

(B) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member may be reappointed for not more than 1 additional term.

(2) VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(e) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at the call of—

(1) the Chairperson; or

(2) a majority of the members of the Commission.

(f) QUORUM.—A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(g) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall select a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among the members of the Commission.

(2) VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The Vice Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

(3) TERM.—A member may serve as Chairperson or Vice Chairperson for not more than 1 year in each office.

(h) COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

(1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

(B) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duty of the Commission.

(2) STAFF.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide the Commission with any staff members and technical assistance that the Secretary, after consultation with the Commission, determines to be appropriate to enable the Commission to carry out the duty of the Commission.

(B) DETAIL OF EMPLOYEES.—The Secretary may accept the services of personnel detailed from the State or any political subdivision of the State.

(i) FACA NONAPPLICABILITY.—Section 14(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Commission.

(j) TERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Unless extended under paragraph (2), the Commission shall terminate on the date that is 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) EXTENSION.—Eight years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall make a recommendation to the Secretary if a body of its nature is still necessary to advise on the development of the park. If, based on a recommendation under this paragraph, the Secretary determines that the Commission is still necessary, the Secretary may extend the life of the Commission for not more than 10 years.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 534. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 535. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 544. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 545. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 534. Mr. RUBIO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT INCREASED REVENUE SHOULD COME FROM NEW TAXPAYERS, NOT NEW TAXES.

(a) FINDINGS.—

(1) According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the national unemployment rate is 9.2 percent and 25 million Americans are unemployed or underemployed.

(2) According to the Congressional Budget Office—

(A) the historical burden of government spending is 20.6 percent of Gross Domestic Product;

(B) government spending is currently above 24 percent of Gross Domestic Product;

(C) tax revenues have historically averaged between 18 and 19 percent of Gross Domestic Product regardless of how high the top marginal tax rate is; and

(D) tax revenues are projected to reach 18.4 percent in 2021 without tax increases.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) Washington has a spending problem, not a revenue problem;

(2) raising taxes on our fragile economy will neither create jobs nor generate significant revenue for debt reduction;

(3) increased tax revenue should come from economic growth that creates new taxpayers, not new taxes, and such revenue increases should be dedicated to reducing the national debt;

(4) to boost the economy and reduce our Nation's unsustainable debt in the process, Congress should pursue comprehensive tax reform in lieu of tax increases that—

(A) simplifies the tax code and sharply reduces marginal tax rates for individuals, families, and businesses;

(B) broadens the tax base;

(C) ends punitive double taxation of savings and investment; and

(D) does not impose a net tax increase on the American economy.

SA 535. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON PROTECTING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE.

(a) FINDINGS.—

(1) Over 34,000,000 retired workers currently receive Social Security benefits in amounts that average a modest \$14,100 a year.

(2) In 2008, 23 percent of retired workers receiving Social Security benefits depended on those benefits for all or almost all of their income.

(3) According to AARP, Social Security benefits kept 36 percent of seniors out of poverty in 2008.

(4) Reducing Social Security benefits would cause many seniors to have to choose between food, drugs, rent, and heat.

(5) Ninety-five percent of seniors in the United States, who numbered almost 37,000,000 in 2008, got their health care coverage through the Medicare program.

(6) Without Medicare benefits, seniors, many of whom live off of Social Security benefits, would have to turn to the costly and uncertain private market for health care coverage.

(7) The Social Security program and the Medicare program are extremely successful social insurance programs that permit seniors in America to retire with dignity and security after a lifetime of hard work.

(8) The Social Security program and the Medicare program help relieve young American families from worry about their own futures, allowing freedom of opportunity in America.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that any agreement to reduce the budget deficit should not include cuts to Social Security benefits or Medicare benefits.

SA 536. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 2. EXTENDING THE SOLVENCY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Defend and Save Social Security Act”.

(b) **ADJUSTMENT TO NORMAL AND EARLY RETIREMENT AGE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 216(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(1)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “2017” and inserting “2016”; and

(ii) by striking subparagraphs (D) and (E) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

“(D) with respect to an individual who—

“(i) attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2015, and before January 1, 2024, such individual’s early retirement age (as determined under paragraph (2)(A)) plus 48 months; or

“(ii) receives a benefit described in paragraph (2)(B) and attains 60 years of age after December 31, 2015, and before January 1, 2024, 66 years of age plus the number of months in the age increase factor (as determined under paragraph (4)(A)(i));

“(E) with respect to an individual who—

“(i) attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2023, and before January 1, 2027, 68 years of age plus the number of months in the age increase factor (as determined under paragraph (4)(B)(ii)); or

“(ii) receives a benefit described in paragraph (2)(B) and attains 60 years of age after December 31, 2023, and before January 1, 2027, 68 years of age plus the number of months in the age increase factor (as determined under paragraph (4)(B)(i)); and

“(F) with respect to an individual who—

“(i) attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2026, 69 years of age; or

“(ii) receives a benefit described in paragraph (2)(B) and attains 60 years of age after December 31, 2026, 69 years of age.”;

(B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) The term ‘early retirement age’ means—

“(A) in the case of an old-age, wife’s, or husband’s insurance benefit—

“(i) 62 years of age with respect to an individual who attains such age before January 1, 2016;

“(ii) with respect to an individual who attains 62 years of age after December 31, 2015, and before January 1, 2023, 62 years of age plus the number of months in the age increase factor (as determined under paragraph (4)(A)(ii)) for the calendar year in which such individual attains 62 years of age; and

“(iii) with respect to an individual who attains age 62 after December 31, 2022, 64 years of age; or

“(B) in the case of a widow’s or widower’s insurance benefit, 60 years of age.”;

(C) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) With respect to an individual who attains early retirement age in the 5-year period consisting of the calendar years 2000 through 2004, the age increase factor shall be equal to two-twelfths of the number of months in the period beginning with January 2000 and ending with December of the year in which the individual attains early retirement age.”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) The age increase factor shall be equal to three-twelfths of the number of months in the period—

“(A) beginning with January 2016 and ending with December of the year in which—

“(i) for purposes of paragraphs (1)(D)(ii), the individual attains 60 years of age; or

“(ii) for purposes of paragraph (2)(A)(ii), the individual attains 62 years of age; and

“(B) beginning with January 2024 and ending with December of the year in which—

“(i) for purposes of (1)(E)(ii), the individual attains 60 years of age; or

“(ii) for purposes of (1)(E)(i), the individual attains 62 years of age.”.

(2) **CONFORMING INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ELAPSED YEARS FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING PRIMARY INSURANCE AMOUNT.**—Section 215(b)(2)(B)(iii) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(b)(2)(B)(iii)) is amended by striking “age 62” and inserting “early retirement age (or, in the case of an individual who receives a benefit described in section 216(1)(2)(B), 62 years of age)”.

(c) **COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.**—Section 215(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(D), by inserting “subject to paragraph (6),” before “the term”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), with respect to a base quarter or cost-of-living computation quarter in any calendar year after 2010, the term ‘CPI increase percentage’ means the percentage determined under paragraph (1)(D) for the quarter reduced (but not below zero) by 1 percentage point.

“(B) The reduction under subparagraph (A) shall apply only for purposes of determining the amount of benefits under this title and not for purposes of determining the amount of, or any increases in, benefits under other provisions of law which operate by reference to increases in benefits under this title.”.

SA 537. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 2. EMERGENCY FUNDING TO PROVIDE PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND SUPPORTING CIVILIAN AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL DURING FUNDING GAP IMPACTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(a) **FUNDING FOR MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES.**—During a funding gap impacting the Armed Forces, the Secretary of the Treasury shall make available to the Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard), out of any amounts in the general fund of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as the Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard) determines to be necessary to continue to provide pay and allowances (without interruption) to the following:

(1) Members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, including reserve components thereof, who perform active service during the funding gap.

(2) At the discretion of the Secretary of Defense, such civilian personnel of the Department of Defense who are providing support to the members of the Armed Forces described in paragraph (1) as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) At the discretion of the Secretary of Defense, such personnel of contractors of the Department of Defense who are providing direct support to the members of the Armed Forces described in paragraph (1) as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(b) **FUNDING GAP DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “funding gap” means any period of

time after the beginning of a fiscal year for which interim or full-year appropriations for the personnel accounts of the Armed Forces for that fiscal year have not been enacted.

(c) **DURATION OF TRANSFER AUTHORITY.**—No transfer may be made by the Secretary of the Treasury under subsection (a) after December 31, 2011.

SA 538. Mr. JOHANNNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATING TO EXPANDING OR EXTENDING SPENDING INCLUDED IN THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should not enact any legislation that expands or extends the spending provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 179).

SA 539. Mr. JOHANNNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATING TO NEW SPENDING.

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should not enact any legislation that reduces expenditures under the Medicare program and uses the savings from such reduction for new spending.

SA 540. Mr. JOHANNNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATING TO RAISING THE DEBT CEILING.

It is the sense of the Senate that any legislation that increases the limit on public debt, as provided in section 3101(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall not include any increase in taxes unless the Secretary of the Treasury submits a certification to Congress that the increase in taxes will not cause any further loss of jobs.

SA 541. Mr. JOHANNNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATING TO NEW SPENDING.

It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should not enact any legislation that reduces expenditures under the Social Security program and uses the savings from such reduction for new spending.

SA 542. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the

sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, insert the following:
SEC. ____ . REDUCTION IN NON-SECURITY DISCRETIONARY SPENDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts appropriated for non-security discretionary spending for fiscal year 2011 are reduced on a pro rata basis by 2.5 percent.

(b) NON-SECURITY SPENDING.—In this section, the term ‘non-security discretionary spending’ means discretionary spending other than spending for the Department of Defense, homeland security activities, intelligence related activities within the Department of State, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and national security related activities in the Department of Energy.

SA 543. Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:
SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL RETIREMENT AGE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the ‘‘Congressional Retirement Age Act of 2011’’.

(b) CSRS.—Subchapter III of chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 8336, by adding at the end the following:

‘‘(q)(1) An individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection—

‘‘(A) shall not be eligible for an annuity under any other provision of this section; and

‘‘(B) shall be eligible for an annuity if the individual is separated from the service after attaining retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(l)(1)) and completing 5 years of service.

‘‘(2) This subsection applies to an individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection without regard to whether—

‘‘(A) the individual is separated from the service while serving as an employee or a Member; or

‘‘(B) any service by the individual is subject to section 8334(k)’’; and

(2) in section 8338, by adding at the end the following:

‘‘(i)(1) An individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection—

‘‘(A) shall not be eligible for an annuity under any other provision of this section; and

‘‘(B) if the individual is separated from the service, or transferred to a position in which the individual does not continue subject to this subchapter, after completing 5 years of service, is eligible for an annuity beginning at retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(l)(1)).

‘‘(2) This subsection applies to an individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection without regard to whether—

‘‘(A) the individual serves as an employee before, on, or after the date of enactment of this subsection; or

‘‘(B) any service by the individual is subject to section 8334(k).’’

(c) FERS.—Chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 8412, by adding at the end the following:

‘‘(i)(1) An individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection—

‘‘(A) shall not be eligible for an annuity under any other provision of this section; and

‘‘(B) shall be eligible for an annuity if the individual is separated from the service after attaining retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(l)(1)) and completing 5 years of service.

‘‘(2) This subsection applies to an individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection without regard to whether the individual is separated from the service while serving as an employee or a Member.’’;

(2) in section 8413, by adding at the end the following:

‘‘(c)(1) An individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection—

‘‘(A) shall not be eligible for an annuity under any other provision of this section; and

‘‘(B) if the individual is separated from the service, or transferred to a position in which the individual does not continue subject to this chapter, after completing 5 years of service, is eligible for an annuity beginning at retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(l)(1)).

‘‘(2) This subsection applies to an individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection without regard to whether the individual serves as an employee before, on, or after the date of enactment of this subsection.’’; and

(3) in section 8414, by adding at the end the following:

‘‘(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an individual serving as a Member on or after the date of enactment of this subsection who otherwise meets the requirements for an annuity under another provision of this section shall not be entitled to an annuity until after attaining retirement age (as defined in section 216(l)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 416(l)(1)).’’

SA 544. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 2. FEDERAL WORKFORCE.

It is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the pay, retirement benefits, and composition of Federal employees needs to be preserved;

(2) Federal employees have already made significant contributions toward deficit reduction with the Federal employee pay freeze;

(3) it is necessary to maintain Federal employee pay and benefits at rates that incentivize talented Americans to join the Federal workforce;

(4) it is important to have the best and brightest individuals working for the Federal Government;

(5) radical proposals that would harm our Nation should be rejected, including the proposal of reducing the current Federal workforce by attrition and privatizing Federal jobs;

(6) privatizing Federal jobs can lead to complex, expensive results as noted by former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates; and

(7) private contractors cost on average 25 percent more per employee each year compared to the cost of hiring a civil servant.

SA 545. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page __, between lines __ and __, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF SENATE REGARDING PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE.

(a) FINDING.—The Senate finds that the budget request of the President for fiscal year 2012 included a total of \$1,329,000,000 for the United States Agency for International Development, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of State for the Global Climate Change Initiative.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Department of the Treasury should not expend taxpayer funds to provide foreign assistance through the Global Climate Change Initiative.

SA 546. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING CORPORATE TAX LOOPHOLES.

It is the sense of the Senate that loopholes that allow large and profitable corporations to avoid paying their fair share of federal taxes should be closed as part of any deficit reduction legislation.

SA 547. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE SENATE WITH RESPECT TO NEW OR EXTENDED TAX CUTS FOR THE WEALTHY.

It is the sense of the Senate that no new tax cuts for the wealthy, including an extension of the Bush tax cuts for upper income earners, should be enacted until annual federal deficits have been eliminated.

SA 548. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON TAX LOOPHOLES FOR LUXURY ITEMS.

It is the sense of the Senate that tax loopholes for luxury items including racehorses, yachts, and private jets, should be repealed as part of any deficit reduction legislation.

SA 549. Mr. ROCKEFELLER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1323, to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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."

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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.