

Whereas the restoration of Union Station was the largest public-private restoration project accomplished in the United States;

Whereas the restoration took 2 years and the grand reopening was held on September 29, 1988;

Whereas, in 2008, Union Station includes more than 210,000 square feet of retail space, including 50,000 square feet of restaurant space;

Whereas Union Station is the corporate headquarters for Amtrak and contains 200,000 square feet of Amtrak passenger and baggage facilities;

Whereas 32,000,000 people visit Union Station annually; and

Whereas Union Station is the most visited tourist destination in Washington, District of Columbia; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the centennial of Union Station in Washington, District of Columbia;

(2) applauds the efforts of the people who worked to preserve this national treasure; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to continue to visit and learn about Union Station and its storied history.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 5618. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5619. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5620. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5621. Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Reid to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5622. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5623. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5583 submitted by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. KYL) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5624. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5625. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5626. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5498 submitted by Mr. NELSON of Florida and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5627. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5628. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5519 submitted by Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr.

THUNE, and Ms. STABENOW) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5629. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 5630. Mr. SANDERS (for Mr. FEINGOLD) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 643, calling for greater dialogue between the Dalai Lama and the Government of China regarding rights for the people of Tibet, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 5618. Mrs. DOLE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 722. REPORT ON MILITARY FAMILY AUTISM SUPPORT CENTERS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1, 2009, the Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing one or more military family autism support centers beginning in fiscal year 2010.

(b) PURPOSES.—For purposes of the report required by subsection (a), the proposed purposes of the centers described in that subsection are as follows:

(1) To provide diagnostic services and therapy to children of military families diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and related disorders.

(2) To provide support services to the families of military dependent children diagnosed with autism.

(3) To train therapists to provide treatment to autistic children, with special emphasis placed on training the spouses of members of the Armed Forces to provide such treatment.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the feasibility of designating the Marine Corps or other Military Department as the lead agent in the establishment and operation of centers described in subsection (a).

(2) An assessment of the feasibility of establishing one of the centers on the East Coast of the United States and one on the West Coast of the United States.

(3) A description of the proposed capabilities of the centers, including the following:

(A) The number of therapists that could be trained at such centers each year.

(B) The number of children who could receive diagnosis and therapy at such centers each year.

(C) The average number of hours per week that therapy could be provided at such centers.

(D) The nature of therapy that could be provided at such centers.

(E) The anticipated contribution of such centers to military readiness and retention.

(F) The efficacy of such centers in meeting the needs of military families with children with a diagnosis of autism.

(4) A description of the resources required for such centers.

(d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) any center established for the purposes specified in subsection (b) should be located in a geographic area in which military families from all the Armed Forces could conveniently access the services available through such centers;

(2) in discharging its purposes under subsection (b), each center should utilize in the diagnosis and treatment of children of military families with autism medical, educational, and developmental therapies that have been successfully used to treat autistic children; and

(3) for purposes of assisting in the training of therapists under this section, the Secretary of Defense should, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, consider the feasibility and advisability of establishing a tuition assistance program to facilitate the participation of military spouses in such training.

SA 5619. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 360, after line 20, add the following:

SEC. 1233. REPORT ON THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE CAUCASUS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall submit to the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report in classified and unclassified form on the defense requirements of the Republic of Georgia.

(b) CONTENT.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a description of the security situation in the Caucasus following the recent conflict between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Georgia, including a description of any Russian forces that continue to occupy internationally recognized Georgian territory;

(2) an assessment of—

(A) the damage sustained by the armed forces of Georgia in the recent conflict with the Russian Federation; and

(B) the state of civilian-military relations in the Republic of Georgia;

(3) an analysis of the defense requirements of the Republic of Georgia following the conflict with the Russian Federation;

(4) detailed recommendations on how the Republic of Georgia may improve its capability for self-defense and more effectively control its territorial waters and air space; and

(5) an assessment of the areas where the Republic of Georgia would require the assistance of the United States and other countries to improve its defense capabilities.

(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress—

(A) reaffirms its previous expressions of support for continued enlargement of the

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to include qualified candidates;

(B) supports the commitment to further enlargement of NATO to include democratic governments that are able and willing to meet the responsibilities of membership; and

(C) urges NATO member states not to impose national caveats restricting the use of forces they commit to NATO operations.

(2) the expansion of NATO contributes to the continued effectiveness and relevance of the organization;

(3) Georgia and Ukraine have made important progress in the areas of defense and democratic and human rights reform;

(4) a stronger, deeper relationship among the Government of Georgia, the Government of Ukraine, and NATO will be mutually beneficial to those countries and to NATO member states;

(5) the United States should take the lead and encourage other member states of NATO to support the awarding of a Membership Action Plan to Georgia and Ukraine;

(6) the United States Government should provide assistance to help rebuild infrastructure in Georgia and continue to develop its security partnership with the Government of the Republic of Georgia by providing security assistance to the armed forces of Georgia, as appropriate;

(7) the United States should work with fellow NATO member states to address the security concerns of newly joined members;

(8) the United States should expand efforts to promote the development of democratic institutions, the rule of law, and political parties in the independent states of the former Soviet Union; and

(9) the United States should work with its allies to ensure secure, reliable energy transit routes in Central Asia, the Caucasus, and Eastern Europe.

SA 5620. Mr. WARNER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subsection A of title XXVIII, add the following:

SEC. 2814. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO CONVEY PROPERTY AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS TO LIMIT ENCROACHMENT.

(a) REPEAL OF APPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY TO EXCHANGES FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING, AND MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING.—Section 2869 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking “military construction project or”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “military construction,” each place it appears and inserting “land,”; and

(3) in subsection (d)(2)(A)—

(A) by striking “military construction project,” both places it appears in clauses (ii) and (iii); and

(B) by striking “military family housing, or military unaccompanied housing” both places it appears in clauses (ii) and (iii).

(b) REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY TO EXCESS NON-BRAC PROPERTY.—Such section is further amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3); and

(2) in subsection (e)(2), by striking “the period specified in paragraph (3) of subsection

(a)” and inserting “the period beginning on October 17, 2006, and ending on September 30, 2008.”

(c) REPEAL OF PILOT PROGRAM.—Such section is further amended by striking subsection (c).

(d) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO REPORTS.—Such section is further amended by striking subsection (f).

(e) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE HOUSING.—Subsection (a)(1) of such section is further amended—

(1) by striking “for the real property—” and all that follows through “to carry out” in subparagraph (A) and inserting “for the real property to carry out”;

(2) by striking “operations; or” and inserting “operations.”; and

(3) by striking subparagraph (B).

(f) LIMITATION ON USE AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS CLOSED UNDER BASE CLOSURE LAW.—Such section is further amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

“(c) LIMITATION ON USE AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS CLOSED UNDER BASE CLOSURE LAW.—The authority under subsection (a)(2)(A) to convey real property located at a closed or realigned military installation may only be used to the extent a conveyance is consistent with an approved redevelopment plan for such installation.”.

(g) SUNSET.—Such section is further amended by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

“(f) SUNSET.—The authority to enter into agreements under this section shall expire on September 30, 2013.”.

(h) ADDITIONAL CONFORMING AND CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) HEADING AMENDMENT.—The heading of such section is amended to read as follows:

“§ 2869. Conveyance of property at military installations to support military housing or limit encroachment.”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of subchapter III of chapter 169 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 2869 and inserting the following new item:

“2869. Conveyance of property at military installations to support military housing or limit encroachment.”.

SA 5621. Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title II, the following:

SEC. 133. PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR CRUISERS AND DESTROYERS.

(a) CONTINGENT REQUIREMENT FOR REPORT ON MODIFICATION OF SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS.—If as part of the future-years defense program submitted to Congress in 2009 under section 221 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of the Navy modifies the shipbuilding program for cruisers or the shipbuilding program for destroyers for the Navy, the Secretary shall submit to Congress with such future-years defense program the following:

(1) An acquisition strategy for cruisers and destroyers that has been approved by the Department of Defense.

(2) The results of reviews by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council for an Acquisition Category I program that supports the need for the modified acquisition strategy.

(3) A verification by an independent review panel convened by the Secretary of Defense that, in evaluating the modification of the shipbuilding program concerned, the Secretary of the Navy considered each of the following:

(A) Modeling and simulation, including wargaming conclusions regarding combat effectiveness.

(B) Assessments of platform operational availability.

(C) Cost savings or penalties from changed vessel manning levels to accomplish missions.

(4) An intelligence analysis reflecting the coordinated assessment of the Defense Intelligence Agency supporting changes to the mix of platforms in the shipbuilding program concerned compared with the 2009 shipbuilding program for the vessels concerned in order to address future threats.

(5) The differences in cost and schedule arising from the need to accommodate new sensors and weapons to counter the future threats referred to in paragraph (4) in comparison with the cost and schedule arising from the need to accommodate sensors and weapons as contemplated by the 2009 shipbuilding program for the vessels concerned.

(6) A verification by the commanders of the combatant commands that the modified shipbuilding program for the vessels concerned would be preferable to the current shipbuilding program for the vessels concerned in meeting their future mission requirements.

(7) A joint review by the Navy and the Missile Defense Agency setting forth additional requirements for investment in Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD) systems if the budget of the President for fiscal year 2010 (as submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code), requests funding for such investment in amounts above the amounts specified in the future-years defense program submitted to Congress in 2008 in the budget of the President for fiscal year 2009 (as so submitted).

(b) TECHNOLOGY ROADMAP FOR NEXT GENERATION CRUISER AND FLEET MODERNIZATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall develop a plan to incorporate into the Next Generation Cruiser (CG(X)) program and the Fleet Modernization program the following:

(A) Applicable technologies developed for combat systems for each of the following:

(i) The DDG-1000 Zumwalt class destroyer.

(ii) Aegis destroyers and cruisers.

(iii) Aegis ballistic missile defense.

(iv) Ship self-defense systems.

(B) Integrated electric propulsion technologies.

(2) SCOPE OF PLAN.—The plan required by paragraph (1) shall include sufficient detail for systems and subsystems to ensure that the plan—

(A) avoids redundant development for common functions; and

(B) reflects implementation of Navy plans for achieving an open architecture for all surface combat systems.

SA 5622. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of

Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

SEC. 587. BENEFITS UNDER POST-DEPLOYMENT/MOBILIZATION RESPITE ABSENCE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PERIODS BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary concerned may provide any member or former member of the Armed Forces with the benefits specified in subsection (b) if the member or former member would, on any day during the period beginning on January 19, 2007, and ending on the date of the implementation of the Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence (PDMRA) program by the Secretary concerned, have qualified for a day of administrative absence under the Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence program had the program been in effect during such period.

(b) BENEFITS.—The benefits specified in this subsection are the following:

(1) In the case of an individual who is a former member of the Armed Forces at the time of the provision of benefits under this section, payment of an amount not to exceed \$200 for each day the individual would have qualified for a day of administrative absence as described in subsection (a) during the period specified in that subsection.

(2) In the case of an individual who is a member of the Armed Forces at the time of the provision of benefits under this section, either one day of administrative absence or payment of an amount not to exceed \$200, as selected by the Secretary concerned, for each day the individual would have qualified for a day of administrative absence as described in subsection (a) during the period specified in that subsection.

(c) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS.—A former member of the Armed Forces is not eligible under this section for the benefits specified in subsection (b)(1) if the former member was discharged or released from the Armed Forces under other than honorable conditions.

(d) MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS OF BENEFITS PROVIDABLE.—The number of days of benefits providable to a member or former member of the Armed Forces under this section may not exceed 40 days of benefits.

(e) FORM OF PAYMENT.—The paid benefits providable under subsection (b) may be paid in a lump sum or installments, at the election of the Secretary concerned.

(f) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER PAY AND LEAVE.—The benefits provided a member or former member of the Armed Forces under this section are in addition to any other pay, absence, or leave provided by law.

(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence program” means the program of a military department to provide days of administrative absence not chargeable against available leave to certain deployed or mobilized members of the Armed Forces in order to assist such members in reintegrating into civilian life after deployment or mobilization.

(2) The term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given that term in section 101(5) of title 37, United States Code.

(h) TERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The authority to provide benefits under this section shall expire on the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) CONSTRUCTION.—Expiration under this subsection of the authority to provide benefits under this section shall not affect the utilization of any day of administrative absence provided a member of the Armed Forces under subsection (b)(2), or the payment of any payment authorized a member or former member of the Armed Forces under subsection (b), before the expiration of the authority in this section.

SA 5623. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. KYL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5583 submitted by Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. KYL) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. 237. AIR-LAUNCHED BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE CONCEPTS.

Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 210(4) for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-wide activities and available for Ballistic Missile Defense (PE 0603175C), \$15,000,000 may be available for Air-Launched Ballistic Missile Defense Concepts, including the Net-Centric Airborne Defense Element (NCADE) and the Air-Launched Hit-to-Kill (ALHTK) technology programs currently underway.

SA 5624. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1067. SENSE OF SENATE ON ACCESS OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS TO MILITARY FACILITIES FOR COUNSELING AND SERVICES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) each commander of a military installation should ensure the use of available space and equipment at military installations, as required by section 2670(c) of title 10, United States Code, by representatives of qualified veterans service organizations, including those authorized to function on military installations under that section;

(2) the commander of each facility or location at which access is provided under section 2670(c) of such title should endeavor to provide private space in which a member of the Armed Forces may receive counseling and services as available from veterans service organizations;

(3) the Secretary of Defense should widely disseminate information regarding the existence and availability of the Wounded Warrior Resource Center as required by section 1616 of the Wounded Warrior Act (title XVI of Public Law 110–181; 122 Stat. 447; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note) to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents; and

(4) the Wounded Warrior Center should provide legal assistance referral information where appropriate, as required elsewhere in this Act, especially to those members of the Armed Forces for whom a medical evaluation board or a physical evaluation board has been initiated and their family members.

(b) QUALIFIED VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “qualified veterans service organization” means an organization that is recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

SA 5625. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROTECTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS FROM OIL AND GAS LEASING IN CERTAIN AREAS.

(a) AREAS.—This section applies to—

(1) any area in the Gulf of Mexico that is east of the Military Mission Line (as defined in section 102 of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C. 1331 note; Public Law 109–432));

(2) the area that is also known as the “Joint Gulf Range Complex” or the “Gulf of Mexico Range”; and

(3) any military or national security agency operations, training, or testing area that is used by a military or national security agency of the United States.

(b) PREREQUISITE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Interior shall not issue any permit for oil and gas leasing or extraction in an area described in subsection (a) unless and until the President certifies (after receiving advice from the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, and the head of each appropriate national security agency of the United States) that in balancing the national security interests of the United States—

(1) the advantages of oil or gas extraction in the area; outweigh

(2) the military and national security missions being conducted in the area.

SA 5626. Mr. NELSON of Florida submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5498 submitted by Mr. NELSON of Florida and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

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(1) the advantages of oil or gas extraction in the area; outweigh

(2) the military and national security missions being conducted in the area.

SA 5627. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1233. ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS ON COUNTER-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN BI-ANNUAL REPORTS ON PROGRESS TOWARD SECURITY AND STABILITY IN AFGHANISTAN.

(a) **RECURRING ELEMENTS.**—Section 1230(c)(4) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 387) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraph (D):

“(D) An assessment of the coordination between United States and NATO ISAF military forces on the one hand and the Government of Afghanistan on the other hand to better coordinate and de-conflict operations relating to or in support of the counter-narcotics activities of the national and provincial governments of Afghanistan and of other departments and agencies of the United States and other member countries of NATO ISAF.”

(b) **ADDITIONAL ELEMENT IN FIRST REPORT AFTER ENACTMENT.**—The first report under section 1230 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, as amended by subsection (a), that is submitted after the date of the enactment of this Act shall, in addition to any other matters required by such section (as so amended), also identify which offices in the military headquarters of United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan are responsible for coordinating counter-narcotics operations in Afghanistan.

SA 5628. Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 5519 submitted by Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Ms. STABENOW) and intended to be pro-

posed to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 20, strike “subsection.” and insert “subsection.”

“(4) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a local educational agency that is formed at any time after September 30, 2003, by the consolidation of 2 or more former school districts, of which at least 1 former district was eligible for assistance under this section for the fiscal year preceding the year of the consolidation, shall not be eligible under this section for an amount that is more than the total of the maximum amount calculated under paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (b) for each former eligible district of the local educational agency for such fiscal year.”

SA 5629. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 342, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 1208. SUPPORT FOR AN IRAQ OIL TRUST.

(a) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.**—It is the policy of the United States that—

(1) the people of Iraq should benefit directly from a share of the revenues generated by the hydrocarbon resources of their country; and

(2) the United States Government should present a plan and provide capacity and economic assistance for the implementation of an Iraq oil trust.

(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the future of Iraq's oil reserves remains at the heart of political reconciliation in Iraq;

(2) ensuring that individual Iraqis benefit directly from hydrocarbon revenues is critical to promoting reconciliation and facilitating sustainable stability in Iraq;

(3) the development and implementation of an oil trust could provide significant benefits to Iraq and its citizens, including by—

(A) helping to demonstrate the values at the heart of democratic governance by giving Iraqi citizens a direct stake in the responsible and transparent management of the hydrocarbon resources of Iraq and the use and distribution of hydrocarbon revenues;

(B) helping to diffuse the degree and concentration of control of the revenues generated from hydrocarbon resources, thereby reducing the opportunity for and magnitude of corruption;

(C) facilitating “bottom-up” private sector development, which will be critical to Iraq's future prosperity and economic diversity, by putting revenues from the oil resources of Iraq directly in the hands of its citizens;

(D) helping to alleviate the incentive for smuggling or sabotage by providing individual citizens a direct stake in the amount of Iraqi oil that is legally produced and sold;

(E) contributing to sustainable security by providing individuals monetary-resource alternatives to cooperating with militias, extremists, and other extra-legal entities;

(F) providing additional income directly to individual citizens, thereby stimulating entrepreneurship and reducing the reliance on the ability of the central and provincial governments to deliver basic services and execute their budgets; and

(G) serving as a model for revenue distribution to other resource-rich countries in the Middle East; and

(4) the United States should provide assistance to Iraq for implementation of an oil trust.

(c) **CERTIFICATION.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall certify to the appropriate congressional committees that representatives of the United States Government have presented to Government of Iraq representatives an oil trust plan that includes—

(1) background on oil trusts, including those currently used by sovereign nations or territories and states within nations;

(2) options for different types of oil trusts that could be implemented in Iraq; and

(3) a discussion on the steps necessary to implement an oil trust.

(d) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SA 5630. Mr. SANDERS (for Mr. FEINGOLD) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 643, calling for greater dialogue between the Dalai Lama and the Government of China regarding rights for the people of Tibet, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike the fifteenth and sixteenth whereas clauses of the preamble.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. CARDIN. 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, September 17, 2008 at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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