(IV) to achieve a thermal efficiency of at least—

(aa) 50 percent for coal of more than 9,000 Btu;

(bb) 48 percent for coal of 7,000 to 9,000 Btu; and

(cc) 46 percent for coal of less than 7,000 Btu.

(2) OTHER PROJECTS.—

(A) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall ensure that up to 20 percent of the funds made available under section 401(a) are used to fund projects other than those described in paragraph (1).

(B) TECHNICAL MILESTONES.—

(i) PERIODIC DETERMINATION.—

(I) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall periodically establish technical milestones specifying the emission and thermal efficiency levels that projects funded under this paragraph shall be designed, and reasonably expected, to achieve.

(II) PRESCRIPTIVE MILESTONES.—The technical milestones shall become more prescriptive during the period of the clean coal power initiative.

(ii) 2020 GOALS.—The Secretary shall set the periodic milestones so as to achieve by the year 2020 projects able—

(I) to remove at least 97 percent of sulfur dioxide;

(II) to emit no more than .08 lbs of NO_x per million Btu;

(III) to achieve at least 90 percent reductions in mercury emissions; and

(IV) to achieve a thermal efficiency of at least—

(aa) 43 percent for coal of more than 9,000 Btu;

(bb) 41 percent for coal of 7,000 to 9,000 Btu; and

(cc) 39 percent for coal of less than 7,000 Btu.

(3) CONSULTATION.—Before setting the technical milestones under paragraphs (1)(B) and (2)(B), the Secretary shall consult with—

(A) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

(B) interested entities, including—

(i) coal producers;

(ii) industries using coal;

(iii) organizations that promote coal or advanced coal technologies;

(iv) environmental organizations;

(v) organizations representing workers; and

(vi) organizations representing consumers.

(4) EXISTING UNITS.—In the case of projects at units in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, in lieu of the thermal efficiency requirements described in paragraphs (1)(B)(ii)(IV) and (2)(B)(ii)(IV), the milestones shall be designed to achieve an overall thermal design efficiency improvement, compared to the efficiency of the unit as operated, of not less than—

(A) 7 percent for coal of more than 9,000 Btu;

(B) 6 percent for coal of 7,000 to 9,000 Btu; or

(C) 4 percent for coal of less than 7,000 Btu.

(5) ADMINISTRATION.—

(A) ELEVATION OF SITE.—In evaluating project proposals to achieve thermal efficiency levels established under paragraphs (1)(B)(i) and (2)(B)(i) and in determining progress towards thermal efficiency milestones under paragraphs (1)(B)(ii)(IV), (2)(B)(ii)(IV), and (4), the Secretary shall take into account and make adjustments for the elevation of the site at which a project is proposed to be constructed.

(B) APPLICABILITY OF MILESTONES.—The thermal efficiency milestones under paragraphs (1)(B)(ii)(IV), (2)(B)(ii)(IV), and (4) shall not apply to projects that separate and capture at least 50 percent of the potential emissions of carbon dioxide by a facility.

(C) PERMITTED USES.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall give high priority to projects that include, as part of the project—

(i) the separation or capture of carbon dioxide; or

(ii) the reduction of the demand for natural gas if deployed.

(c) FINANCIAL CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall not provide financial assistance under this subtitle for a project unless the recipient documents to the satisfaction of the Secretary that—

(1) the recipient is financially responsible;

(2) the recipient will provide sufficient information to the Secretary to enable the Secretary to ensure that the funds are spent efficiently and effectively; and

(3) a market exists for the technology being demonstrated or applied, as evidenced by statements of interest in writing from potential purchasers of the technology.

(d) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide financial assistance to projects that, as determined by the Secretary—

(1) meet the requirements of subsections (a), (b), and (c); and

(2) are likely—

(A) to achieve overall cost reductions in the use of coal to generate useful forms of energy or chemical feedstocks;

(B) to improve the competitiveness of coal among various forms of energy in order to maintain a diversity of fuel choices in the United States to meet electricity generation requirements; and

(C) to demonstrate methods and equipment that are applicable to 25 percent of the electricity generating facilities, using various types of coal, that use coal as the primary feedstock as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) COST-SHARING.—In carrying out this subtitle, the Secretary shall require cost sharing in accordance with section 1002.

(f) SCHEDULED COMPLETION OF SELECTED PROJECTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In selecting a project for financial assistance under this section, the Secretary shall establish a reasonable period of time during which the owner or operator of the project shall complete the construction or demonstration phase of the project, as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

(2) CONDITION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall require as a condition of receipt of any financial assistance under this subtitle that the recipient of the assistance enter into an agreement with the Secretary not to request an extension of the time period established for the project by the Secretary under paragraph (1).

(3) EXTENSION OF TIME PERIOD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary may extend the time period established under paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines, in the sole discretion of the Secretary, that the owner or operator of the project cannot complete the construction or demonstration phase of the project within the time period due to circumstances beyond the control of the owner or operator.

(B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not extend a time period under subparagraph (A) by more than 4 years.

(g) FEE TITLE.—The Secretary may vest fee title or other property interests acquired under cost-share clean coal power initiative agreements under this subtitle in any entity, including the United States.

(h) DATA PROTECTION.—For a period not exceeding 5 years after completion of the operations phase of a cooperative agreement, the Secretary may provide appropriate protections (including exemptions from subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code) against the dissemination of information that—

(1) results from demonstration activities carried out under the clean coal power initiative program; and

(2) would be a trade secret or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential if the information had been obtained from and first produced by a non-Federal party participating in a clean coal power initiative project.

(i) APPLICABILITY.—No technology, or level of emission reduction, solely by reason of the use of the technology, or the achievement of the emission reduction, by 1 or more facilities receiving assistance under this Act, shall be considered to be—

(1) adequately demonstrated for purposes of section 111 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7411);

(2) achievable for purposes of section 169 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 7479); or

(3) achievable in practice for purposes of section 171 of that Act (42 U.S.C. 7501).

SA 1008. Mr. CRAIG (for Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy; as follows:

On page 696, lines 24 and 25, strike ''unlawful on the grounds that it is unjust and unreasonable'' and insert ''not permitted under a rate schedule (or contract under such a schedule) or is otherwise unlawful on the grounds that the contract is unjust and unreasonable or contrary to the public interest''.

SA 1009. Mr. CRAIG (for Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 6, to ensure jobs for our future with secure, affordable, and reliable energy; as follows:

On page 12 (of title XV as agreed to), after line 23, add the following:

SEC. ___. APPLICATION OF SECTION 45 CREDIT TO AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 45(e) (relating to definitions and special rules), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(11) ALLOCATION OF CREDIT TO PATRONS OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE.—

''(A) ELECTION TO ALLOCATE.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible cooperative organization, any portion of the credit determined under subsection (a) for the taxable year may, at the election of the organization, be apportioned among patrons of the organization on the basis of the amount of business done by the patrons during the taxable year.

''(ii) FORM AND EFFECT OF ELECTION.—An election under clause (i) for any taxable year shall be made on a timely filed return for such year. Such election, once made, shall be irrevocable for such taxable year.

''(B) TREATMENT OF ORGANIZATIONS AND PATRONS.—The amount of the credit apportioned to any patrons under subparagraph (A)—

''(i) shall not be included in the amount determined under subsection (a) with respect to the organization for the taxable year, and

''(ii) shall be included in the amount determined under subsection (a) for the taxable year of the patrons with or within which the taxable year of the organization ends.

''(C) SPECIAL RULES FOR DECREASE IN CREDITS FOR TAXABLE YEAR.—If the amount of the credit of a cooperative organization determined under subsection (a) for a taxable year is less than the amount of such credit shown on the return of the cooperative organization for such year, an amount equal to the excess of—

''(i) such reduction, over

''(ii) the amount not apportioned to such patrons under subparagraph (A) for the taxable year, shall be treated as an increase in tax imposed by this chapter on the organization. Such increase shall not be treated as tax imposed by this chapter for purposes of determining the amount of any credit under this subpart or subpart A, B, E, or G.

''(D) ELIGIBLE COOPERATIVE DEFINED.—For purposes of this section the term 'eligible cooperative' means a cooperative organization described in section 1381(a) which is owned more than 50 percent by agricultural producers or by entities owned by agricultural producers. For this purpose an entity owned by an agricultural producer is one that is more than 50 percent owned by agricultural producers.

''(E) WRITTEN NOTICE TO PATRONS.—If any portion of the credit available under subsection (a) is allocated to patrons under subparagraph (A), the eligible cooperative shall provide any patron receiving an allocation written notice of the amount of the allocation. Such notice shall be provided before the date on which the return described in subparagraph (B)(ii) is due.''.

SEC. ___. EXPANSION OF RESOURCES TO WAVE, CURRENT, TIDAL, AND OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 45(c)(1) (defining qualified energy resources), as amended by this Act, is amended by striking ''and'' at the end of subparagraph (H), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (I) and inserting '', and'', and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(J) wave, current, tidal, and ocean thermal energy.''

(b) DEFINITION OF RESOURCES.—Section 45(c), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(9) WAVE, CURRENT, TIDAL, AND OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY.—The term 'wave, current, tidal, and ocean thermal energy' means electricity produced from any of the following:

''(A) Free flowing ocean water derived from tidal currents, ocean currents, waves, or estuary currents.

''(B) Ocean thermal energy.

''(C) Free flowing water in rivers, lakes, man made channels, or streams.''

(c) FACILITIES.—Section 45(d), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(11) WAVE, CURRENT, TIDAL, AND OCEAN THERMAL FACILITY.—In the case of a facility using resources described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (c)(9) to produce electricity, the term 'qualified facility' means any facility owned by the taxpayer which is originally placed in service after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and before January 1, 2009, but such term shall not include a facility which includes impoundment structures or a small irrigation power facility.''

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

On page 35 (of title XV as agreed to), strike lines 10 through 16, and insert the following:

''(A) APPLICATION PERIOD.—Each applicant for certification under this paragraph shall submit an application meeting the requirements of subparagraph (B). An applicant may only submit an application during the 3-year period beginning on the date the Secretary establishes the program under paragraph (1).

''(B) REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION.—An application under subparagraph (A) shall contain such information as the Secretary may require in order to make a determination to accept or reject an application for certification as meeting the requirements under subsection (e)(1). Any information contained in the application shall be protected as provided in section 552(b)(4) of title 5, United States Code.

''(C) TIME TO ACT UPON APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall issue a determination as to whether an applicant has met the requirements under subsection (e)(1) within 60 days following the date of submittal of the application for certification.

''(D) TIME TO MEET CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION.—Each applicant for certification shall have 2 years from the date of acceptance by the Secretary of the application during which to provide to the Secretary evidence that the criteria set forth in subsection (e)(2) have been met.

''(E) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—An applicant which receives a certification shall have 5 years from the date of issuance of the certification in order to place the project in service and if such project is not placed in service by that time period then the certification shall no longer be valid.''.

On page 36 (of title XV as agreed to), strike lines 14 through 23.

On page 36 (of title XV as agreed to), line 24, strike ''(6)'' and insert ''(5)''.

On page 37 (of title XV as agreed to), line 16, strike ''commitment''.

On page 37 (of title XV as agreed to), line 17, strike ''(e)(4)(B)'' and insert ''paragraph (2)''.

On page 37 (of title XV as agreed to), line 19, strike ''(f)(2)(B)(ii)'' and insert ''paragraph (2)(D)''.

On page 37 (of title XV as agreed to), line 20, strike ''commitment''.

On page 37 (of title XV as agreed to), between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

''(C) REALLOCATION.—If the Secretary determines that megawatts under clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (3)(B) are available for reallocation pursuant to the requirements set forth in paragraph (2), the Secretary is authorized to conduct an additional program for applications for certification.''.

On page 38 (of title XV as agreed to), line 7, strike ''or polygeneration''.

On page 38 (of title XV as agreed to), beginning with line 13 strike all through page 39, line 25, and insert the following:

''(C) the project, consisting of one or more electric generation units at one site, will have a total nameplate generating capacity of at least 400 megawatts;

''(D) the applicant demonstrates that there is a letter of intent signed by an officer of an entity willing to purchase the majority of the output of the project or signed by an officer of a utility indicating that the electricity capacity addition is consistent with that utility's integrated resource plan as approved by the regulatory or governing body that oversees electricity capacity allocations of the utility;

''(E) there is evidence of ownership or control of a site of sufficient size to allow the proposed project to be constructed and to operate on a long-term basis; and

''(F) the project will be located in the United States.

''(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION.—For the purpose of subsection (d)(2)(D), a project shall be eligible for certification only if the Secretary determines that—

''(A) the applicant for certification has received all Federal and State environmental authorizations or reviews necessary to commence construction of the project; and

''(B) the applicant for certification, except in the case of a retrofit or repower of an existing electric generation unit, has purchased or entered into a binding contract for the purchase of the main steam turbine or turbines for the project, except that such contract may be contingent upon receipt of a certification under subsection (d)(2).''.

On page 40 (of title XV as agreed to), strike ''(2)'' and insert ''(3)''.

On page 40 (of title XV as agreed to), line 4, strike ''subsection (d)(3)(B)(i)'' and insert ''subsection (d)(2)''.

On page 40 (of title XV as agreed to), line 5, strike ''certify capacity'' and insert ''certify capacity, in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (d), in relatively equal amounts''.

On page 40 (of title XV as agreed to), beginning with line 19, strike all through page 42, line 6.

On page 42 (of title XV as agreed to), line 18, strike ''the vendor warrants that''.

On page 44 (of title XV as agreed to), after line 25, insert the following:

''(h) APPLICABILITY.—No use of technology (or level of emission reduction solely by reason of the use of the technology), and no achievement of any emission reduction by the demonstration of any technology or performance level, by or at one or more facilities with respect to which a credit is allowed under this section, shall be considered to indicate that the technology or performance level is—

''(1) adequately demonstrated for purposes of section 111 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S. C. 7411);

''(2) achievable for purposes of section 169 of that Act (42 U.S. C. 7479); or

''(3) achievable in practice for purposes of section 171 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7501).

On page 155 (of title XV as agreed to), line 13, strike ''2010'' and insert ''2012''.

On page 186 (of title XV as agreed to), line 2, insert ''or any mixture of biodiesel (as defined in section 40A(d)(1)) and diesel fuel (as defined in section 4083(a)(3)), determined without regard to any use of kerosene and containing at least 20 percent biodiesel'' after ''hydrogen''.

Beginning on page 211 (of title XV as agreed to), line 16, strike all through page 212, line 17, and insert the following:

''(b) LIMITATION.—The amount allowable as a credit under subsection (a) with respect to any qualified recycling equipment shall not exceed—

''(1) in the case of such equipment described in subsection (c)(1)(A)(i), 15 percent of the cost of such equipment, and

''(2) in the case of such equipment described in subsection (c)(1)(A)(ii), 15 percent of so much of the cost of each piece of equipment as exceeds $400,000.

''(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

''(1) QUALIFIED RECYCLING EQUIPMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified recycling equipment' means equipment, including connecting piping—

''(i) employed in sorting or processing residential and commercial qualified recyclable materials described in paragraph (2)(A) for the purpose of converting such materials for use in manufacturing tangible consumer products, including packaging, or

''(ii) the primary purpose of which is the shredding and processing of qualified recyclable materials described in paragraph (2)(B).

''(B) EQUIPMENT AT COMMERCIAL OR PUBLIC VENUES INCLUDED.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(i), such term includes equipment which is utilized at commercial or public venues, including recycling collection centers, where the equipment is utilized to sort or process qualified recyclable materials for such purpose.

''(C) EXCLUSION.—Such term does not include rolling stock or other equipment used to transport recyclable materials.

''(2) QUALIFIED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.—The term 'qualified recyclable materials' means—

''(A) any packaging or printed material which is glass, paper, plastic, steel, or aluminum, and

''(B) any electronic waste (including any cathode ray tube, flat panel screen, or similar video display device with a screen size greater than 4 inches measured diagonally, or a central processing unit),

generated by an individual or business and which has been separated from solid waste for the purposes of collection and recycling.

On page 215 (of title XV as agreed to), line 23, strike ''for any'' and insert ''during any''.

On page 230 (of title XV as agreed to), between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. ___. THREE-YEAR APPLICABLE RECOVERY PERIOD FOR DEPRECIATION OF QUALIFIED ENERGY MANAGEMENT DEVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 168(e)(3)(A) (defining 3-year property) is amended by striking ''and'' at the end of clause (ii), by striking the period at the end of clause (iii) and inserting '', and'', and by adding at the end the following new clause:

''(iv) any qualified energy management device.''.

(b) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED ENERGY MANAGEMENT DEVICE.—Section 168(i) (relating to definitions and special rules), as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

''(18) QUALIFIED ENERGY MANAGEMENT DEVICE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified energy management device' means any energy management device—

''(1) which is placed in service before January 1, 2008, by a taxpayer who is a supplier of electric energy or a provider of electric energy services,

''(2) the original use of which commences with the taxpayer, and

''(3) the purchase of which is subject to a binding contract entered into after June 23, 2005, but only if there was no written binding contract entered into on or before such date.

''(B) ENERGY MANAGEMENT DEVICE.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term 'energy management device' means any meter or metering device which is used by the taxpayer—

''(i) to measure and record electricity usage data on a time-differentiated basis in at least 4 separate time segments per day, and

''(ii) to provide such data on at least a monthly basis to both consumers and the taxpayer.''.

(c) ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM.—The table contained in section 168(g)(3)(B) is amended by inserting after the item relating to subparagraph (A)(iii) the following:

''(A)(iv) ..... 20''.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2005, in taxable years ending after such date.

SEC. ___. EXCEPTION FROM VOLUME CAP FOR CERTAIN COOLING FACILITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 146 (relating to volume cap) is amended by redesignating subsections (i) through (n) as subsections (j) through (o), respectively, and by inserting after subsection (h) the following:

''(i) EXCEPTION FOR FACILITIES USED TO COOL STRUCTURES WITH OCEAN WATER, ETC..—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Only for purposes of this section, the term 'private activity bond' shall not include any exempt facility bond described in section 142(a)(9) which is issued as part of an issue to finance any project which is designed to access deep water renewable thermal energy for district cooling to provide building air conditioning (including any distribution piping, pumping, and chiller facilities).

''(2) LIMITATION.—Paragraph (1) shall apply only to bonds issued as part of an issue the aggregate authorized face amount of which is not more than $75,000,000 with respect to any project described in such paragraph.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to projects placed in service after the date of enactment of this Act and before July 1, 2008.

On page 6 (of Senate amendment number 933 as modified and agreed to), line 12, strike ''(i)'' and insert ''(iii)''.

On page 6 (of Senate amendment number 933 as modified and agreed to), line 18, strike the last period and insert '', and''.

On page 232 (of title XV as agreed to), line 22, strike ''(iii)'' and insert ''(iv)''.

On page 255 (of title XV as agreed to), line 6, strike ''2007'' and insert ''2006''.

On page 256 (of title XV as agreed to), strike lines 3 through 15, and insert the following:

(b) NO EXEMPTIONS FROM TAX EXCEPT FOR EXPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4082(a) (relating to exemptions for diesel fuel and kerosene) is amended by inserting ''(other than such tax at the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate imposed in all cases other than for export)'' after ''section 4081''.

(2) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO SECTION 4041.—

(A) Subsections (a)(1)(B), (a)(2)(A), and (c)(2) of section 4041 are each amended by inserting ''(other than such tax at the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate)'' after ''section 4081''.

(B) Section 4041(b)(1)(A) is amended by striking ''or (d)(1))''.

(C) Section 4041(d) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(5) NONAPPLICATION OF EXEMPTIONS OTHER THAN FOR EXPORTS.—For purposes of this section, the tax imposed under this subsection shall be determined without regard to subsections (f), (g) (other than with respect to any sale for export under paragraph (3) thereof), (h), and (l).''.

(3) NO REFUND.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter B of chapter 65 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

''SEC. 6430. TREATMENT OF TAX IMPOSED AT LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUND FINANCING RATE.

''No refunds, credits, or payments shall be made under this subchapter for any tax imposed at the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate, except in the case of fuels destined for export.''.

(B) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for subchapter B of chapter 65 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

''Sec. 6430. Treatment of tax imposed at Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate.

On page 257 (of title XV as agreed to), strike lines 7 through 10, and insert the following:

(2) NO EXEMPTION.—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply to fuel entered, removed, or sold after September 30, 2005.

On page 257 (of title XV as agreed to), after line 11, add the following:

SEC. 1573. TIRE EXCISE TAX MODIFICATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4071(a) (relating to imposition and rate of tax) is amended by inserting ''8.0 cents in the case of a'' before ''super single tire''.

(b) DEFINITION OF SUPER SINGLE TIRE.—Section 4072(e) (defining super single tire) is amended by striking ''13 inches'' and inserting ''17.5 inches''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to sales after September 30, 2005.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 23, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on U.S. military strategy and operations in Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 23, 2005, on pending Committee business at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, June 23, 2005, at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on U.S.-China Economic Relations.'

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. FRIST. 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 23, 2005, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on HIV/AIDS.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 23, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. in SH–216.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, June 23, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Dirksen Office Building Room 226.

Agenda

I. Nominations: James B. Letten to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana; and Rod J. Rosenstein to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland.

II. Bills: S. 1088, Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005—KYL, CORNYN; S. 155, Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2005—FEINSTEIN, HATCH, GRASSLEY, CORNYN, KYL, SPECTER; and S. 751, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act—FEINSTEIN.

III. Matters: Senate Judiciary Committee Rules.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 23, 2005, for a committee hearing to receive testimony on various benefits-related bills pending before the Committee. The hearing will take place in Room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 10 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 23, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on ''The Consequences of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton'' on Thursday, June 23, 2005, at 2 p.m. in SD226.

Witness List

Panel I: Sandra Cano, Atlanta, GA; Norma McCorvey, Dallas, TX; and Ken Edelin, M.D., Boston, MA.

Panel II: Teresa Collett, Esq., Professor of Law, University of St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, MN; M. Edward Whelan, Esq., President, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, DC; R. Alta Charo, Esq., Professor of Law and Bioethics, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI; and Karen O'Conner, Professor of Government, American University, Washington, DC.

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

SUBCOMMITEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 23, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing regarding ''Addressing Disparities in Federal HIV/AIDS CARE Program''.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT—H.R. 2361

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent on Friday June 24th, at a time determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 125, H.R. 2361, the Interior appropriations bill; I further ask consent that when the Senate begins the bill, the committee substitute be agreed to and considered as original text for the purpose of further amendments, with no points of order waived; provided further that all first-degree amendments be offered on Friday, June 24th, and Monday, June 27th.

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

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 181, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. Res. 181) recognizing July 1, 2005, as the 100th anniversary of the Forest Service.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider by laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 181) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 181

Whereas Congress established the Forest Service in 1905 to provide quality water and timber for the benefit of the United States;

Whereas the mission of the Forest Service has expanded to include management of national forests for multiple uses and benefits, including the sustained yield of renewable resources such as water, forage, wildlife, wood, and recreation;

Whereas the National Forest System encompasses 192,000,000 acres in 44 States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, including 155 national forests and 20 national grasslands;

Whereas the Forest Service significantly contributes to the scientific and technical knowledge necessary to protect and sustain natural resources on all land in the United States;

Whereas the Forest Service cooperates with State, Tribal, and local governments, forest industries, other private landowners, and forest users in the management, protection, and development of forest land the Federal Government does not own;

Whereas the Forest Service participates in work, training, and education programs such as AmeriCorps, Job Corps, and the Senior Community Service Employment Program;

Whereas the Forest Service plays a key role internationally in developing sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation for the protection and sound management of the forest resources of the world;

Whereas, from rangers to researchers and from foresters to fire crews, the Forest Service has maintained a dedicated professional workforce that began in 1905 with 500 employees and in 2005 includes more than 30,000; and

Whereas Gifford Pinchot, the first Chief of the Forest Service, fostered the idea of managing for the greatest good of the greatest number: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes July 1, 2005 as the 100th Anniversary of the Forest Service;

(2) commends the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture for 100 years of dedicated service managing the forests of the United States;

(3) acknowledges the promise of the Forest Service to continue to preserve the natural legacy of the United States for an additional 100 years and beyond; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

OVERSIGHT OVER THE CAPITOL VISITORS CENTER

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 179 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 179) to provide for oversight over the Capitol Visitors Center by the Architect of the Capitol.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statement be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 179) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 179

Resolved,

SECTION 1. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Architect of the Capitol shall have the responsibility for the facilities management and operations of the Capitol Visitor Center.

(b) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Architect of the Capitol may appoint an Executive Director of the Capitol Visitor Center whose annual rate of pay shall be determined by the Architect of the Capitol and shall not exceed $1,500 less than the annual rate of pay for the Architect of the Capitol.

(c) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT.—The responsibilities of the Architect of the Capitol under this section shall be subject to congressional oversight by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and as determined separately by the House of Representatives.

(d) CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION JURISDICTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to remove the jurisdiction of the Capitol Preservation Commission.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 24. 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 proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2361, the Interior appropriations bill, as provided under the previous order.