

factor, particularly those with one or more family members who have had ovarian cancer, should look into these tests.

Mr. President, this is why it is so important that we raise awareness about ovarian cancer, and this is what this resolution tries to do. By establishing this special week, we can bring the knowledge of this disease to thousands of high-risk women, and give people a better chance of beating this dreadful disease.●

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

CLELAND (AND MILLER) AMENDMENTS NOS. 4030-4031

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CLELAND (for himself and Mr. MILLER) submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by them to the bill (H.R. 4733) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 4030

On page 58, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 1—BRUNSWICK HARBOR, GEORGIA.

The Secretary of the Army and the non-Federal interest with respect to the project for navigation, Brunswick Harbor, Georgia, authorized by section 101(a)(19) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 277), may conduct negotiations concerning, and enter into, a project cooperation agreement for the project, subject to the review and approval processes applicable to project cooperation agreements.

AMENDMENT NO. 4031

On page 48, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

Brunswick Harbor, Georgia, \$255,000;

DOMENICI AMENDMENT NO. 4032

Mr. DOMENICI proposed an amendment to the bill (H.R. 4733) supra; as follows:

Starting on page 64, line 24, strike all through page 66, line 7.

SCHUMER (AND COLLINS) AMENDMENT NO. 4033

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 4733, supra; as follows:

On page 93, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

GENERAL PROVISIONS—INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

SEC. 4—PRESIDENTIAL ENERGY COMMISSION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) crude oil and natural gas account for two-thirds of America's energy consumption;

(2) in May 2000, United States natural gas stocks totaled 1,450 billion cubic feet, 36 percent below the normal natural gas inventory of 2,281 billion cubic feet;

(3) in July 2000, United States crude oil inventories totaled 298,000,000 barrels, 11 percent below the 24-year average of 334,000,000 barrels;

(4) in June 2000, distillate fuel (heating oil and diesel fuel) inventories totaled 103,700,000 barrels, 26 percent below the 24-year average of 140,000,000 barrels;

(5) combined shortages in inventories of natural gas, crude oil, and distillate stocks, coupled with steady or increased demand, could cause supply and price shocks that would likely have a severe impact on consumers and the economy; and

(6) energy supply is a critical national security issue.

(b) PRESIDENTIAL ENERGY COMMISSION.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The President shall establish, from among a group of not fewer than 30 persons recommended jointly by the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader and Minority Leader of the Senate, a Presidential Energy Commission (referred to in this section as the "Commission"), which shall consist of between 15 and 21 representatives from among the following categories:

(i) Oil and natural gas producing States.

(ii) States with no oil or natural gas production.

(iii) Oil and natural gas industries.

(iv) Consumer groups focused on energy issues.

(v) Environmental groups.

(vi) Experts and analysts familiar with the supply and demand characteristics of all energy sectors.

(vii) The Energy Information Administration.

(B) TIMING.—The appointments of the members of the Commission shall be made not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(C) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(D) CHAIRPERSON.—The members of the Commission shall appoint 1 of the members to serve as Chairperson of the Commission.

(E) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which all members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meeting.

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

(2) DUTIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall—

(i) conduct a study, focusing primarily on the oil and natural gas industries, of—

(I) the status of inventories of natural gas, crude oil, and distillate fuel in the United States, including trends and projections for those inventories;

(II) the causes for and consequences of energy supply disruptions and energy product shortages nationwide and in particular regions;

(III) ways in which the United States can become less dependent on foreign oil supplies;

(IV) ways in which the United States can better manage and utilize its domestic energy resources;

(V) ways in which alternative energy supplies can be used to reduce demand on traditional energy sectors;

(VI) ways in which the United States can reduce energy consumption;

(VII) the status of, problems with, and ways to improve—

(aa) transportation and delivery systems of energy resources to locations throughout the United States;

(bb) refinery capacity and utilization in the United States; and

(cc) natural gas, crude oil, distillate fuel, and other energy-related petroleum product storage in the United States; and

(VIII) any other energy-related topic that the Commission considers pertinent; and

(ii) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, submit to the President and Congress a report that contains—

(I) a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the Commission; and

(II) the recommendations of the Commission for such legislation and administrative actions as the Commission considers appropriate.

(B) TIME PERIOD.—The findings made, analyses conducted, conclusions reached, and recommendations developed by the Commission in connection with the study under subparagraph (A) shall cover a period extending 10 years beyond the date of the report.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Energy shall use \$500,000 of funds appropriated to the Department of Energy to fund the Commission.

(d) TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.—The Commission shall terminate on the date that is 90 days after the date on which the Commission submits its report under subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii).

DEWINE AMENDMENT NO. 4034

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 4733, supra; as follows:

On page 90, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

SEC. 320. (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following findings:

(1) The closure or downsizing of a Department of Energy facility can have serious economic impacts on communities that have been built around and in support of the facility.

(2) To mitigate the devastating impacts of the closure of Department of Energy facilities on surrounding communities, section 3161 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 (42 U.S.C. 7274h) provides a mechanism for the provision of financial assistance to such communities for redevelopment and to assist employees of such facilities in transferring to other employment.

(3) It is difficult to forecast necessary changes in the workforce at Department of Energy facilities in advance of the preparation of the budget for the Department of Energy given uncertainties regarding future budgets, project schedules, and other factors.

(4) Limitations on the capacity of the Department of Energy to seek reprogramming of funds for worker and community assistance programs in response to the closure or downsizing of Department facilities undermines the capability of the Department to respond appropriately to unforeseen contingencies.

(b) SENSE OF SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that, in agreeing to the conference report to accompany the bill H.R.4733 of the 106th Congress, the conferees on the part of the Senate should not recede to provisions or language proposed by the House of Representatives that would limit the capacity of the Department of Energy to augment funds available for worker and community assistance grants under section 3161 of the National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 1993 or under the provisions of the USEC Privatization Act (subchapter A of chapter 1 of title III of Public Law 104-134; 42 U.S.C. 2297h et seq.).

DEWINE (AND LEVIN) AMENDMENT
NO. 4035

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4733, supra; as follows:

On page 47, strike line 18 and insert the following: \$139,219,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$1,500,000 shall be made available to carry out activities under the John Glenn Great Lakes Basin Program established under section 455 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (42 U.S.C. 1962d-21).

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the transportation of Alaska North Slope natural gas to market and to investigate the cost, environmental aspects, economic impacts and energy security implications to Alaska and the rest of the nation for alternative routes and projects.

For further information, please call Dan Kish at (202) 224-8276 or Jo Meuse at (202) 224-4756.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, September 5, 2000 from 2:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Robert Griffiths, a legislative fellow in my office, be afforded floor privileges during the consideration of H.R. 4444.

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

The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent Pete Lyons, a fellow in my office, and Dave Hunter with Senator JEFFORDS' office, be given privileges of the floor for the duration of the consideration of the energy and water development bill.

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

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH
STAMP REAUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2000

On July 27, 2000, the Senate amended and passed S. 2386; as follows:

S. 2386

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SEMIPOSTAL
STAMPS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Semipostal Act of 2000”.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking section 416 (as added by the Semipostal Authorization Act) and inserting the following:

“§ 416. Authority to issue semipostals

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term—

“(1) ‘agency’ means an Executive agency (as defined by section 105 of title 5);

“(2) ‘amounts becoming available from the sale of a semipostal under this section’ means—

“(A) the total amounts received by the Postal Service with respect to the applicable semipostal in excess of the first class, first ounce rate, reduced by

“(B) an amount equal to the full costs incurred by the Postal Service from the issuance and sale of the average first class, first ounce rate stamp, plus any additional costs incurred by the Postal Service unique to the issuance of the applicable semipostal; and

“(3) ‘semipostal’ means a special postage stamp which is issued and sold by the Postal Service, at a premium, in order to help provide funding for an issue of national importance.

“(b) AUTHORITY.—The Postal Service may issue no more than 1 semipostal each year, and sell such semipostals, in accordance with this section.

“(c) RATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The rate of postage on a semipostal issued under this section shall be established by the Governors, in accordance with such procedures as the Governors shall by regulation promulgate (in lieu of the procedures under chapter 36), except that—

“(A) the rate established for a semipostal under this section shall be equal to the rate of postage that would otherwise regularly apply, plus a differential of not to exceed 25 percent; and

“(B) no regular rates of postage or fees for postal services under chapter 36 shall be any different from what such rates or fees otherwise would have been if this section had not been enacted.

“(2) VOLUNTARY USE.—The use of any semipostal issued under this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal patrons.

“(d) AMOUNTS BECOMING AVAILABLE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts becoming available from the sale of a semipostal under this section shall be transferred to the appropriate agency or agencies under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual agreement with each such agency establish.

“(2) ISSUES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE AND AGENCIES.—Decisions under this section concerning issues of national importance, and the appropriate agency or agencies to receive amounts becoming available under this section, shall be made applying the criteria and procedures established under subsection (f).

“(3) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Semipostal Act of 2000, the Postal Service shall establish a system to account for all

revenues and the full costs (including related labor and administrative costs) associated with selecting, developing, marketing, and selling semipostals under this section. The system shall track and account for semipostal revenues and costs separately from the revenues and costs of all other postage stamps.

“(B) PAYMENT.—Before making any payment to any agency under subsection (d)(1), the Postal Service shall recover the full costs incurred by the Postal Service as of the date of such payment.

“(C) MINIMUM COSTS.—The Postal Service shall to the maximum extent practicable keep the costs incurred by the Postal Service in issuing a semipostal to a minimum.

“(4) OTHER FUNDING NOT TO BE AFFECTED.—Amounts which have or may become available from the sale of a semipostal under this section shall not be taken into account in any decision relating to the level of appropriations or other Federal funding to be furnished to an agency in any year.

“(e) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—(1) Before the Postal Service can take action with respect to the implementation of a decision to issue a semipostal, the Postal Service shall submit to each House of the Congress a report containing—

“(A) a copy of the decision;

“(B) a concise explanation of the basis for the decision; and

“(C) the proposed effective date of the semipostal.

“(2) Upon receipt of a report submitted under paragraph (1), each House shall provide copies of the report to the chairman and ranking member of the Governmental Affairs Committee in the Senate and the Government Reform Committee in the House.

“(3) The decision of the Postal Service with respect to the implementation of a decision to issue a semipostal shall take effect on the latest of—

“(A) the date occurring 60 days after the date on which the Congress receives the report submitted under paragraph (1);

“(B) if the Congress passes a joint resolution of disapproval described in paragraph 7, and the President signs a veto of such resolution, the earlier date—

“(i) on which either House of Congress votes and fails to override the veto of the President; or

“(ii) occurring 30 session days after the date on which the Congress received the veto and objections of the President; or

“(C) the date the decision would have otherwise been implemented, if not for this section (unless a joint resolution of disapproval under paragraph 7 is enacted).

“(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the decision of the Postal Service with respect to the implementation of a decision to issue a semipostal shall not be delayed by operation of this subsection beyond the date on which either House of Congress votes to reject a joint resolution of disapproval under paragraph 7.

“(5) The Postal Service shall not implement a decision to issue a semipostal if the Congress enacts a joint resolution of disapproval, described under paragraph 7.

“(6)(A) In addition to the opportunity for review otherwise provided under this chapter, in the case of any decision for which a report was submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) during the period beginning on the date occurring 30 days before the date the Congress adjourns a session of Congress through the date on which the same or succeeding Congress first convenes its next session, this section shall apply to such rule in the succeeding session of Congress.

“(B) In applying this section for purposes of such additional review, a decision described under paragraph (1) shall be treated as though—