

On page 250, strike lines 5 through 10, and insert the following:

“(a) AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may grant a temporary visa to an H-2C nonimmigrant during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006 if such nonimmigrant demonstrates an intent to perform labor or services in the United States (other than the labor or services described in clause (i)(b) or (ii)(a) of section 101(a)(15)(H) or subparagraph (L), (O), (P), or (R)) of section 101(a)(15).

“(2) SUNSET.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after the date of end of the 5-year period referred to in paragraph (1), no alien may be issued a new visa as an H-2C nonimmigrant for an initial period of authorized admission under subsection (f)(1). The Secretary of Homeland Security may continue to issue an extension of a temporary visa issued to an H-2C nonimmigrant pursuant to such subsection after such date.

**SA 4082.** Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2611, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 288, line 22, strike the period at the end and insert “and stated in such posting that a worker hired for such opportunity will receive compensation that includes health insurance that provides benefits that are, at a minimum, actuarially equivalent to the benefits that the worker would receive under the State Medicaid plan established under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) of the State in which the employment opportunity will be located if the worker were eligible for benefits under such plan, as determined by such State.”.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INHOFE. 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 May 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on “The Report of the Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies.”

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

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INHOFE. 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 Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to mark up S. 1811, the “San Francisco Old Mint Commemorative Coin Act;” S. 633, the “American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act;” and S. 2784, the “Fourteenth Dalai Lama Gold Medal Act.”

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

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and

Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. on S. 2686, the Consumer’s Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. for an Executive Session.

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

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 10:30 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider proposed legislation implementing the U.S.-Oman Free Trade Agreement, and the nomination of W. Ralph Basham, of Virginia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iran’s Political/Nuclear Ambitions and U.S. Policy Options.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. to consider the nomination of Robert I. Cusick to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics.

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 18, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a confirmation hearing on General Michael V. Hayden to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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

##### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select

Committee on Aging be authorized to meet May 18, 2006 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing regarding “Unobligated Balances: Freeing up Funds, Setting Priorities and Untying Agency Hands.”

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nepal: Transition from Crisis to Peaceful Democracy.

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

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dr. Bonni Berge, a Brookings fellow in my office, be allowed floor privileges for the duration of the Senate’s debate on S. 2611, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006.

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

#### HEROES EARNED RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask that the Chair now lay before the Senate the House message to accompany H.R. 1499.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the House of Representatives:

H.R. 1499

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1499) entitled “An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow members of the Armed Forces serving in a combat zone to make contributions to their individual retirement plans even if the compensation on which such contribution is based is excluded from gross income, and for other purposes”, with the following House amendment to Senate amendment:

At the end of the Senate amendment add the following:

On page 3, after line 3 of the House engrossed bill, insert the following:

(c) CONTRIBUTIONS FOR TAXABLE YEARS ENDING BEFORE ENACTMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any taxpayer with respect to whom compensation was excluded from gross income under section 112 of