

reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1009, after line 11, add the following:

**SEC. 12207. FARM AND RANCH LAND LINK COORDINATORS.**

Section 226B(e)(2) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6934(e)(2)) is amended—

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

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

“(D) FARM AND RANCH LAND LINK COORDINATOR.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall designate 1 farm and ranch land link coordinator for each State from among the State office employees of any of the following agencies in that State:

“(I) The Farm Service Agency.

“(II) The Natural Resources Conservation Service.

“(III) The Risk Management Agency.

“(IV) The Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

“(V) The Rural Utilities Service.

“(ii) TRAINING.—The Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group shall coordinate the development of a training plan so that each State coordinator receives sufficient training to have a general working knowledge of the programs and services available from each agency of the Department to assist small and beginning farmers and ranchers in the transition of land from retiring farmers and ranchers.

“(iii) DUTIES.—The coordinator shall—

“(I) coordinate technical assistance at the State level to assist small and beginning farmers and ranchers, and retiring farmers and ranchers, interested in, or in process of, the transition of land, with the goal of keeping land in agricultural production;

“(II) develop, in consultation with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and nongovernmental organizations, and submit a State plan for approval by the Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group or as directed by the Secretary to provide coordination to ensure adequate services to small and beginning farmers and ranchers at all county and area offices throughout the State that support linking small and beginning farmers and ranchers with retiring farmers and ranchers, including, at a minimum, facilitating the transition of land;

“(III) oversee implementation of the approved State plan; and

“(IV) work with outreach coordinators in the State offices of the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Risk Management Agency, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Utilities Service, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and appropriate nongovernmental organizations to ensure appropriate information about technical assistance is available at outreach events and activities.”.

**SA 2402.** Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 831, strike lines 20 and 21 and insert the following:

38, United States Code).”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i);

(3) by inserting after subsection (g) the following:

“(h) STATE GRANTS.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this subsection, the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

“(A) an agency of a State or political subdivision of a State;

“(B) a national, State, or regional organization of agricultural producers; and

“(C) any other entity determined appropriate by the Secretary.

“(2) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall use not less than 4 percent of funds made available to carry out this section for each fiscal year under subsection (i) to make grants to States, on a competitive basis, which States shall use the grants to make grants to eligible entities to establish and improve farm safety programs at the local level.”; and

(4) in subsection (i) (as redesignated by paragraph (2))—

**SA 2403.** Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 291, lines 20 and 21, strike “15 percent” and insert “20”.

## 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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the potential for induced seismicity from energy technologies, including carbon capture and storage, enhanced geothermal systems, production from gas shales, and enhanced oil recovery.

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 should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Meagan\_Gins@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Kevin Rennert at 202-224-7826, Kelly Kryc at 202-224-0537, or Meagan Gins at 202-224-0883.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Tax Reform: Impact on U.S. Energy Policy.”

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

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Ms. STABENOW. 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 “Equality At Work: The Employment Non-Discrimination Act” on June 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is ordered.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is ordered.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Justin Posey, an intern in Senator PAUL’s office, be granted the privilege of the floor during today’s session of the Senate.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Tejal Shah, a fellow in Senator MARK UDALL’s office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the Senate’s session this week on June 13 and June 14, 2012.

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

## COMMENDING THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 44TH INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 491, submitted earlier today by Senators COONS and BOOZMAN. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 491) commending the participants in the 44th International Chemistry Olympiad and recognizing the importance of education in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to the future of the United States.

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

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

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

The resolution (S. Res. 491) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 491

Whereas the global economy of the future will require a workforce that is educated in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (referred to in this preamble as "STEM");

Whereas the science of chemistry is vital to the improvement of human life because chemistry has the power to transform;

Whereas chemistry improves human lives by providing critical solutions to global challenges involving safe food, water, transportation, and products, alternate sources of energy, improved health, and a healthy and sustainable environment;

Whereas the International Chemistry Olympiad is an annual competition for the most talented secondary school chemistry students in the world that seeks to stimulate interest in chemistry through creative problem solving;

Whereas the 44th International Chemistry Olympiad will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park from July 21 through 30, 2012;

Whereas more than 70 countries and nearly 300 students will compete in the 44th International Chemistry Olympiad in theoretical and practical examinations covering analytical chemistry, biochemistry, inorganic chemistry, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, and spectroscopy;

Whereas the objective of the International Chemistry Olympiad is to promote international relationships in STEM education (particularly in chemistry), cooperation among students, and the exchange of pedagogical and scientific experience in STEM education;

Whereas STEM education at the secondary school level is critically important to the future of the United States; and

Whereas the students who will compete in the International Chemistry Olympiad deserve recognition and support for their efforts: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) welcomes the 44th International Chemistry Olympiad to the United States;

(2) recognizes the need to encourage young people to pursue careers in the fields of science (including chemistry), technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

(3) commends the University of Maryland, College Park for hosting and the American Chemical Society for organizing the 44th International Chemistry Olympiad.

#### WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 492, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 492) designating June 15, 2012, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day."

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

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, 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 related statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 492) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 492

Whereas at least 2,000,000 older adults are maltreated each year in the United States;

Whereas the vast majority of the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults in the United States goes unidentified and unreported;

Whereas only 1 in 44 cases of financial abuse of older adults is reported;

Whereas at least \$2,900,000,000 is taken from older adults each year due to financial abuse and exploitation;

Whereas elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have no boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gender, and geographic lines;

Whereas older adults who are abused are 3 times more likely to die earlier than older adults of the same age who are not abused;

Whereas the percentage of individuals in the United States who are 60 years of age or older will nearly double by 2020;

Whereas, although all 50 States have laws against elder abuse, incidents of elder abuse have increased by 150 percent over the last 10 years;

Whereas public awareness has the potential to increase the identification and reporting of elder abuse by the public, professionals, and victims, and can act as a catalyst to promote issue-based education and long-term prevention; and

Whereas private individuals and public agencies must work to combat crime and violence against older adults and vulnerable adults, particularly in light of continued reductions in funding for vital services: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 15, 2012 as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day";

(2) recognizes judges, lawyers, adult protective services professionals, law enforcement officers, social workers, health care providers, victims' advocates, and other professionals and agencies for their efforts to advance awareness of elder abuse; and

(3) encourages members of the public and professionals who work with older adults to act as catalysts to promote awareness and long-term prevention of elder abuse by reaching out to local adult protective services agencies and by learning to recognize, report, and respond to elder abuse.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2012

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that the majority leader be recognized; and that following any leader remarks the first hour be equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, Senators should expect two votes in relation to the sugar and SNAP amendments to the farm bill tomorrow. Senators will be notified when the votes are scheduled.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BENNET. Mr. 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 7:23 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

#### CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate June 12, 2012:

#### THE JUDICIARY

ANDREW DAVID HURWITZ, OF ARIZONA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT.