

was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

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Whereas service-learning is a teaching method that enhances academic learning by integrating classroom content with relevant activities aimed at addressing identified needs in a community or school;

Whereas service-learning has been used both in school and community-based settings as a teaching strategy to enhance learning by building on youth experiences, granting youth a voice in learning, and making instructional goals and objectives more relevant to youth;

Whereas service-learning addresses the dropout epidemic in the United States by making education more “hands-on” and relevant, and has been especially effective in addressing the dropout epidemic with respect to disadvantaged youth;

Whereas service-learning is proven to provide the greatest benefits to disadvantaged and at-risk youth by building self-confidence, which often translates into overall academic and personal success;

Whereas service-learning provides not only meaningful experiences, but improves the quantity and quality of interactions between youth and potential mentors in the community;

Whereas service-learning empowers youth as actively engaged learners, citizens, and contributors to the community;

Whereas youth engaged in service-learning provide critical service to the community by addressing a variety of needs in towns, cities, and States, including needs such as tutoring young children, care of the elderly, community nutrition, disaster relief, environmental stewardship, financial education, and public safety;

Whereas far-reaching and diverse research shows that service-learning enhances the academic, career, cognitive, and civic development of students in kindergarten through 12th grade, and students at institutions of higher education;

Whereas service-learning strengthens and increases the number of partnerships among institutions of higher education, local schools, and communities, which strengthens communities and improves academic learning;

Whereas service-learning programs allow a multitude of skilled and enthusiastic college students to serve in the communities surrounding their colleges;

Whereas service-learning programs engage students in actively addressing and solving pressing community issues and strengthen the ability of nonprofit organizations to meet community needs;

Whereas Learn and Serve America, a program established under subtitle B of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12521 et seq.), is the only Federally funded program dedicated to service-learning and engages more than 1,100,000 youth in service-learning each year;

Whereas Learn and Serve America is a highly cost-effective program, with an average cost of approximately \$25 per participant and leverage of \$1 for every Federal dollar invested;

Whereas the National Learn and Serve Challenge is an annual event that, in 2009, will take place October 5 through October 11; and

Whereas the National Learn and Serve Challenge spotlights the value of service-learning to young people, schools, college campuses, and communities, encourages others to launch service-learning activities, and increases recognition of Learn and Serve America: Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) recognizes the benefits of service-learning, which include—

(A) enriching and enhancing academic outcomes for youth;

(B) engaging youth in positive experiences in the community; and

(C) encouraging youth to make more constructive choices with regards to their lives;

(2) encourages schools, school districts, college campuses, community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, and faith-based organizations to provide youth with more service-learning opportunities; and

(3) expresses support for the goals of the National Learn and Serve Challenge.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2627. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

SA 2628. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2629. Mr. McCAIN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2847, supra.

SA 2630. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra.

SA 2631. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2632. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2633. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2634. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2635. Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2636. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2637. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2638. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2639. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2640. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2641. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2642. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2643. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to

be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2644. Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. ENZI) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2847, supra.

SA 2645. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2646. Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2647. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra.

SA 2648. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2649. Ms. MIKULSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2650. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2651. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2652. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2653. Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. BURR) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2847, supra.

SA 2654. Mr. AKAKA proposed an amendment to the bill S. 728, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans' insurance benefits, and for other purposes.

SA 2655. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2627. Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall direct sufficient funds to the Tax Division, including for hiring additional personnel, to ensure that the thousands of civil and criminal cases pending or referred during the 2010 fiscal year to the Tax Division or to an Office of a United States Attorney related to a United States person who owes taxes, interest, or penalties in connection with a foreign financial account at an offshore financial institution or who assisted in the establishment or administration of such an account are—

(1) acted on in a prompt fashion by a Federal prosecutor or attorney;

(2) resolved within a reasonable time period; and

(3) not allowed to accumulate into a backlog of inactive cases due to insufficient resources.

(b) REPROGRAMMING.—If necessary to carry out this section, the Attorney General shall submit a request during the fiscal year 2010 to reprogram funds necessary for the processing of such civil and criminal cases.

SA 2628. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 203, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

SEC. 533. STATE PRICE PARITIES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(2) STATE PRICE PARITIES.—The term “State price parities” means the differences in consumer price levels between States, or “Regional Price Parities”, as calculated by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

(b) CALCULATION.—The Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis shall regularly calculate and make public as an official statistic, not less frequently than annually, State price parities to determine the differences in consumer price levels between States.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

(1) the method that will be used to calculate State price parities;

(2) the frequency with which such calculations will be made public; and

(3) the date on which State price parities shall first be published as an official statistic.

SA 2629. Mr. MCCAIN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 202, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

SEC. 530A. None of the funds made available in this Act for the Department of Justice may be used to investigate or enforce Federal laws related to the importation of prescription drugs by individuals for personal use, by pharmacists, or by wholesalers or to bring an action against such individuals, pharmacists, or wholesalers related to such importation: *Provided*, That the Department of Justice or its subagencies do not have a reasonable belief that the prescription drug at issue violates the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 301 et seq.); *Provided further*, That the prescription drug at issue is not a controlled substance, as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802), or a biological product, as defined in section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).

SA 2630. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making ap-

propriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the amounts made available in this title under the heading “COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES” may be used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1373(a)).

SA 2631. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds appropriated under this Act may be used to carry out the functions of the Political Science Program in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences of the National Science Foundation.

SA 2632. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act and except as provided in subsection (b), any report required to be submitted by a Federal agency or department to the Committee on Appropriations of either the Senate or the House of Representatives in this Act shall be posted on the public website of that agency upon receipt by the committee.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a report if—

(1) the public posting of the report compromises national security; or

(2) the report contains proprietary information.

SA 2633. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 170, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

SEC. 220. EXEMPTION AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 845 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) The Attorney General may exempt from all or a part of the provisions of this chapter explosive materials or explosive devices containing such materials when a determination is made, by regulation, that the explosive materials or explosive devices—

“(1) are of a type that does not pose a threat to public safety; and

“(2) are unlikely to be used as a weapon.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 2634. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. None of the funds provided in this Act may be used by the Department of Justice to prosecute or otherwise sanction any individual who—

(1) provided input into the legal opinions by the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice analyzing the legality of the enhanced interrogation program;

(2) relied in good faith on those legal opinions; or

(3) was a member of Congress and was briefed on the enhanced interrogation program and did not object to the program going forward.

SA 2635. Mr. VITTER (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. At the discretion of the Attorney General, funds appropriated under the heading “Byrne Discretionary grants” under funding for the Department of Justice in the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8) to the Louisiana District Attorney’s Association for the purpose to support an early intervention program for at-risk elementary students may be available to the University of Louisiana-Lafayette for the same purpose.

SA 2636. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 184, line 19, strike “representation expenses:” and insert “representation expenses: *Provided further*, That not more than \$500,000 shall be available for the establishment of an Assistant United States Trade Representative for Small Business:”.

SA 2637. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 106, line 21, before the period, insert the following: “: *Provided further*, That

the International Trade Administration shall, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, report to Congress on the progress that has been made in carrying out the recommendations and objectives set forth in the 2003 report entitled "Manufacturing in America: A Comprehensive Strategy to Address the Challenges to U.S. Manufacturers".

SA 2638. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 127, line 25, before the period insert the following: "Provided, That, not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Justice shall evaluate actions taken by the Bureau of Prisons in response to recommendations issued by the Inspector General in 2007 and 2008 regarding exposure to cadmium, lead, and other metals at the Federal Correctional Institution located in Elkton, Ohio and submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report regarding the findings of the evaluation under this proviso".

SA 2639. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 185, line 5, before the period, insert the following: "Provided further, That the United States Trade Representative shall, in the report to Congress required by section 163 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2213), include information regarding the sanitary and phytosanitary standards of the countries from which the United States imports food and food products".

SA 2640. Mr. BROWN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 185, line 5, before the period, insert the following: "Provided further, That the United States Trade Representative shall, in the report to Congress required by section 163 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2213), include detailed information regarding Trade and Investment Framework Agreements, including the criteria used to determine the countries with which such agreements are initiated, the commitments sought from those countries regarding such agreements, and the time frame with which those commitments are to be achieved".

SA 2641. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science,

and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 170, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program under subpart 1 of part E of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3750 et seq.) under the heading "STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE" under the heading "OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS" under the heading "STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES" under title II of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8; 123 Stat. 579), at the discretion of the Attorney General, the amounts to be made available to Genesee County, Michigan for assistance for individuals transitioning from prison in Genesee County, Michigan pursuant to the joint statement of managers accompanying that Act may be made available to My Brother's Keeper of Genesee County, Michigan to provide assistance for individuals transitioning from prison in Genesee County, Michigan.

SA 2642. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 170, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

SEC. 220. BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN NONPROFIT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the "Dale Long Emergency Medical Service Providers Protection Act".

(b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796b) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (7), by striking "public employee member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew;" and inserting "employee or volunteer member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew (including a ground or air ambulance service) that—

"(A) is a public agency; or

"(B) is (or is a part of) a nonprofit entity serving the public that—

"(i) is officially authorized or licensed to engage in rescue activity or to provide emergency medical services; and

"(ii) is officially designated as a pre-hospital emergency medical response agency;" and

(2) in paragraph (9)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "as a chaplain" and all that follows through the semicolon, and inserting "or as a chaplain;"

(B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking "or" after the semicolon;

(C) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking the period and inserting "; or"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

"(D) a member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew who, as authorized or licensed by law and by the applicable agency or entity (and as designated by such agency or entity), is engaging in rescue activity or in the provision of emergency medical services."

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply only to injuries sustained on or after January 1, 2009.

(d) **OFFSET.**—The total amount appropriated under the heading "SALARIES AND EXPENSES" under the heading "GENERAL ADMINISTRATION" under this title is reduced by \$1,000,000.

SA 2643. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. JUDICIAL EDUCATION.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the "Judicial Education Act of 2009".

(b) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds that the National Judicial College—

(1) continues to be an invaluable national resource improving the lives of all Americans by advancing fair, impartial, accessible, and timely justice through judicial education;

(2) serves as the national judicial education entity that performs assessments to determine content of training or education programs, creates curriculum, presents judicial education programs, and acts as a resource to States supporting their judicial education efforts;

(3) collaborates with Federal and State agencies and a broad-based network of public and private justice improvement entities to advance justice system improvement through judicial education;

(4) operates a national judicial education entity that conducts judicial education programs at its state-of-the-art educational facility on the campus of the University of Nevada Reno, regionally at sites across the United States, and in States to enhance the professional competence of the judiciary;

(5) is a resource to all States and the United States territories by training judges, lawyers, physicians, and scientists as adult educators to present judicial education programs in an interactive adult learning environment, including training them to teach in a distance-learning format; and

(6) has educated over 80,000 judges from all 50 States and the United States territories since 1963.

(c) **ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**—

(1) **NOTIFICATION.**—Not later than 90 days after the end of each fiscal year during which funds are obligated from appropriations made pursuant to the authorization under subsection (d), the recipient of any such funds for any project authorized under subsection (d) shall submit to the United States Attorney General and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts written notification specifying—

(A) an accounting of participation and subject matter covered by the National Judicial College, including any universal decisions or declarations applying to sentencing recommendations, the impact of laws adopted by Acts of Congress, Federal regulations, agency and State governmental actions, decisions of the Federal Judiciary and State Supreme Courts, as well as advances of science and technology, or any other relevant or appropriate items of jurisprudence, during that fiscal year;

(B) the authorized use specified in subsection (d) that the project satisfies; and

(C) the amount of State or private funds obligated or expended under the project during that fiscal year, including expenditures on or occurring on Federal lands, United States territories, State lands, and private lands.

(2) **REVIEW.**—The Attorney General shall review the notifications submitted under

paragraph (1) for a fiscal year for the purpose of assessing the success of the National Judicial College in achieving the purposes of this section.

(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Attorney General shall prepare an annual report containing the results of the most recent review conducted under paragraph (2) and a summary of the notifications covered by the review.

(4) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than 150 days after the end of each fiscal year, the report required under paragraph (3) for that fiscal year shall be submitted to the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Justice to support the National Judicial College's judicial education activities, including those described under subsection (b) for improving the skills, abilities, and competency of State trial limited and general jurisdiction, appellate, tribal, military, municipal, adjunct judicial officers, magistrates, referees, justices of the peace, and administrative law judiciary—

- (1) \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2010;
- (2) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;
- (3) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2012; and
- (4) \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.

SA 2644. Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. ENZI) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 110, line 7, strike "activities." and insert "activities: *Provided further*, That none of the funds provided in this Act or any other act for any fiscal year may be used for collection of census data that does not include questions regarding United States citizenship and immigration status."

SA 2645. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 125, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 111. (a) REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of the activities of the Department of Commerce that assist communities with significant job losses and high unemployment.

(b) CONTENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the effectiveness of the activities of the Department of Commerce that assist communities with significant job losses and high unemployment.

(2) An assessment of the efforts of the Secretary of Commerce to coordinate with other relevant Federal agencies to provide assistance to such communities, including the efficiency of such efforts.

(3) A summary of each memorandum of understanding between the Department of Commerce and another Federal agency relating to such assistance.

(4) A comparison of the role of the regional offices and the national office of the Department.

(5) The name or title of each person whom the Secretary has charged with coordinating with other Federal agencies for the provision of such assistance.

(6) A description of the impediments to coordination between the Department of Commerce and other Federal agencies for the provision of such assistance.

(7) A description of the instances in which the Secretary successfully coordinated with other Federal agencies to provide such assistance.

(8) The recommendations of the Secretary on how to improve the coordination among Federal agencies for the provision of such assistance, including with respect to the feasibility and advisability of establishing a single location where communities can obtain information about such assistance.

SA 2646. Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. Section 112(a)(1) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199; 118 Stat. 62) is repealed.

SA 2647. Mr. DURBIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 203, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following:

SEC. 533. REVIEW AND AUDIT OF ACORN FEDERAL FUNDING.

(a) REVIEW AND AUDIT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review and audit of Federal funds awarded to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (referred to in this section as "ACORN") or any subsidiary or affiliate of ACORN to determine—

(1) whether any Federal funds were misused and, if so, the total amount of Federal funds involved and how such funds were misused;

(2) what steps, if any, have been taken to recover any Federal funds that were misused;

(3) what steps should be taken to prevent the misuse of any Federal funds; and

(4) whether all necessary steps have been taken to prevent the misuse of any Federal funds.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the audit required under subsection (a), along with recommendations for Federal agency reforms.

SA 2648. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 114, strike beginning with line 7 through line 14 and insert the following:

STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program \$172,000,000 to remain available until expended.

SA 2649. Ms. MIKULSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. 3-YEAR EXTENSION FOR ADMISSION OF NONIMMIGRANT NURSES IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS.

Section 2(e)(2) of the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas Act of 1999 (8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended by striking "3 years" and inserting "6 years".

SA 2650. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. The amount allocated under the Byrne discretionary grant program to the Marcus Institute, Atlanta, GA, to provide remediation for the potential consequences of childhood abuse and neglect, in the report accompanying the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8) may be deemed to refer to the Georgia State University Center for Healthy Development, Atlanta, GA.

SA 2651. Ms. COLLINS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 170, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

SEC. 220. Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Secretary of the Treasury shall jointly prepare and submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives. The report required under this section shall include—

(1) an explicit plan establishing specific and detailed milestones for the Integrated Wireless Network funded in this title under the heading "Tactical Law enforcement Wireless Communications", with dates for the planned completion of such network and the funds linked to achieving those milestones;

(2) a description of the technical standards and logical integration points between the

law enforcement radio communications systems of the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of the Treasury needed to support and achieve interoperability between the respective communications systems when interoperability is required for tactical reasons or emergency situations; and

(3) an explanation of how the Integrated Wireless Network will promote interoperability with other federal departments and State and local governments.

SA 2652. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 130, line 15, before the period at the end, insert “: *Provided further*, That the Antitrust Division shall coordinate oversight, information-sharing, and joint activities concerning competition in the agriculture and related industries, including farm suppliers, food processors, and retailers, with other relevant agencies, such as the Federal Trade Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Department of Agriculture, and State Attorneys General, and include an emphasis on asymmetric price transmission from the retail to farm level as related to competition and increasing processor and retailer share of retail price: *Provided further*, That if the Assistant Attorney General for Antitrust determines that the Antitrust Division requires additional authority, data collection, or resources to address those issues, the Division shall submit to Congress a report that includes recommendations and proposals for legislative action”.

SA 2653. Mr. BUNNING proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. (a) COMMITTEES.—Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

“14. (a) It shall not be in order in a subcommittee or committee to proceed to any legislative matter unless the legislative matter and a final budget scoring by the Congressional Budget Office for the legislative matter has been publically available on the Internet as provided in subparagraph (b) in searchable form 72 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays except when the Senate is in session on such a day) prior to proceeding.

“(b) With respect to the requirements of subparagraph (a)—

“(1) the legislative matter shall be available on the official website of the committee; and

“(2) the final score shall be available on the official website of the Congressional Budget Office.

“(c) This paragraph may be waived or suspended in the subcommittee or committee only by an affirmative vote of ⅔ of the Members of the subcommittee or committee. An affirmative vote of ⅔ of the Members of the subcommittee or committee shall be re-

quired to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this paragraph.

“(d)(1) It shall not be in order in the Senate to proceed to a legislative matter if the legislative matter was proceeded to in a subcommittee or committee in violation of this paragraph.

“(2) This subparagraph may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of ⅔ of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of ⅔ of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this subparagraph.

“(e) In this paragraph, the term ‘legislative matter’ means any bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution, conference report, or substitute amendment but does not include perfecting amendments.”.

(b) SENATE.—Rule XVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

“6. (a) It shall not be in order in the Senate to proceed to any legislative matter unless the legislative matter and a final budget scoring by the Congressional Budget Office for the legislative matter has been publically available on the Internet as provided in subparagraph (b) in searchable form 72 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays except when the Senate is in session on such a day) prior to proceeding.

“(b) With respect to the requirements of subparagraph (a)—

“(1) the legislative matter shall be available on the official website of the committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the legislative matter; and

“(2) the final score shall be available on the official website of the Congressional Budget Office.

“(c) This paragraph may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of ⅔ of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of ⅔ of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this paragraph.

“(d) In this paragraph, the term ‘legislative matter’ means any bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution, conference report, or substitute amendment but does not include perfecting amendments.”.

(c) PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—Nothing in this section or any amendment made by it shall be interpreted to require or permit the declassification or posting on the Internet of classified information in the custody of the Senate. Such classified information shall be made available to Members in a timely manner as appropriate under existing laws and rules.

SA 2654. Mr. AKAKA proposed an amendment to the bill S. 728, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance veterans’ insurance benefits, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 39, line 10, strike “September 30, 2014” and insert “April 30, 2016”.

On page 54, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 61, line 6.

On page 61, strike line 7 and all that follows through page 64, line 16, and insert the following:

SEC. 501. INCREASE IN CERTAIN BURIAL AND FUNERAL BENEFITS AND PLOT ALLOWANCES FOR VETERANS.

(a) INCREASE IN BURIAL AND FUNERAL EXPENSES FOR DEATHS IN DEPARTMENT FACILITIES.—Section 2303(a)(1)(A) is amended by striking “\$300” and inserting “\$745 (as increased from time to time under subsection (c))”.

(b) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF PLOT ALLOWANCES.—Section 2303(b) is amended by striking “\$300” each place it appears and inserting “\$745 (as increased from time to time under subsection (c))”.

(c) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT.—Section 2303 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) With respect to any fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide a percentage increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) in the burial and funeral expenses under subsection (a) and in the plot allowance under subsection (b), equal to the percentage by which—

“(1) the Consumer Price Index (all items, United States city average) for the 12-month period ending on the June 30 preceding the beginning of the fiscal year for which the increase is made, exceeds

“(2) the Consumer Price Index for the 12-month period preceding the 12-month period described in paragraph (1).”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to deaths occurring on or after October 1, 2010.

(2) PROHIBITION ON COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011.—No adjustments shall be made under section 2303(c) of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (c), for fiscal year 2011.

SA 2655. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 202, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

SEC. 530A. None of the funds made available in this Act for the Department of Justice may be used to—

(1) prohibit the disclosure of information requested by a ranking minority member of any congressional committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives based upon section 552a(b)(9) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Privacy Act of 1974); or

(2) advise, enforce, interpret, or provide guidance to the Department of Justice or any other Federal Government agency or entity, restricting disclosure of information to any ranking minority member of any congressional committee of the Senate or the House of Representatives based upon section 552a(b)(9) of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Privacy Act of 1974).

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 scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, previously announced for October 1st, has been rescheduled and will now be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 10 a.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on Energy and Related Economic Effects of Global Climate Change Legislation.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify