

S. RES. 438

*Resolved*, That there be printed with illustrations as a Senate document a compilation of materials entitled "Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 1867–2008", and that there be printed one thousand five hundred additional copies of such document for the use of the Committee on Appropriations.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the end, add the following:

#### TITLE IX—MISCELLANEOUS

##### SEC. 901. REQUIREMENT OF APPROVAL OF CERTAIN CITIZENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c), the Department of the Interior, the Department of Energy, and the Forest Service, acting individually or in coordination, shall not assume control of any parcel of land located in a State unless the citizens of each political subdivision of the State in which a portion of the parcel of land is located approve the assumption of control by a referendum.

(b) NATIONAL EMERGENCIES.—The requirement described in subsection (a) shall not apply in the case of a national emergency, as determined by the President.

(c) PRIVATE LANDOWNERS.—The requirement described in subsection (a) shall not apply in the case of a voluntary transaction between a private landowner and the Federal Government of a parcel of land.

(d) DURATION OF APPROVAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a parcel of land described in subsection (a), the approval of the citizens of each political subdivision in which a portion of the parcel of land is located terminates on the date that is 10 years after the date on which the citizens of each political subdivision approve the control of the parcel of land by the Department of the Interior, the Department of Energy, or the Forest Service under that subsection.

(2) RENEWAL OF APPROVAL.—With respect to a parcel of land described in subsection (a), the Department of the Interior, the Department of Energy, or the Forest Service, as applicable, may renew, by referendum, the approval of the citizens of each political subdivision in which a portion of the parcel of land is located.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. REID. 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 business meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., in room SD366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. At this mark-up, the Committee will consider pending bills on its shortlist of agenda items.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. 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 Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 10 a.m., in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to hold a hearing entitled, "Examining Threats and Protections for the Polar Bear."

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Private Fee for Service Plans in Medicare Advantage: A Closer Look."

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to consider an original bill entitled, "The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008"; and to consider changes to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee on Finance.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 11 a.m. in order to hold a nomination hearing.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, at 3:30 p.m. in order to hold an intelligence briefing on Afghanistan.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. 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 "Oversight of the U.S. Department

of Justice" on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 10 a.m. in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

#### Witness list

The Honorable Michael B. Mukasey, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Holding the Small Business Administration Accountable: Women's Contracting and Lender Oversight," on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, beginning at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

#### AUTHORIZING PRINTING WITH ILLUSTRATIONS OF "COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, UNITED STATES SENATE, 1867–2008"

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 438, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 438) authorizing the printing with illustrations of a document entitled "Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, 1867–2008."

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

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 438) was agreed to, as follows:

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#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business, it adjourn until 11 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, January 31, and that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the

leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that the majority leader be recognized.

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

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M.  
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:34 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 11 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ROBERT J. CALLAHAN, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NICARAGUA.

HEATHER M. HODGES, OF OHIO, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR.

BARBARA J. STEPHENSON, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

WILLIAM EDWARD TODD, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM.

### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ELISEBETH C. COOK, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE RACHEL BRAND.

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## WITHDRAWALS

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on January 30, 2008 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

ANDREW J. MCKENNA, JR., OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE ROBERT N. SHAMANSKY, TERM EXPIRED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON JANUARY 9, 2007.

DENNIS W. CARLTON, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, VICE KATHERINE BAICKER, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON AUGUST 2, 2007.