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SA 672. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1105, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 665. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 942, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

INVESTMENTS IN ENERGY SECTOR OF IRAN

SEC. 7093. (a) None of the amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for the Department of State until the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, submits to Congress a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran since the date of the enactment of the Iran Sanctions Act (Public Law 104-172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note), including information compiled from credible media reports. The report shall include the status of any United States investigations of companies that may have violated the Iran Sanctions Act, including explanations of why the Department of State has not made a determination of whether any such investment constitutes a violation of such Act.

(b) In this section, the term "investment" has the meaning given the term in section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act (Public Law 104-172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

SA 666. Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. RISCH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 115 of division E and insert the following:

SEC. 115. ROYALTY COLLECTION PROCESS STUDY.

(a) STUDY.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the Minerals Management Service) (referred to in this section as the "Secretary") shall conduct a study of the royalty collection process for coal, other solid minerals, and geothermal resources.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-

retary shall submit to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives a report that—

(1) describes the results of the study conducted under subsection (a); and

(2) includes any recommendations of the Secretary with respect to ways in which the royalty collection process may be improved.

SA 667. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 602, beginning on line 16, strike "Provided," and all that follows through "fiscal year:" on line 22.

SA 668. Mr. ENZI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II of division F, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds shall be made available under this Act to modify the HIV/AIDS funding formulas under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act.

SA 669. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

After section 430 of title IV of division E, insert the following:

SEC. 431. NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION.

(a) MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—Section 403(a) of the National Forest Foundation Act (16 U.S.C. 583j-1(a)) is amended, in the first sentence, by striking "fifteen Directors" and inserting "not more than 30 Directors".

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—Section 405 of the National Forest Foundation Act (16 U.S.C. 583j-3) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "section 410(a)" and inserting "section 410"; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "section 410(b)" and inserting "section 410".

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 410 of the National Forest Foundation Act (16 U.S.C. 583j-8) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 410. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out this title \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, to be made available to the Foundation to match, on a 1-for-1 basis, private contributions that are made to the Foundation."

SA 670. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 942, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

CIVILIAN STABILIZATION INITIATIVE

SEC. 7093. (a) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title I for the Department of State under the heading "CIVILIAN STABILIZATION INITIATIVE" is hereby increased by \$30,000,000.

(b) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title II for the United States Agency for International Development under the heading "CIVILIAN STABILIZATION INITIATIVE" is hereby reduced by \$30,000,000.

(c)(1) Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title I for the Department of State under the heading "CIVILIAN STABILIZATION INITIATIVE", as increased by subsection (a), \$30,000,000 may be made available to the United States Agency for International Development for the Agency's portion of the Civilian Stabilization Initiative.

(2) Of the amount made available to the United States Agency for International Development pursuant to paragraph (1), up to \$6,000,000 may be made available to the Office of Surge Administration.

SA 671. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 760, strike lines 1 through 16.

SA 672. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 351, lines 2 and 3, strike "Provided further," and all that follows through "110-140:" on line 11 and insert the following: "Provided further, That \$2,300,000 is for the Veterans Assistance and Services Program authorized under section 21(n) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 648(n)): *Provided further*, That \$110,000,000 shall be available to fund grants to small business development centers for performance in fiscal year 2009 or fiscal year 2010 as authorized: *Provided further*, That \$3,250,000 is for the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program authorized under section 1203(c) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (15 U.S.C. 657h(c)): *Provided further*, That \$3,250,000 is for small business development center grant programs for veterans: *Provided further*, That \$7,000,000 is for the Service Corps of Retired Executives program authorized by section 8(b)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)): *Provided further*, That \$17,100,000 is for the women's business center program under section 29 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 656): *Provided further*, That \$8,000,000 is for the Office of Trade of the Small Business Administration: *Provided further*, That \$4,000,000 is for the HUBZone program under section 31 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657a):".

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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 Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing

will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at 2:45 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nomination of David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

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 may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Amanda Kelly at kelly@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Amanda Kelly at (202) 224-6836.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. 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 March 5, 2009 at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "American International Group: Examining What Went Wrong, Government Intervention, and Implications for Future Regulation."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 10:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. 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, March 5, 2009, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Follow the Money: Transparency and Accountability for Recovery and Reinvestment Spending."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate, to conduct an executive business meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 5, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Lessons Learned: How the New Administration Can Achieve an Accurate and Cost-Effective 2010 Census."

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

NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 57 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. 57) designating the first week of April 2009 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week."

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

Mr. MERKLEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 57) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to. The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 57

Whereas dangerous asbestos fibers are invisible and cannot be smelled or tasted;

Whereas the inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers can cause significant damage;

Whereas asbestos fibers can cause mesothelioma, asbestosis, and other health problems; Whereas asbestos-related diseases can take 10 to 50 years to present themselves;

Whereas the expected survival time for those diagnosed with mesothelioma is between 6 and 24 months;

Whereas generally, little is known about late-stage treatment of asbestos-related diseases, and there is no cure for such diseases;

Whereas early detection of asbestos-related diseases may give some patients increased treatment options and might improve their prognoses;

Whereas the United States has reduced its consumption of asbestos substantially, yet continues to consume almost 2,000 metric tons of the fibrous mineral for use in certain products throughout the Nation;

Whereas asbestos-related diseases have killed thousands of people in the United States;

Whereas exposure to asbestos continues, but safety and prevention of asbestos exposure already has significantly reduced the incidence of asbestos-related diseases and can further reduce the incidence of such diseases;

Whereas asbestos has been a cause of occupational cancer;

Whereas thousands of workers in the United States face significant asbestos exposure;

Whereas thousands of people in the United States die from asbestos-related diseases every year;

Whereas a significant percentage of all asbestos-related disease victims were exposed to asbestos on naval ships and in shipyards;

Whereas asbestos was used in the construction of a significant number of office buildings and public facilities built before 1975;

Whereas people in the small community of Libby, Montana have asbestos-related diseases at a significantly higher rate than the national average and suffer from mesothelioma at a significantly higher rate than the national average; and

Whereas the establishment of a "National Asbestos Awareness Week" will raise public awareness about the prevalence of asbestos-related diseases and the dangers of asbestos exposure: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the first week of April 2009 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week";

(2) urges the Surgeon General to warn and educate people about the public health issue of asbestos exposure, which may be hazardous to their health; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Surgeon General.

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 67, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 67) expressing the sense of the Senate that providing breakfast in schools through the national school breakfast program has a positive impact on the lives and classroom performance of low-income children.

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