

or title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

**SA 4083.** Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1200, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend the Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON PAYMENTS FOR CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES.**

(a) STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States (in this section referred to as the “Comptroller General”) shall conduct a study on the utilization of health care furnished by health care providers under the contract health services program funded by the Indian Health Service and operated by the Indian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, or a Tribal Organization (as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act).

(2) ANALYSIS.—The study conducted under paragraph (1) shall include an analysis of—

(A) the amounts reimbursed under the contract health services program described in paragraph (1) for health care furnished by entities, individual providers, and suppliers, including a comparison of reimbursement for such health care through other public programs and in the private sector;

(B) barriers to accessing care under such contract health services program, including, but not limited to, barriers relating to travel distances, cultural differences, and public and private sector reluctance to furnish care to patients under such program;

(C) the adequacy of existing Federal funding for health care under such contract health services program; and

(D) any other items determined appropriate by the Comptroller General.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the study conducted under subsection (a), together with recommendations regarding—

(1) the appropriate level of Federal funding that should be established for health care under the contract health services program described in subsection (a)(1); and

(2) how to most efficiently utilize such funding.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under subsection (a) and preparing the report under subsection (b), the Comptroller General shall consult with the Indian Health Service, Indian Tribes, and Tribal Organizations.

**SA 4084.** Mr. REID (for Mr. BIDEN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 444, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the strong alliance that has been forged between the United States and the Republic of Korea and congratulating Myung-Bak Lee on his election to the presidency of the Republic of Korea; as follows:

On page 2, strike “the Republic of Korea is the United States seventh largest training partner and the United States is the third largest trading partner of the Republic of Korea, with nearly \$80,000,000,000 in goods and services passing between the 2 countries each year” and insert “the economic relationship between the United States and the Republic of Korea is deep and growing and has been mutually beneficial to both countries”.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER**

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on February 28, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 177/H.R. 2085, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the McGee Creek Authority certain facilities of the McGee Creek Project, Oklahoma, and for other purposes; S. 1473/H.R. 1855, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Madera Irrigation District for purposes of supporting the Madera Water Supply Enhancement Project; S. 1474/H.R. 1139, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design and construct facilities to provide water for irrigation, municipal, domestic, and other uses from the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Santa Ana River, California, and for other purposes; S. 1929, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study of water augmentation alternatives in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed; S. 2370, to clear title to certain real property in New Mexico associated with the Middle Rio Grande Project, and for other purposes; H.R. 2381, to promote Department of the Interior efforts to provide a scientific basis for the management of sediment and nutrient loss in the Upper Mississippi River Basin, and for other purposes.

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 it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Gina Weinstock at [energy.senate.gov](mailto:energy.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact Michael Connor at (202) 224-5479 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224-5684.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 11:10 a.m. in open session, in order to receive testimony on the strategy in Afghanistan and recent reports by the Afghanistan study group and the Atlantic Council of the United States.

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

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in open session, in order to receive testimony on the strategy in Afghanistan and recent reports by the Afghanistan study group and the Atlantic Council of the United States.

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

**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. DORGAN. 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 February 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled “The State of the United States Economy and Financial Markets.”

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

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. At this hearing, the Committee will hear testimony regarding the President's fiscal year 2009 budget request for the USDA Forest Service.

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

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. DORGAN. 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 Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “Legislative Hearing on the Marine Vessel Emissions Reduction Act of 2007, S. 1499.”

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

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to hear testimony on “International Aspects of a Climate Change Cap and Trade Program”.

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

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 3:45 p.m. in order to hold a committee coffee with Her Excellency Dora

Bakoyannis, Foreign Minister of the Hellenic Republic.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in SD-430.

*Agenda*

S. 579, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; S. 1810, Prenatally and Postnatally Diagnosed Conditions Awareness Act; S. 999, Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act of 2007; S. 1760, Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act; S. 1042, Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Act of 2007.

Nominations: Jonathan Baron, (National Board for Education Sciences), Frank Handy, (National Board for Education Sciences), Sally Shaywitz, (National Board for Education Sciences), Jamsheed Choksy, (National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities), Gary Glenn, (National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities), David Hertz, (National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities), Marvin Scott, (National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities), Carol Swain, (National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities), Julia Bland, (National Museum and Library Science Board), Jan Cellucci, (National Museum and Library Science Board), William Hagenah, (National Museum and Library Science Board), Mark Herring, (National Museum and Library Science Board), Javaid Anwar, (Truman Scholarship Foundation), and Neil Romano, (Assistant Secretary of Labor Department).

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The Homeland Security Department's Budget Submission for Fiscal Year 2009."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on Thursday, February 14, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct an Oversight Hearing on the President's fiscal year 2009 Budget Request for Tribal Programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. 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 an executive business meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

*Agenda:*

I. Bills: S. 2304, Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2007 (Domenici, Kennedy, Specter, Leahy); S. 2449, Sunshine in Litigation Act of 2007 (Kohl, Leahy, Graham); S. 352, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2007 (Grassley, Schumer, Leahy, Specter, Graham, Feingold, Cornyn, Durbin); S. 2136, Helping Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act of 2007 (Durbin; Schumer, Whitehouse, Biden); S. 2133, Home Owners "Mortgage and Equity Savings Act" (Specter, Coleman).

II. Nominations: Kevin J. O'Connor to be Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, Gregory G. Katsas to be Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice.

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

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

Mr. DORGAN. 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 Thursday, February 14, 2008, at 9:45 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "Building and Strengthening the Federal Acquisition Workforce."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 14, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., to hold an open hearing.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Colin Brooks, a fellow in my office, be given floor privileges for the remainder of the 110th Congress.

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

LIHEAP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I feel I wouldn't be doing my duty if I didn't

refer to the distinguished Chair at this time and indicate what a tremendous job he has done in advocating for some of the poorest people in America. But for you, the issue dealing with people being cold in their homes, not having money to pay their heating and other bills—mainly heating—would not be on the floor of this body. We are going to get that done. We have to get it done before the cold is gone.

I say to my friend, being from Vermont, you experience the bitter winters. We in Nevada experience the very hot summers, and people in Nevada who are poor and infirm suffer as much from the heat as people in Vermont do from the cold. So just because winter is not in its full throes a month from now, we are going to continue to push on this issue until we get it done. We are not going to wait until next year to do that.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT

AGREEMENT—S. 2633 AND S. 2634

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, February 25, notwithstanding rule XXII, it be in order to move to proceed to the following in the order listed, and that cloture be filed; and once the motion has been made and cloture filed, the motion to proceed be withdrawn and the mandatory quorum be waived, with the cloture vote occurring on Tuesday, February 26, upon disposition of H.R. 1328, with 2 minutes of debate prior to each cloture vote specified in this agreement, equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees: Calendar No. 575, S. 2633, safe redeployment of U.S. troops, and Calendar No. 576, S. 2634, global strategy report on terrorism.

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

NEW DIRECTION FOR ENERGY  
INDEPENDENCE, NATIONAL SECURITY,  
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT AND THE RENEWABLE  
ENERGY AND ENERGY  
CONSERVATION TAX ACT OF  
2007—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 340, H.R. 3221, and ask the clerk to report the cloture motion.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 340, H.R. 3221.

Harry Reid, John D. Rockefeller, IV, Russell D. Feingold, Max Baucus, Charles E. Schumer, Kent Conrad, Patty Murray, Amy Klobuchar, Jeff