

the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE”, up to \$1,500,000 may be available for Commercialization and Industrialization of Adaptive Optics (PE #0602890F).

SA 3140. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8107. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, ARMY” and available for Program Element 0602787A, up to \$1,000,000 may be available for the Maternal Fetal Health Informatics and Outreach Program.

SA 3141. Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KYL, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. VITTER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8107. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE”, up to \$75,000,000 may be available for Program Element 063892C for the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System, of which—

(1) \$20,000,000 may be for an increase in the production rate of the SM-3 interceptor to four interceptors per month;

(2) \$45,000,000 may be for long-lead production of an additional 15 SM-3 interceptors; and

(3) \$10,000,000 may be for an acceleration in the development of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Signal Processor and Open Architecture software for the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense system.

SA 3142. Mr. BIDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8107. The amount appropriated by title III under the heading “OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY” is hereby increased by \$23,600,000,000, with the amount of the increase to be available for the procurement of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles: *Provided*, That the amount of the increase is hereby designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress).

SA 3143. Mr. BIDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8107. (a) ADDITIONAL AMOUNT FOR RDTE, DEFENSE-WIDE, FOR MARK V REPLACEMENT RESEARCH.—The amount appropriated by title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE” is hereby increased by up to \$8,000,000, with the amount of the increase to be available for Program Element 1160402BB for MARK V replacement research for the pursuit by the Special Operations Command of manufacturing research needed to develop all-composite hulls for ships larger than 100 feet.

(b) OFFSET.—The amount appropriated by title III under the heading “OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY” is hereby decreased by \$8,000,000.

SA 3144. Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following: SEC. 8107. Of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE”, up to \$10,000,000 may be available for Program Element 0603895C for the Space Test Bed.

SA 3145. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 8107. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title III under the heading “PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE”, up to \$7,000,000 may be available for DISA Information Systems Security for the Insider Threat program.

SA 3146. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. 8107. Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION, DEFENSE-WIDE”, up to \$5,000,000 may be available for the Missile Defense Space Experimentation Center (MDSEC) (PE #0603895C).

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

Mrs. FEINSTEIN, pursuant to the provisions of section 512 of Public Law 110-181, submitted her notice of intent to proceed to consider the bill (S. 223) to require the Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form, dated Oct. 2, 2007, for the following reasons:

Mr. President, I objected to Senator ENSIGN’s proposed unanimous consent

of September 27, 2007, to take up and vote on an amendment to S. 223, the Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act, which is not germane to the underlying bill and has not been reviewed by the Rules and Administration Committee.

The proposed Ensign amendment would require outside groups, such as advocacy and charitable organizations, that file ethics complaints to disclose their donors.

His proposal to require limited debate and then a vote on the amendment before voting on S. 223 could be prevent the timely passage of the underlying bill before the 2008 election.

Next year’s presidential and congressional elections are expected to have record contributions to and expenditures by candidates for federal offices. Electronic filing by Senate candidates will provide timely reports of these activities.

I believe the subject matter of the Ensign amendment would be best addressed first in the Rules Committee, where a hearing will provide an opportunity for all interested parties to express their views on this matter.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on backlogs at the Department of the Interior: Land into Trust Applications; Environmental Impact Statements; Probate; and Appraisals and Lease Approvals.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUYE. 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 October 2, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled “An Examination of the National Flood Insurance Program.”

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order for a hearing to consider pending nominations.

Agenda

Andrew R. Cochran, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency. John S. Breslan, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years. (Reappointment) John. S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years. C. Russell H. Shearer, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of 5 years. William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012. (Reappointment) Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012. (Reappointment) Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2011.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled: "Current Mine Safety and Disasters: Issues and Challenges," during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled: "Preserving the Rule of Law in the Fight Against Terrorism," on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 226.

Witness List:

Jack Landman Goldsmith, Henry L. Shattuck Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, in order to conduct a vote on the nomination of Paul J. Hutter, to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs. The Committee will meet in the reception room off the Senate Floor immediately after the first rollcall vote that occurs after the party lunches on Tuesday.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled: "Preparing the National Capital Region for a Pandemic."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator DODD, I ask unanimous consent that LTCOM Christopher Martin, a Congressional Fellow in Senator DODD's office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the debate of H.R. 3222.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Earl Rilington and Eric Perritt, fellows serving in Senator COCHRAN's office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of this Defense Department appropriations bill for fiscal year 2008.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 342, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 342) recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrating the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the Nation.

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

Mr. BROWN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, en bloc; and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 342) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 342

Whereas from September 15, 2007, through October 15, 2007, the country celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month;

Whereas the Census Bureau estimates the Hispanic population in the United States at 44,300,000 people, making Hispanic Americans the largest ethnic minority within the United States;

Whereas 1 in every 3 children under the age of 18 in the United States is Hispanic, and there are now more than 14,000,000 Hispanic children living in the United States;

Whereas the purchasing power of Hispanic Americans is projected to reach \$1,000,000,000,000 by 2010 and there are more than 1,600,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in the United States, representing the economic contributions and spirit of entrepreneurship of the Hispanic community;

Whereas Hispanic Americans serve in all branches of the Armed Forces, bravely fought in every war in United States history, and continue to serve with distinction in Afghanistan and Iraq;

Whereas 140,000 Hispanic soldiers served in the Korean War;

Whereas more than 80,000 Hispanics served in the Vietnam War, representing 5.5 percent of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in that conflict although they comprised only 4.5 percent of the United States population at the time;

Whereas approximately 11 percent, the largest percentage of any ethnic or racial group, of the more than 3,700 United States military fatalities in Iraq have been Hispanic;

Whereas there are more than 1,100,000 Hispanic veterans of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas 41 Hispanic Americans have received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas Hispanic Americans are dedicated public servants, holding posts at the highest levels of government, including 3 seats in the United States Senate; and

Whereas Hispanic Americans harbor a deep commitment to family and community, an enduring work ethic, and a perseverance to succeed and contribute to society: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15, 2007, through October 15, 2007;

(2) honors the heritage and culture of Hispanic Americans and their immense contributions to the life of the Nation; and

(3) urges the people of the United States to observe Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate programs and activities.

NATIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY DAY

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 343, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 343) designating October 19, 2007, as "National Mammography Day."

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

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

• Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, today I am submitting a resolution designating October 19, 2007, as "National Mammography Day." This is the 15th