

SEC. 7088. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this division may be obligated or expended to implement new programs or expand existing programs of the International Pacific Halibut Commission until the Secretary of State determines that the Commission has sufficient funds available to cover the overhead costs of the Commission.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 16, 2011, at 9 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Weeding Out Bad Contractors: Does the Government Have the Right Tools?"

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 16, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Nominations."

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs' Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 16, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Management and Structural Reforms at the SEC: A Progress Report."

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, ATMOSPHERE, FISHERIES, AND THE COAST GUARD

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and the Coast Guard of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 16, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Weathering Change: Need for Continued Innovation in Forecasting and Prediction."

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

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Val Molaison, a fellow in Senator TESTER's office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

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

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Adam Christensen, a congressional science fellow assigned to my office, be granted floor privileges during consideration of this bill.

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

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Miles Chiotti, an intern from Senator GRASSLEY's office, have floor privileges for the remainder of the day.

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

#### COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 229, S. Res. 296.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 296) commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. 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 that any related statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 296) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

##### S. RES. 296

Whereas the Combined Federal Campaign was established pursuant to Executive Order 10927 (26 Fed. Reg. 2383) signed by President John F. Kennedy on March 18, 1961;

Whereas the Combined Federal Campaign is the only authorized charitable fundraising campaign for Federal employees, employees of the United States Postal Service, and members of the armed forces;

Whereas the Combined Federal Campaign operates in more than 119 localities throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and overseas military installations;

Whereas more than 20,000 nonprofit charitable organizations participate annually in the Combined Federal Campaign;

Whereas the men and women of the Federal Government, the United States Postal Service, and the Armed Forces have contributed approximately \$7,000,000,000 to local, national, and international charities over the past 50 years, making the Combined Federal Campaign the largest and most successful workplace charitable drive in the world; and

Whereas commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign will thank public servants whose generous contributions over the years have helped to feed hungry children, cure disease, comfort the sick and dying, protect the environment and natural resources of the United States, and offered hope to people and communities

across the United States and worldwide: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate:

(1) commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign;

(2) commends public servants of the United States for their unyielding dedication, generosity, and spirit of charitable giving;

(3) calls upon the new generation of Federal employees, employees of the United States Postal Service, and members of the Armed Forces to participate annually in the Combined Federal Campaign;

(4) encourages all Federal employees, employees of the United States Postal Service, and members of the Armed Forces to continue their philanthropic efforts for the betterment of the less fortunate; and

(5) urges the people of the United States to observe the 50th anniversary of the Combined Federal Campaign with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

#### EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR IMPROVEMENT REGARDING RECYCLED MATERIALS IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Environment and Public Works Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 251 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 251) expressing support for improvement in the collection, processing, and consumption of recycled materials throughout the United States.

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. 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 that any statements related to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 251) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

##### S. RES. 251

Whereas maximizing the recycling economy in the United States will create and sustain additional well-paying jobs in the United States, further stimulate the economy of the United States, save energy, and conserve valuable natural resources;

Whereas recycling is an important action that people in the United States can take to be environmental stewards;

Whereas municipal recycling rates in the United States steadily increased from 6.6 percent in 1970 to 28.6 percent in 2000, but since 2000, the rate of increase has slowed considerably;

Whereas a decline in manufacturing in the United States has reduced both the supply of and demand for recycled materials;

Whereas recycling allows the United States to recover the critical materials necessary to sustain the recycling economy and protect national security interests in the United States;