

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Dallas Mavericks for their outstanding heart, resolve, and determination in winning the 2011 National Basketball Association Championship; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Mavericks head coach Rick Carlisle;

(B) Mavericks general manager Donnie Nelson; and

(C) Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

SENATE RESOLUTION 210—CONGRATULATING THE BOSTON BRUINS FOR WINNING THE 2011 STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. SNOWE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. REED of Rhode Island, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 210

Whereas on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, the Boston Bruins, the oldest National Hockey League (NHL) franchise in the United States, brought the Stanley Cup back to Boston for the first time in 39 years;

Whereas to accomplish this feat, the Bruins defeated the Vancouver Canucks, the team with the best record in the NHL during the regular season, in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Finals;

Whereas the Bruins became the first team in NHL history to win 3 deciding Game 7's during a single playoff run and twice came back from 0-2 series deficits;

Whereas Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas won the Conn Smythe trophy, which is awarded to the player deemed most valuable to his team during the Stanley Cup playoffs;

Whereas Tim Thomas shut out the Canucks in the deciding game of the Finals, and allowed only 8 goals over the 7 game series;

Whereas Bruins rookie Brad Marchand scored 11 goals in the playoffs, setting a team record for playoff goals by a rookie, and tying for the second-most playoff goals by a rookie in NHL history;

Whereas Bruins right wing Mark Recchi hoisted his third Stanley Cup, and is retiring as a champion after 1,652 NHL regular-season games and 190 playoff games;

Whereas Bruins captain Zdeno Chara, at 6 feet, 9 inches tall, lifted the Stanley Cup as high above the ice as it has ever been lifted;

Whereas Bruins General Manager Peter Chiarelli made key trades near the trade deadline to put the Bruins in a position for a Stanley Cup run, acquiring Tomas Kaberle, Rich Peverley, and Chris Kelly; and

Whereas Bruins Head Coach Claude Julien ensured that the Bruins played and won as a team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Boston Bruins for winning the 2011 Stanley Cup Championship; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Head Coach Claude Julien;

(B) President and former Bruins All-Star Cam Neely; and

(C) General Manager Peter Chiarelli.

SENATE RESOLUTION 211—OBSERVING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. AKAKA, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WICKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 211

Whereas news of the end of slavery did not reach frontier areas of the United States, and in particular the Southwestern States, for more than 2½ years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which was issued on January 1, 1863, and months after the conclusion of the Civil War;

Whereas, on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were free;

Whereas African-Americans who had been slaves in the Southwest celebrated June 19th, commonly known as "Juneteenth Independence Day", as the anniversary of their emancipation;

Whereas African-Americans from the Southwest continue the tradition of celebrating Juneteenth Independence Day as inspiration and encouragement for future generations;

Whereas, for more than 145 years, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrations have been held to honor African-American freedom while encouraging self-development and respect for all cultures; and

Whereas the faith and strength of character demonstrated by former slaves remains an example for all people of the United States, regardless of background, religion, or race: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the Senate—

(A) recognizes the historical significance of Juneteenth Independence Day to the Nation;

(B) supports the continued celebration of Juneteenth Independence Day to provide an opportunity for the people of the United States to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the Nation; and

(C) encourages the people of the United States to observe Juneteenth Independence Day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs; and

(2) it is the sense of the Senate that—

(A) the celebration of the end of slavery is an important and enriching part of the history and heritage of the United States; and

(B) history should be regarded as a means for understanding the past and solving the challenges of the future.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 477. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 478. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 479. Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. CORNYN) sub-

mitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 480. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 481. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 482. Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 483. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 484. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 679, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 485. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 679, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 477. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 12, strike lines 1 through 6 and insert the following:

(A) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “, with the goal that at least 1 university center is to be established in each State” after “centers”;

(B) in subparagraph (H), by striking “and” at the end;

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (I) as subparagraph (J); and

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (H) the following:

SA 478. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 17, line 12, strike the quotation marks and the following period and insert the following:

“(8) PHASE-OUT OF FEDERAL INTEREST.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall release any Federal interest in property and income in connection with a grant made from revolving loan funds after the original grant has been fully disbursed and recaptured by the grant recipient at least once if the recipient, as determined by the Secretary—

“(i) retains the grant funds for the overall economic development advancement of the service delivery area; and

“(ii) continues to comply with section 602.

“(B) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph shall apply to property and income assisted or generated through provision of a grant from revolving loan funds before, on, or after the date of enactment of this paragraph.”.

SA 479. Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HATCH, and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, to

amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LOANS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, THE INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES QUOTA, AND CERTAIN OTHER AUTHORITIES, AND RESCISSION OF RELATED APPROPRIATED AMOUNTS.

(a) REPEAL OF AUTHORITIES.—The Bretton Woods Agreements Act (22 U.S.C. 286 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 17—
(A) in subsection (a)—
(i) by striking “(1) In order” and inserting “In order”; and
(ii) by striking paragraphs (2), (3), and (4); and
(B) in subsection (b)—
(i) by striking “(1) For the purpose” and inserting “For the purpose”;
(ii) by striking “subsection (a)(1)” and inserting “subsection (a)”; and
(iii) by striking paragraph (2);
(2) by striking sections 64, 65, 66, and 67; and
(3) by redesignating section 68 as section 64.

(b) RESCISSION OF AMOUNTS.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—The unobligated balance of the amounts specified in paragraph (2)—
(A) is rescinded;
(B) shall be deposited in the General Fund of the Treasury to be dedicated for the sole purpose of deficit reduction; and
(C) may not be used as an offset for other spending increases or revenue reductions.

(2) AMOUNTS SPECIFIED.—The amounts specified in this paragraph are the amounts appropriated under the heading “UNITED STATES QUOTA, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND”, and under the heading “LOANS TO INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND”, under the heading “INTERNATIONAL MONETARY PROGRAMS” under the heading “INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS” in title XIV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-32; 123 Stat. 1916).

SA 480. Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 29, after line 20, add the following:

SEC. 2 ____ . PAYMENT LIMITATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1001 of the Food Security of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) LEGAL ENTITY.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘legal entity’ means—

“(i) an organization that (subject to the requirements of this section and section 1001A) is eligible to receive a payment under a provision of law referred to in subsection (b), (c), or (d);

“(ii) a corporation, joint stock company, association, limited partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, charitable organization, estate, irrevocable trust, grantor of a revocable trust, or other similar entity (as determined by the Secretary); and

“(iii) an organization that is participating in a farming operation as a partner in a gen-

eral partnership or as a participant in a joint venture.

“(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘legal entity’ does not include a general partnership or joint venture.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—
(A) in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), by striking “(except a joint venture or a general partnership)” each place it appears;

(B) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “\$40,000” and inserting “\$20,000”; and

(C) in paragraphs (2) and (3)(A), by striking “\$65,000” each place it appears and inserting “\$30,000”;

(3) in subsection (c)—
(A) in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), by striking “(except a joint venture or a general partnership)” each place it appears;

(B) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “\$40,000” and inserting “\$20,000”; and

(C) in paragraphs (2) and (3)(A), by striking “\$65,000” each place it appears and inserting “\$30,000”;

(4) by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) LIMITATIONS ON MARKETING LOAN GAINS, LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS, AND COMMODITY CERTIFICATE TRANSACTIONS.—The total amount of the following gains and payments that a person or legal entity may receive during any crop year may not exceed \$75,000:

“(1)(A) Any gain realized by a producer from repaying a marketing assistance loan for 1 or more loan commodities and peanuts under subtitle B or C of title I of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 8731 et seq.) at a lower level than the original loan rate established for the loan commodity under those subtitles.

“(B) In the case of settlement of a marketing assistance loan for 1 or more loan commodities and peanuts under those subtitles by forfeiture, the amount by which the loan amount exceeds the repayment amount for the loan if the loan had been settled by repayment instead of forfeiture.

“(2) Any loan deficiency payments received for 1 or more loan commodities and peanuts under those subtitles.

“(3) Any gain realized from the use of a commodity certificate issued by the Commodity Credit Corporation for 1 or more loan commodities and peanuts, as determined by the Secretary, including the use of a certificate for the settlement of a marketing assistance loan made under those subtitles or section 1307 of that Act (7 U.S.C. 7957).”;

(5) by redesignating subsections (e) through (h) as subsections (f) through (i), respectively;

(6) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

“(e) SPOUSAL EQUITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (b) through (d), except as provided in paragraph (2), if a person and the spouse of the person are covered by paragraph (2) and receive, directly or indirectly, any payment or gain covered by this section, the total amount of payments or gains (as applicable) covered by this section that the person and spouse may jointly receive during any crop year may not exceed an amount equal to twice the applicable dollar amounts specified in subsections (b), (c), and (d).

“(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

“(A) SEPARATE FARMING OPERATIONS.—In the case of a married couple in which each spouse, before the marriage, was separately engaged in an unrelated farming operation, each spouse shall be treated as a separate person with respect to a farming operation brought into the marriage by a spouse, subject to the condition that the farming operation shall remain a separate farming operation, as determined by the Secretary.

“(B) ELECTION TO RECEIVE SEPARATE PAYMENTS.—A married couple may elect to receive payments separately in the name of each spouse if the total amount of payments and benefits described in subsections (b), (c), and (d) that the married couple receives, directly or indirectly, does not exceed an amount equal to twice the applicable dollar amounts specified in those subsections.”;

(7) in paragraph (3)(B) of subsection (g) (as redesignated by paragraph (5)), by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) IRREVOCABLE TRUSTS.—In promulgating regulations to define the term ‘legal entity’ as the term applies to irrevocable trusts, the Secretary shall ensure that irrevocable trusts are legitimate entities that have not been created for the purpose of avoiding a payment limitation.”; and

(8) in subsection (i) (as redesignated by paragraph (5)), in the second sentence, by striking “or other entity” and inserting “or legal entity”.

(b) SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE; PAYMENTS LIMITED TO ACTIVE FARMERS.—The Food Security Act of 1985 is amended by striking section 1001A (7 U.S.C. 1308-1) and inserting the following:

“SEC. 1001A. SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE; PAYMENTS LIMITED TO ACTIVE FARMERS.

“(a) SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of the application of limitations under this section, the Secretary shall not approve any change in a farming operation that otherwise would increase the number of persons or legal entities to which the limitations under this section apply, unless the Secretary determines that the change is bona fide and substantive.

“(2) FAMILY MEMBERS.—For the purpose of paragraph (1), the addition of a family member to a farming operation under the criteria established under subsection (b)(3)(B) shall be considered to be a bona fide and substantive change in the farming operation.

“(3) PRIMARY CONTROL.—To prevent a farm from reorganizing in a manner that is inconsistent with the purposes of this Act, the Secretary shall promulgate such regulations as the Secretary determines to be necessary to simultaneously attribute payments for a farming operation to more than 1 person or legal entity, including the person or legal entity that exercises primary control over the farming operation, including to respond to—

“(A)(i) any instance in which ownership of a farming operation is transferred to a person or legal entity under an arrangement that provides for the sale or exchange of any asset or ownership interest in 1 or more legal entities at less than fair market value; and

“(ii) the transferor is provided preferential rights to repurchase the asset or interest at less than fair market value; or

“(B) a sale or exchange of any asset or ownership interest in 1 or more legal entities under an arrangement under which rights to exercise control over the asset or interest are retained, directly or indirectly, by the transferor.

“(b) PAYMENTS LIMITED TO ACTIVE FARMERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive, directly or indirectly, payments or benefits described as being subject to limitation in subsection (b) through (d) of section 1001 with respect to a particular farming operation, a person or legal entity shall be actively engaged in farming with respect to the farming operation, in accordance with paragraphs (2), (3), and (4).

“(2) GENERAL CLASSES ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FARMING.—

“(A) DEFINITION OF ACTIVE PERSONAL MANAGEMENT.—In this paragraph, the term ‘active personal management’ means, with respect to a person, administrative duties carried out by the person for a farming operation—

“(i) that are personally provided by the person on a regular, continuous, and substantial basis; and

“(ii) relating to the supervision and direction of—

“(I) activities and labor involved in the farming operation; and

“(II) onsite services directly related and necessary to the farming operation.

“(B) ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), for purposes of paragraph (1), the following shall apply:

“(i) A person shall be considered to be actively engaged in farming with respect to a farming operation if—

“(I) the person makes a significant contribution, as determined under subparagraph (E) (based on the total value of the farming operation), to the farming operation of—

“(aa) capital, equipment, or land; and

“(bb) personal labor and active personal management;

“(II) the share of the person of the profits or losses from the farming operation is commensurate with the contributions of the person to the operation; and

“(III) a contribution of the person is at risk.

“(i) A legal entity shall be considered to be actively engaged in farming with respect to a farming operation if—

“(I) the legal entity makes a significant contribution, as determined under subparagraph (E) (based on the total value of the farming operation), to the farming operation of capital, equipment, or land;

“(II)(aa) the stockholders or members that collectively own at least 51 percent of the combined beneficial interest in the legal entity each make a significant contribution of personal labor and active personal management to the operation; or

“(bb) in the case of a legal entity in which all of the beneficial interests are held by family members, any stockholder or member (or household comprised of a stockholder or member and the spouse of the stockholder or member) who owns at least 10 percent of the beneficial interest in the legal entity makes a significant contribution of personal labor or active personal management; and

“(III) the legal entity meets the requirements of subclauses (II) and (III) of clause (i).

“(C) LEGAL ENTITIES MAKING SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS.—If a general partnership, joint venture, or similar entity (as determined by the Secretary) separately makes a significant contribution (based on the total value of the farming operation involved) of capital, equipment, or land, the partners or members making a significant contribution of personal labor or active personal management and meeting the standards provided in subclauses (II) and (III) of subparagraph (B)(i) shall be considered to be actively engaged in farming with respect to the farming operation involved.

“(D) EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL LABOR.—In making determinations under this subsection regarding equipment and personal labor, the Secretary shall take into consideration the equipment and personal labor normally and customarily provided by farm operators in the area involved to produce program crops.

“(E) SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION OF PERSONAL LABOR OR ACTIVE PERSONAL MANAGEMENT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), for purposes of subparagraph (B), a person shall be considered to be providing, on behalf of

the person or a legal entity, a significant contribution of personal labor and active personal management, if the total contribution of personal labor and active personal management is at least equal to the lesser of—

“(I) 1,000 hours; and

“(II) a period of time equal to—

“(aa) 50 percent of the commensurate share of the total number of hours of personal labor and active personal management required to conduct the farming operation; or

“(bb) in the case of a stockholder or member (or household comprised of a stockholder or member and the spouse of the stockholder or member) that owns at least 10 percent of the beneficial interest in a legal entity in which all of the beneficial interests are held by family members who do not collectively receive payments directly or indirectly, including payments received by spouses, of more than twice the applicable limit, 50 percent of the commensurate share of hours of the personal labor and active personal management of all family members required to conduct the farming operation.

“(ii) MINIMUM LABOR HOURS.—For the purpose of clause (i), the minimum number of labor hours required to produce a commodity shall be equal to the number of hours that would be necessary to conduct a farming operation for the production of each commodity that is comparable in size to the commensurate share of a person or legal entity in the farming operation for the production of the commodity, based on the minimum number of hours per acre required to produce the commodity in the State in which the farming operation is located, as determined by the Secretary.

“(3) SPECIAL CLASSES ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FARMING.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the following persons shall be considered to be actively engaged in farming with respect to a farm operation:

“(A) LANDOWNERS.—A person or legal entity that is a landowner contributing owned land, and that meets the requirements of subclauses (II) and (III) of paragraph (2)(B)(i), if, as determined by the Secretary—

“(i) the landowner share-rents the land at a rate that is usual and customary; and

“(ii) the share received by the landowner is commensurate with the share of the crop or income received as rent.

“(B) FAMILY MEMBERS.—With respect to a farming operation conducted by persons who are family members, or a legal entity the majority of the stockholders or members of which are family members, an adult family member who makes a significant contribution (based on the total value of the farming operation) of active personal management or personal labor and, with respect to such contribution, who meets the requirements of subclauses (II) and (III) of paragraph (2)(B)(i).

“(C) SHARECROPPERS.—A sharecropper who makes a significant contribution of personal labor to the farming operation and, with respect to such contribution, who meets the requirements of subclauses (II) and (III) of paragraph (2)(B)(i), and who was receiving payments from the landowner as a sharecropper prior to the effective date of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; 122 Stat. 1651).

“(4) PERSONS AND LEGAL ENTITIES NOT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FARMING.—For the purposes of paragraph (1), except as provided in paragraph (3), the following persons and legal entities shall not be considered to be actively engaged in farming with respect to a farm operation:

“(A) LANDLORDS.—A landlord contributing land to the farming operation if the landlord receives cash rent, or a crop share guaran-

teed as to the amount of the commodity to be paid in rent, for such use of the land.

“(B) OTHER PERSONS AND LEGAL ENTITIES.—Any other person or legal entity, or class of persons or legal entities, that fails to meet the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3), as determined by the Secretary.

“(5) PERSONAL LABOR AND ACTIVE PERSONAL MANAGEMENT.—No stockholder or member may provide personal labor or active personal management to meet the requirements of this subsection for persons or legal entities that collectively receive, directly or indirectly, an amount equal to more than twice the applicable limits under subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 1001.

“(6) CUSTOM FARMING SERVICES.—A person or legal entity receiving custom farming services will be considered separately eligible for payment limitation purposes if the person or legal entity is actively engaged in farming based on paragraphs (1) through (3).

“(7) GROWERS OF HYBRID SEED.—To determine whether a person or legal entity growing hybrid seed under contract shall be considered to be actively engaged in farming, the Secretary shall not take into consideration the existence of a hybrid seed contract.

“(c) NOTIFICATION BY LEGAL ENTITIES.—To facilitate the administration of this section, each legal entity that receives payments or benefits described as being subject to limitation in subsection (b), (c), or (d) of section 1001 with respect to a particular farming operation shall—

“(1) notify each person or other legal entity that acquires or holds a beneficial interest in the farming operation of the requirements and limitations under this section; and

“(2) provide to the Secretary, at such times and in such manner as the Secretary may require, the name and social security number of each person, or the name and taxpayer identification number of each legal entity, that holds or acquires such a beneficial interest.”

(c) FOREIGN PERSONS AND LEGAL ENTITIES MADE INELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS.—Section 1001C of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308-3) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “PERSONS” and inserting “PERSONS AND LEGAL ENTITIES”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “CORPORATION OR OTHER” and inserting “LEGAL”;

(B) in the first sentence, by striking “a corporation or other entity shall be considered a person that” and inserting “a legal entity”; and

(C) in the second sentence, by striking “an entity” and inserting “a legal entity”; and

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “person” and inserting “legal entity or person”.

(d) REGULATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture may promulgate such regulations as are necessary to implement this section and the amendments made by this section.

(2) PROCEDURE.—The promulgation of the regulations and administration of this section and the amendments made by this section shall be made without regard to—

(A) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code;

(B) the Statement of Policy of the Secretary of Agriculture effective July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg. 13804), relating to notices of proposed rulemaking and public participation in rulemaking; and

(C) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

(3) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF AGENCY RULEMAKING.—In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall use the authority provided

under section 808 of title 5, United States Code.

(e) **BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**—The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

SA 481. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 12, strike lines 23 and 24 and insert the following:

force, or Department of Energy defense-related or other defense-related funding reductions, or funding reductions for government entities on property deeded from military bases, for help in—

SA 482. Mr. COONS (for himself and Mr. CARPER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 782, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to reauthorize that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING USE OF SAVINGS RESULTING FROM REPEAL OF VEETC.

It is the sense of the Senate that the savings from the repeal of the Volumetric Ethanol Excise Tax Credit should be directed to—

(1) reducing the Federal deficit; and
(2) extending for 5 years the Federal tax credits for advanced biofuels (as defined by the Renewable Fuel Standard under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007).

SA 483. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 76, after line 6, add the following:

SEC. 6. RESCISSION OF UNOBLIGATED APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Of the unobligated amounts appropriated for high-speed rail projects under title XII of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5) and title I of division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111-117), \$2,400,000,000 is rescinded.

(b) **DEFICIT REDUCTION.**—All amounts rescinded under subsection (a) shall be used to reduce the public debt of the United States.

SA 484. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 6. BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

(a) **PROHIBITION ON PRINTING THE BUDGET OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 13 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 1345. Prohibition on printing of the budget of the United States Government

“The Government Printing Office shall not print the budget of the United States Government described under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code.”.

(2) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter 13 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding after the item relating to section 1344 the following:

“Sec. 1345. Prohibition on printing of the budget of the United States Government.”.

(b) **ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY.**—The Office of Management and Budget shall make the budget of the United States Government submitted to Congress under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, available—

(1) to the public on the website of the Office of Management and Budget; and

(2) in a format which enables the budget to be downloaded and printed by users of the website.

SA 485. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 679, to reduce the number of executive positions subject to Senate confirmation; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON PRINTING THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

(a) **PROHIBITION ON PRINTING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 9 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking section 903 and inserting the following:

“§ 903. Congressional Record: daily and permanent forms

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The public proceedings of each House of Congress as reported by the Official Reporters, shall be included in the Congressional Record, which shall be issued in daily form during each session and shall be revised and made electronically available promptly, as directed by the Joint Committee on Printing, for distribution during and after the close of each session of Congress. The daily and the permanent Record shall bear the same date, which shall be that of the actual day’s proceedings reported. The Government Printing Office shall not print the Congressional Record.

“(b) **ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY.**—

“(1) **GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.**—The Government Printing Office shall make the Congressional Record available to the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives in an electronic form in a timely manner to ensure the implementation of subsection (a).

“(2) **WEBSITE.**—The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall make the Congressional Record available—

“(A) to the public on the websites of the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives; and

“(B) in a format which enables the Congressional Record to be downloaded and printed by users of the website.”.

(b) **CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 9 of title 44, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in section 905, in the first sentence, by striking “printing” and inserting “inclusion”; and

(B) by striking sections 906, 909, and 910.

(2) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—The table of sections for chapter 9 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking the items relating to sections 906, 909, and 910.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on Thursday, June 23, 2011, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “Stories from the Kitchen Table: How Middle Class Families are Struggling to Make Ends Meet.”

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Zach Schechter Steinberg on (202) 224-5441.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 16, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CARDIN. 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 June 16, 2011, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 16, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate June 16, 2011, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Finding Our Way Home: Achieving the Policy Goals of NAGPRA.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 16, 2011, at 10 a.m., in SD-192 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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