

to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 9, decrease the amount by \$6,000,000,000.

On page 3, line 17, decrease the amount by \$6,000,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, decrease the amount by \$6,000,000,000.

On page 5, line 23, increase the amount by \$6,000,000,000.

SA 2780. Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 28, after line 7, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . RESERVE FUND FOR ADDRESSING MINORITY HEALTH DISPARITIES.

If the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate reports a bill or joint resolution, or an amendment thereto is offered or a conference report thereon is submitted, that addresses minority health disparities through activities including those at the HHS Office of Minority Health, the Office of Civil Rights, the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, the Minority HIV/AIDS initiative, health professions training, and through the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health at the Centers for Disease Control and provides not to exceed \$400,000,000 in new budget authority for fiscal year 2005, the chairman of the Committee on the Budget may revise allocations of new budget authority and outlays and other appropriate aggregates to reflect such legislation, provided that such legislation would not increase the deficit for fiscal year 2005 and for the period of fiscal years 2005 through 2009.

SA 2781. Mr. LEAHY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels fiscal years 2006 through 2009; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 3, line 9, increase the amount by \$2,216,000,000.

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$2,898,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$3,128,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$3,272,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$3,362,000,000.

On page 3, line 17, increase the amount by \$2,216,000,000.

On page 3, line 18, increase the amount by \$2,898,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$3,128,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$3,272,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$3,362,000,000.

On page 4, line 4, increase the amount by \$1,108,000,000.

On page 4, line 5, increase the amount by \$1,449,000,000.

On page 4, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,564,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,636,000,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,681,000,000.

On page 4, line 12, increase the amount by \$1,108,000,000.

On page 4, line 13, increase the amount by \$1,449,000,000.

On page 4, line 14, increase the amount by \$1,564,000,000.

On page 4, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,636,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,681,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,108,000,000.

On page 4, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,449,000,000.

On page 4, line 22, increase the amount by \$1,564,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, increase the amount by \$1,636,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,681,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, decrease the amount by \$1,108,000,000.

On page 5, line 4, decrease the amount by \$2,557,000,000.

On page 5, line 5, decrease the amount by \$4,121,000,000.

On page 5, line 6, decrease the amount by \$5,757,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$7,438,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$1,108,000,000.

On page 5, line 12, decrease the amount by \$2,557,000,000.

On page 5, line 13, decrease the amount by \$4,121,000,000.

On page 5, line 14, decrease the amount by \$5,757,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$7,438,000,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$1,108,000,000.

On page 18, line 5, increase the amount by \$1,108,000,000.

On page 18, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,449,000,000.

On page 18, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,449,000,000.

On page 18, line 12, increase the amount by \$1,564,000,000.

On page 18, line 13, increase the amount by \$1,564,000,000.

On page 18, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,636,000,000.

On page 18, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,636,000,000.

On page 18, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,681,000,000.

On page 18, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,681,000,000.

SA 2782. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 95, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . GOOD NEWS RESERVE FUND FOR EDUCATION.

(a) ADJUSTMENT.—(1) The Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the Senate shall revise the aggregates, functional totals, allocations to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, discretionary spending limits, and other appropriate levels and limits in this resolution by an amount not to exceed 20 percent of good news funds defined in paragraph (2) for a bill, joint resolution, motion, amendment, or conference report that provides discretionary new budget authority for fiscal year 2005 in excess of the levels assumed in this resolution for education programs within functional category 500, and for the outlays flowing therefrom.

(2) GOOD NEWS DEFINITION.—The term “good news funds” means the amount (if any) by which the estimated level of on-budget revenues for fiscal year 2005 set forth in the report submitted pursuant to section 202(e) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 602(e)) (the budget and economic outlook: update) exceeds such estimated level set forth in the Congressional Budget Office’s budget and economic outlook for fiscal year 2005 issued in January of 2004, adjusted for the enactment of any legislation affecting revenues for fiscal year 2005 after the adoption of this resolution.

(b) LIMITATIONS.—Adjustments under subsection (a) shall not exceed \$10,000,000,000 of on-budget Federal revenues for fiscal year 2005.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 30, at 10 a.m., in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Dr. Pete Lyons at 202-224-5861 or Shane Perkins at 202-224-7555.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ENZI. 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 Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on “Review of Current Investigations and Regulatory Actions Regarding the Mutual Fund Industry.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 10 a.m., on steroids.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m., to consider pending calendar business.

Agenda

On Wednesday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m., the Committee will hold a Business Meeting in Dirksen 366 to consider the following items on the agenda:

Agenda Item 1: To consider the nomination of Susan Johnson Grant, to be Chief Financial Officer at the Department of Energy.

Agenda Item 8: S. 1307—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to assist in the implementation of fish passage and screening facilities at non-Federal water projects, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item 9: S. 1355—A bill to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item 10: S. 1421—A bill to authorize the subdivision and dedication of restricted land owned by Alaska Natives.

Agenda Item 12: H.R. 620—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist the State of California or local educational agencies in California in providing educational services for students attending schools located within the Park.

Agenda Item 17: H.R. 2696—To establish institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 9:25 a.m., to conduct a business meeting to consider a GSA resolution and S. 1904, S. 2022, and S. 2043, and to conduct a hearing on the proposed FY 2005 EPA budget.

The hearing will be held in SD 406.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 2 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "United States Economic and Trade Policy in the Middle East."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on Non-proliferation and Arms Control Strategy.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 10, 2003, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing on "A Fresh Start for Haiti? Charting the Future of U.S.-Haitian Relations."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on the proposed reorganization of major agencies and functions related to Indian trust reform matters without the Department of the Interior.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 10 a.m. on "Letting the People Decide: The Constitutional Amendment Authorizing Congress to Prohibit Physical Desecration of the flag of the United States," in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List:

Panel I: The Honorable Daniel J. Bryant, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, Chairman of the Board, Citizens Flag Alliance, Recipient, Medal of Honor, Summer, WA; John Andretti, NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Driver, Mooresville, NC; Richard D. Parker, Williams Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA; Gary E. May, Associate Professor of Social Work, University of Southern Indiana (1981-1985), Evansville, IN; and Lawrence Korb, Former Assistant Secretary of Defense, Navy Veteran, Alexandria, VA.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. on "Judicial Nominations" in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List:

Panel I: Senators.

Panel II: Peter W. Hall, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Panel III: Jane J. Boyle, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas; Marcia G. Cooke, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida; and Walter D. Kelley, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the scope and operation of organizations registered under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, for a joint hearing with the House of Representatives's Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hear the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The hearing will take place in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building at 10 a.m.

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

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Wednesday, March 10, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND
CAPABILITIES

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony on the Nuclear Non-proliferation Programs of the Department of Energy and the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program of the Department of Defense, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 1 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Argentina's Financial Crisis."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on public lands and forests of the committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 10th, at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearings is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 1354, to resolve certain conveyances and provide for alternative land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act related to Cape Fox Corporation and Sealaska Corporation, and for other purposes; S. 1575 and H.R. 1092, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain parcels of federal land in Carson City and Douglas County, NV; S. 1778, to authorize a land conveyance between the United States and the City of Craig, AK, and for other purposes; S. 1819 and H.R. 272, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, NV, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, NV, for continued use as cemeteries; and H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 10, 2004, at 2 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on the posture of the U.S. Transportation Command, in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and the future years defense program.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. on NASA/Mars Exploration Program.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Sara Hagigh of Senator LIEBERMAN's staff

have leave of the floor during the debate on the budget resolution.

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

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE MEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE NCAA DIVISION I-AA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 355, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration. It is honoring the University of Delaware football team.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 355) congratulating the University of Delaware men's football team for winning the National College Athletic Association Division I-AA National Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the concurrent resolution.

Mr. BIDEN. Madam President, having been here over 30 years, I understand the Senate rules and that you are not allowed to refer to anybody sitting in the gallery. So I will not refer to the fact that anybody is sitting in the gallery.

I stand here with great pride that my alma mater, the University of Delaware, has won the national football championship for Division I-AA. In my 32 years serving in the Senate for Delaware, I have had the opportunity to give hundreds of speeches on the Senate floor. We have much more, though, than a national championship to celebrate. With our nickname, the Fighting Blue Hens, when we were recruited by the University of Delaware, we probably wished they had some other name like the Fighting Tigers or something; but we are Blue Hens. But we are the Blue Hens, and we are proud of the fact that year in and year out we have this long tradition of having a first-rate football team. But none like this team.

This team played one of the most outstanding seasons in college football history with a record of 15 to 1 and setting a school record for victories in any single season.

After clinching their seventh Atlantic 10 Football Conference Championship, the 2003 squad sailed through the division I-AA playoffs outscoring our opponents with a combined score of 149 points to 23.

In fact, they won the championship game by shutting down—and since our Parliamentarian is a graduate, I almost feel badly mentioning that great college—Colgate University 40 to 0.

My only concern was if we had another game, I would have felt very badly for whomever we played because they just kept getting better and better. You can imagine Senator CARPER and I and Congressman CASTLE attended the majority of these games as devoted fans.

As I earlier said, this marks the university's first division I-AA title crown, but we earned six other football titles as a division II school, including when I was there playing.

The last division II title was in 1979. The reason I mention that is it is significant because our current coach, K. C. Keeler, was a linebacker on that national championship team. In his second year at the helm at the university, K. C. Keeler took this team to a national championship. K. C. is the first to give his predecessor, my old coach, Tubby Raymond, credit for having recruited pretty good guys to play on that team.

Let me conclude by saying I am often asked why I ever thought I should run for President of the United States, as I did, and attempt to get the nomination back in the eighties. There was a simple reason. I learned early on, after being a county councilman and then getting elected as a Senator, I was given the honor of presenting the Washington Touchdown Club's Timmie Award. We used to honor the best "small college team in America." I had the opportunity of giving that to Tubby Raymond.

There were people at an old hotel, including Supreme Court Justices and others. I never saw my old coach flustered, but as I stood up, introduced by Howard Cosell, to present him with this award, I gave him the award, handed him the trophy, and he turned and said: You know, I just want to tell you, Joe Biden was one of the best ball players I ever had play for me. And that was just being a Senator.

So I figured if I had gotten elected President, I would have been able by another means to be named what I always wanted to be, an All-American. And that is the only reason I ever ran for President. I wanted to set that record straight.

I am one of the best ball players Delaware ever had, which is simply not true. But I can tell you it is the only time my former coach was ever flustered. But this guy, Keeler, knows about my lack of talent and about how to recognize talent, and he produced the best football team probably in the history of the State of Delaware. We are here to congratulate them.

I thank my colleagues for allowing us this time.

I yield now to my colleague who is an equally avid football fan and a graduate of the University of Delaware.

Mr. CARPER. Madam President, the first time I visited the University of Delaware campus was in 1973. My first reaction was: what a beautiful place, and it truly is a gorgeous campus. Later, as I learned more about the university, I learned they were one of the top 25 public universities in the country academically and have remained that for some time. We are proud of that fact.

What I also learned my first year at the University of Delaware in the MBA program, fresh out of the Navy, was