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J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER RESOLUTION

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Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. Res. 321]

The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to which was referred the resolution (S. Res. 321) recognizing the loyal service and outstanding contributions of J. Robert Oppenheimer to the United States and calling on the Secretary of Energy to observe the 100th anniversary of Dr. Oppenheimer's birth with appropriate programs at the Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Laboratory, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the resolution do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE MEASURE

The purpose of S. Res. 321 is to recognize the loyal service and outstanding contributions of J. Robert Oppenheimer to the United States and call on the Secretary of Energy to observe the 100th anniversary of Dr. Oppenheimer's birth with appropriate programs at the Department of Energy and the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

BACKGROUND AND NEED

J. Robert Oppenheimer dedicated much of his professional career to leadership and counsel to programs of utmost importance to our national security. As the first director of the newly established Los Alamos Laboratory, he led the scientific team that built the first nuclear weapons. In the post-World War II period, his continued service included guidance to critical national security committees. He played such a vital role in protecting our national freedoms that

it is appropriate to recognize the centennial of his birthday with the Resolution.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

S. Res. 321 was introduced by Senators Bingaman, Domenici, and Feinstein on March 12, 2004. On April 28, 2004, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources ordered the bill favorably reported.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, in open business session on April 28, 2004, by a unanimous voice vote of a quorum present, recommends that the Senate pass S. Res. 321.

COST AND BUDGETARY CONCERNS

The Congressional Budget Office estimate of the costs of this measure has been requested but was not received at the time the report was filed. When the report is available, the Chairman will request it to be printed in the Congressional Record for the advice of the Senate.

REGULATORY IMPACT EVALUATION

In compliance with paragraph 11(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee makes the following evaluation of the regulatory impact which would be incurred in carrying out S. Res. 321.

The resolution is not a regulatory measure in the sense of imposing Government-established standards or significant economic responsibilities on private individuals and businesses.

No personal information would be collected in administering the program. Therefore, there would be no impact on personal privacy. Little, if any, additional paperwork would result from the enactment of S. Res. 321.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 12 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee notes that no changes in existing law are made by S. Res. 321, as ordered reported.