:45 a.m. the Senate proceed to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Chambliss amendment, as provided under the previous order.

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

Mr. FRIST. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from

12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow, the Senate will resume consideration of the Iraq-Afghanistan supplemental appropriations bill. At 11:45 a.m., the Senate will proceed to the cloture vote on the Chambliss immigration amendment, to be followed by a vote on invoking cloture on the Craig AgJOBS amendment. Therefore, Senators should expect two cloture votes beginning at 11:45 tomorrow morning.

If cloture is not invoked on either of those amendments, the Chambliss amendment or the Craig amendment, the Senate will continue working through additional amendments to the bill. Under a previous order, if the Senate is not in a postcloture period, we will proceed to the cloture vote on the Mikulski language, and that is the Mikulski immigration amendment, at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon. After we dispose of the Mikulski amendment, the Senate will proceed to the cloture vote on the overall bill, the underlying bill.

I also announce to my colleagues that, as they can see, we will have a

very busy day over the course of tomorrow. Rollcall votes are likely to occur throughout the day, beginning at 11:45 a.m. As a reminder, there is an 11 a.m. filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the Chambliss and Craig amendments. The filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the Mikulski amendment and the bill itself will be determined by the outcome of those two earlier cloture votes tomorrow morning, and Senators will be notified once those deadlines can be established.

Once again, I hope the Senate will invoke cloture on the bill so that the Senate can complete this underlying, important, critical emergency funding bill, an emergency funding bill for our troops in Afghanistan, in Iraq, as well as tsunami relief.

Over the last week, week and a half, I have encouraged and will continue to encourage my colleagues not to offer extraneous amendments. I know people see this as a bill that is going to ultimately pass this floor, and it is very tempting to throw your outbox on this bill.

To be honest, I have been disappointed in the number of extraneous, unrelated amendments that have been brought forward. We have 20 pending amendments to the supplemental ap-

propriations bill. In addition to that, I have on each of these pages about 30 amendments, 4 pages of amendments Senators have brought forward.

I appeal to my colleagues: Let us stay on this bill, the supplemental emergency spending bill. We are at war. We have troops who need this money now. All I can do is continue to appeal. We will have these immigration amendments tomorrow. We will have the opportunity to vote on these three amendments. That process will begin with the cloture votes at 11:45 in the morning.

Once again, use restraint in bringing amendments forward, unless they are directed at supplemental emergency spending for our troops overseas or tsunami relief.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:41 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 9:45 a.m.