Resolved, That (a) the Sergeant at Arms and Sergeant at Arms shall convert the Senate barbershop and Senate beauty shop to operation by a private sector source under contract.

(b) The Architect of the Capitol shall convert the Senate restaurants to operation by a private sector source under contract.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that:

(1) The Government of the United States should place priority on formulating a comprehensive and strategic policy of advancing science and technology with Japan; more rigorous application of scientific methods to the development of standards and regulations to promote efficient and technological progress and mitigate trade problems; and more equitable intellectual property protection;

(2) The Government of the United States should place priority on formulating a comprehensive and strategic policy of engaging both nations as well as the rest of the world.

Mr. ROTH, Mr. President, I rise today on behalf of myself and Mr. BINGAMAN to submit a resolution to state the sense of the Senate that the Governments of the United States and Japan should place priority on formulating a comprehensive and strategic policy of advancing science and technology for the benefit of both nations as well as the rest of the world.

As this body is well aware, Japan is facing a number of economic and financial challenges that child in the family are of vital importance to the bilateral relationship. I have spoken about these challenges at length in other fora including through a hearing recently held by the Finance Committee. While our priority in bilateral relations should remain Japan’s economic challenges, we must not lose sight of other aspects of the relationship that are important to our shared future.