

At the end, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATING TO THE ESTATE TAX.

It is the sense of the Senate that the estate tax should be returned to its 2001 levels as part of any deficit reduction legislation.

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 Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the recent report of the MIT Energy Initiative entitled "The Future of Natural Gas."

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 Meagan_Gins@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Allyson Anderson or Meagan Gins.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. 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 July 12, 2011, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Enhanced Investor Protection After the Financial Crisis."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DURBIN. 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 July 12, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DURBIN. 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 July 12, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 406 to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight Hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's Implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act's Unregulated Drinking Water Contaminants Program."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DURBIN. 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 "The Power of Pensions: Building a Strong Middle Class and Strong Economy" on July 12, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 12, 2011, 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. DURBIN. 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 July 12, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Can New Technology and Private Sector Business Practices Cut Waste and Fraud in Medicare and Medicaid?"

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that CPT Michael K. Lynch, a U.S. Army aviation officer who is currently serving as the defense legislative fellow for the majority leader, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of consideration of S. 1255, the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012.

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

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privileges of the floor be extended to Conner Myers, an intern in my office, for the balance of the day.

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

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for the 2011 second quarter Mass Mailing report is Monday, July 25, 2011. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states "none."

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, temporarily located in the Dirksen Building in room B40-B.

The Senate Office of Public Records will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on

the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Senate Office of Public Records at (202) 224-0322.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL—S. 869

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 869, the Former Charleston Naval Base Land Exchange Act of 2011, be discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and be referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1323, a bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit, with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, prior to the cloture vote on S. 1323; further, that the filing deadline for all second-degree amendments on S. 1323 be at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Madam President, there will be up to two roll-call votes at approximately 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. The first vote will be on the motion to invoke cloture on S. 1323, the sense-of-the-Senate bill on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit. If cloture is not invoked, there will be a second cloture vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2055, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 4:47 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by
the Senate:

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY

MATAN ARYEH KOCH, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM
EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2013, VICE CAROL JEAN REY-
NOLDS, TERM EXPIRED.

STEPHANIE ORLANDO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR THE RE-
MAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2011,
VICE HEATHER MCCALLUM, RESIGNED.

STEPHANIE ORLANDO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY FOR A TERM
EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 17, 2014. (REAPPOINTMENT)