

“(b) ELECTION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An election under this section for any taxable year shall be made on the taxpayer’s return of the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year. Such election shall be made in such manner as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe.

“(2) ELECTION IRREVOCABLE.—Any election made under this section may not be revoked except with the consent of the Secretary.

“(c) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2007.”

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for part VI of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code, as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 179D the following new item:

“Sec. 179E. Election to expense new diesel technology trucks.”

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to property placed in service on or after January 1, 2007.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the hearing previously scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 3 p.m. has been cancelled.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive testimony on the water supply status in the Pacific Northwest and its impact on power production, as well as to receive testimony on S. 648, to amend the Reclamation States Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1991 to extend the authority for drought assistance.

For further information, please contact Kellie Donnelly 202-224-9360 or Steve Waskiewicz at 202-224-9313.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 21, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., to receive a classified briefing regarding improvised explosive devices (IEDS).

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 21, 2005, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on “The Consideration of Regulatory Relief Proposals.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Russia.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing on nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 9:15 a.m., for a hearing titled, “Juvenile Diabetes: Examining the Personal Toll on Families, Financial Costs to the Federal Health Care System, and Research Progress Toward a Cure.”

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing to examine the issue of voter verification in the Federal elections process.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND COAST GUARD

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries and Coast Guard be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 21, 2005, on Coast Guard’s Revised Deepwater Implementation Plan at 10 a.m., in SR-253.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I further ask consent that Eric Loewen of my staff be granted floor privileges during consideration of the Energy bill.

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

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Max Frances Moran of my office be granted floor privileges during the debate on the Energy bill.

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

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Douglas Rathbun be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of debate on H.R. 6.

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

AMENDING COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ACT OF 1962

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the

immediate consideration of S. 1282 that was introduced earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1282) to amend the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 to strike the privatization criteria for INTELSAT separated entities, remove certain restrictions on separated and successor entities to INTELSAT, and for other purposes.

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

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

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

The bill (S. 1282) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1282

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

SECTION 1. FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF OFFICERS, MANAGERS, OR DIRECTORS.

Section 621(5)(D) of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763(5)(D)) is amended—

- (1) by striking “(I)” in clause (ii);
- (2) by striking “signatories, or (II)” in clause (ii) and all that follows through “mechanism;” and inserting “signatories; and;”
- (3) by striking “organization; and” in clause (iii) and inserting “organization;” and
- (4) by striking clause (iv).

SEC. 2. CRITERIA FOR INTELSAT SEPARATED ENTITIES.

Subtitle B of title VI of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763 et seq.) is amended by striking section 623 (47 U.S.C. 763b).

SEC. 3. PRESERVATION OF SPACE SEGMENT CAPACITY OF THE GMDSS.

Section 624 of the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 (47 U.S.C. 763c) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 624. SPACE SEGMENT CAPACITY OF THE GMDSS.

“The United States shall preserve the space segment capacity of the GMDSS. This section is not intended to alter the status that the GMDSS would otherwise have under United States laws and regulations of the International Telecommunication Union with respect to spectrum, orbital locations, or other operational parameters, or to be a barrier to competition for the provision of GMDSS services.”

SEC. 4. SATELLITE SERVICE REPORT.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Federal Communications Commission shall review competitive market conditions with respect to domestic and international satellite communications services and shall include in an annual report an analysis of those conditions. The Commission shall transmit a copy of the report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce.

(b) CONTENT.—The Commission shall include in the report—

- (1) an identification of the number and market share of competitors in domestic and international satellite markets;
- (2) an analysis of whether there is effective competition in the market for domestic and international satellite services; and

(3) a list of any foreign nations in which legal or regulatory practices restrict access to the market for satellite services in such nation in a manner that undermines competition or favors a particular competitor or set of competitors.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE
CALENDAR—H.R. 2745

Mr. DOMENICI. I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2745) to reform the United Nations, and for other purposes.

Mr. DOMENICI. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE
22, 2005

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it

stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 22. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time of the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 6, the Energy bill, provided that when the Senate resumes consideration of the Energy bill, Senator FEINSTEIN be recognized to offer an amendment as provided under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DOMENICI. Tomorrow, the Senate will resume consideration of the Energy bill. Under the previous order, as we have just indicated, Senator FEINSTEIN will offer a liquefied natural gas amendment in the morning, under 1-hour time agreement. Following that debate, the Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD, will offer an amendment regarding rural gas prices. It is my hope that we will be able to stack the votes in relation to the Feinstein amendment with additional votes tomorrow morning. Senators should expect at least 1 vote prior to lunch.

For the remainder of the day, we will continue working through the amendments on the bill.

We reached an agreement tonight with respect to the McCain-Lieberman climate change amendment. We expect to dispose of the amendment tomorrow afternoon. We will consider additional amendments tomorrow, and Senators should expect rollcall votes throughout the day and into the evening.

Finally, I remind Senators we just filed cloture on the bill. That cloture vote will occur on Thursday, as we try to complete the bill this week.

As a reminder, under the provisions of rule XXII, the first-degree amendments must be filed by 1 p.m. tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. DOMENICI. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:58 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 22, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.