

extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 173, line 6, strike all through page 231, line 12, and insert the following:

SEC. 401. USE OF STIMULUS FUNDS TO OFFSET SPENDING.

The unobligated balance of each amount appropriated or made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) (other than under title X of division A of such Act) is rescinded such that the aggregate amount of such rescissions equal \$39,860,000,000 in order to offset the net increase in spending resulting from the provisions of, and amendments made by, this Act. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall report to each congressional committee the amounts so rescinded within the jurisdiction of such committee.

SA 4378. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4369 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 173, line 6, strike all through page 231, line 12.

SA 4379. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4369 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. ____ . NEW REVENUES TO THE OIL SPILL LIABILITY TRUST FUND.

The revenue resulting from any increase in the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund financing rate under section 4611 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall—

(1) not be counted for purposes of offsetting revenues, receipts, or discretionary spending under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 or the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010; and

(2) shall only be used for the purposes of the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund.

SA 4380. Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. ENZI,) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4369 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike subsections (a) through (c) of section 207 and insert the following:

(a) **ALTERNATIVE FUEL CREDIT.**—Paragraph (5) of section 6426(d) is amended by striking “after December 31, 2009” and all that follows and inserting “after—

“(A) September 30, 2014, in the case of liquefied hydrogen,

“(B) December 31, 2010, in the case of fuels described in subparagraph (A), (C), (E), (F), or (G) of paragraph (2), and

“(C) December 31, 2009, in any other case.”.

(b) **ALTERNATIVE FUEL MIXTURE CREDIT.**—Paragraph (3) of section 6426(e) is amended by striking “after December 31, 2009” and all that follows and inserting “after—

“(A) September 30, 2014, in the case of liquefied hydrogen,

“(B) December 31, 2010, in the case of fuels described in subparagraph (A), (C), (E), (F), or (G) of subsection (d)(2), and

“(C) December 31, 2009, in any other case.”.

(c) **PAYMENT AUTHORITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (6) of section 6427(e) is amended by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) any alternative fuel or alternative fuel mixture (as so defined) involving fuel described in subparagraph (A), (C), (E), (F), or (G) of section 6426(d)(2) sold or used after December 31, 2010.”.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Subparagraph (C) of section 6427(e)(6) is amended by inserting “or (E)” after “subparagraph (D)”.

SA 4381. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4369 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 303, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 526. RURAL HEALTH ACCESS AND IMPROVEMENT.

(a) **GRANTS TO PROMOTE HOSPITAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**—Section 3013 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300jj-33) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(j) **PRIORITY.**—In awarding a grant under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to qualified State-designated entities that are critical access hospitals, as defined in section 1861(mm) of the Social Security Act.”.

(b) **EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN SECTION 340B PROGRAM.**—Section 340B(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 256b(a)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(P) An entity that is a rural health clinic, as defined in section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social Security Act.”.

(c) **GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON DISPENSING FEES.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall study and report on the following aspects of the Medicaid pharmacy benefit program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a et seq.):

(1) Any additional costs to pharmacies, and the factors contributing to such costs, associated with—

(A) providing pharmacy services, including whether the pharmacy providing the services is—

- (i) a rural or urban pharmacy;
- (ii) an independent or chain-operated pharmacy;
- (iii) a specialty pharmacy; or
- (iv) a long term care pharmacy;

(B) compliance with the requirements of the drug use review program under section 1927(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(g)), including any State-based counseling requirements; and

(C) compliance with any additional administrative burdens, such as coordination of benefits and prior authorization requirements.

(2) The ability of pharmacies to collect Medicaid copayments.

(3) The policies used by States to encourage generic drug utilization.

(4) State Medicaid policies regarding the administration of vaccinations by pharmacists and access to vaccinations.

(d) **STATE OFFICES OF RURAL HEALTH.**—Section 338J of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254r) is amended by striking subsection (k).

SA 4382. Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. ENSIGN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4369 proposed by Mr. BAUCUS to the bill H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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

SEC. ____ . REDUCTION IN CORPORATE RATE FOR QUALIFIED TIMBER GAIN.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (1) of section 1201(b) is amended by striking “ending” and all that follows through “such date”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Paragraph (3) of section 1201(b) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) **APPLICATION OF SUBSECTION.**—The qualified timber gain for any taxable year shall not exceed the qualified timber gain which would be determined by not taking into account any portion of such taxable year after December 31, 2010.”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years ending after May 22, 2009.

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 the hearing scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources previously announced for June 24, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., has been postponed.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive testimony on S. 3452, a bill to designate the Valles Caldera National Preserve as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

For further information, please contact David Brooks at (202) 224-9863 or Allison Seyferth at (202) 224-4905.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2010.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BAUCUS. 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 June 17, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,
AND PENSIONS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Leveling the Playing Field: Protecting Workers and Businesses Affected by Misclassification" on June 17, 2010. The hearing will commence at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BAUCUS. 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 June 17, 2010, at 3 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2010, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Indian Education: Did the No Child Left Behind Act Leave Indian Students Behind?"

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 17, 2010, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2010, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Harnessing Small Business Innovation: Navigating the Evaluation Process for Gulf Coast Oil Cleanup Proposals."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 17, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Energy, Science, and Transportation of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate at 9:30 a.m. on June 17, 2010, in SR-328A.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Michaela Byrne and Jeremy Long, members of my staff, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the debate on H.R. 4213.

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

PROVIDING FOR RECONSIDERATION AND REVISION OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S.J. Res. 33, a joint resolution providing for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed Constitution of the U.S. Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law, introduced earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 33) to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law.

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

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, the U.S. Virgin Islands is an unincorporated territory of the United States that was acquired from Denmark in 1917. It is one of only two United States territories which does not have a locally adopted constitution to provide for basic governmental organization and operations. Instead, the Virgin Islands government operates under the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, a Federal law written by Congress (48 U.S.C. 1541-1645).

In 1976, to enhance local self-government, Congress enacted Public Law 94-584, which, as amended, authorizes the people of the Virgin Islands to convene a constitutional convention and draft a constitution. The law provides for two consecutive 60-day periods for Presidential and Congressional review. Upon receiving a proposed constitution from the President, Congress may approve, modify, or amend the document by joint resolution, but if Congress does not act within its 60 legislative day re-

view period, then the constitution is deemed approved by Congress. If Congress approves the proposed constitution, or passes modifications or amendments, it then goes before the Virgin Islands voters to be accepted or rejected in a referendum. Since 1964, the people of the Virgin Islands have attempted five times to write a constitution, but previous efforts have been unsuccessful.

On December 31, 2009, the Governor of the Virgin Islands submitted a proposed constitution drafted by the Fifth Constitutional Convention to President Obama, and it was transmitted to Congress with administration comments. The end of the 60 legislative day Congressional review period is June 30.

In his February 26, 2010, message to Congress, President Obama attached the proposed constitution and a memorandum of the Justice Department which noted that several features of the proposed constitution warranted comment: 1, the absence of an express recognition of United States sovereignty and the supremacy of Federal law; 2, provisions for a special election on the Virgin Islands territorial status; 3, provisions conferring legal advantages on certain groups defined by place and timing of birth, timing of residency, or ancestry; 4, residence requirements for certain offices; 5, provisions guaranteeing legislative representation of certain geographic areas; 6, provisions addressing territorial waters and marine resources; 7, imprecise language on certain provisions of the proposed constitution's bill of rights; 8, the possible need to repeal of certain Federal laws if the proposed United States Virgin Islands constitution is adopted; and 9, the effect of congressional action or inaction on the proposed constitution. I refer you to the President's message and DOJ memorandum in the March 1, 2010, Congressional Record, page S856. Both in the memorandum and in testimony on May 19 before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Justice Department recommended that "the provisions conferring legal advantages on certain groups defined by place and timing of birth, timing of residency, or ancestry..." Item 3 above—be removed from the constitution and that consideration be given to shortening the residence requirements for certain officers—item 4—and to revising the provisions concerning territorial waters and marine resources—item 6.

I am pleased to join with the ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Senator MURKOWSKI, in introducing this resolution to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the Virgin Islands to correct provisions that are inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution and Federal law. More specifically, the resolution would