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the National Nuclear Security Administration.

(4) The Secretary of Energy should permit the Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration to manage all aspects of United States nuclear weapons programs without interference.

(5) The Secretary of Energy should drop efforts to “dual-hat” officers or employees of the Department of Energy to serve concurrently in positions within the National Nuclear Security Administration and the Department of Energy. Such efforts to extensively use “dual-hat” officials are contrary to the intent of Congress when it passed Public Law 106–65.

(6) The Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that the protection of sensitive and classified information becomes the highest priority of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

ABRAHAM AMENDMENTS NOS. 3584–3585

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ABRAHAM submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 2522, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 3584

On page 14, line 4, strike “$15,000,000” and insert “$35,000,000”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3585

On page 14, beginning on line 4, strike “not less than $15,000,000” and all that follows through the period on line 7 and insert the following: “and existing accounts, not less than $15,000,000 should be made available to Lebanon to be used for, among other programs, rebuilding power generation plants, schools, water purification facilities, roads, and general infrastructure projects, with the understanding that the most immediate need is in the South of Lebanon.”.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ACT

EDWARDS (AND TORRICELLI) AMENDMENT NO. 3586

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. TORRICELLI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 2) to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the rural community advancement program under the section 381E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2000a), $250,000,000, to remain available until expended, to provide grants under the rural community facilitates grant program under section 306(a)(19) of that Act (7 U.S.C. 1926a(a)(19)): Provided, That the entire amount made available under this heading is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

TORRICELLI (AND EDWARDS) AMENDMENT NO. 3587

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. EDWARDS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 2522, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for “Economic Development Programs”, $250,000,000, to remain available until expended, for planning assistance, public works grants, and revolving loan funds to assist communities affected by Hurricane Floyd, Hurricane Dennis, or Hurricane Irene: Provided, That the entire amount made available under this heading shall be available only to the extent that the President submits to Congress an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement for the purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900 et seq.): Provided further, That the entire amount made available under this heading is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

SPECTER AMENDMENT NO. 3588

Mr. SPECTER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2522, supra; as follows:

On page 190, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

S. 2522

SEC. 1. UNITED STATES-CUBAN MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN THE INTERDICTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the amount appropriated under the heading “Department of State, International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement”, up to $1,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of Defense, on behalf of the United States Coast Guard, the United States Customs Service, and other bodies, to work with the appropriate authorities of the Cuban government to provide for greater cooperation, coordination, and other mutual assistance in the interdiction of illicit drugs being transported over Cuban airspace and waters, provided that such assistance may only be provided after the President determines and certifies to Congress that:

(a) Cuba has appropriate procedures in place to protect against illicit drugs in the air and on the ground in connection with interdiction of illegal drugs; and

(b) that there is no evidence of the involvement of the government of Cuba in drug trafficking.

EDWARDS (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3589

Mr. McCONNELL (for Mr. EDWARDS (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. ROBB, and Mr. LAUTENBERG)) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2522, supra; as follows:

On page 140, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

EMERGENCY FUNDING TO ASSIST COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY HURRICANE FLOYD, HURRICANE DENNIS, OR HURRICANE IRENE

SEC. 5. (a) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2000, for an additional amount for “Emergency Assistance Programs”, $125,000,000, to remain available until expended, for planning assistance, public works grants, and revolving loan funds to assist communities affected by Hurricane Floyd, Hurricane Dennis, or Hurricane Irene.

(2) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—The $125,000,000—

(A) shall be available only to the extent that the President submits to Congress an official budget request for a specific dollar amount that includes designation of the entire amount of the request as an emergency requirement for the purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

(b) COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for fiscal year 2000, for an additional amount for the community facilities grant program under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

(2) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—The $125,000,000 is designated by Congress as an emergency requirement under section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901(b)(2)(A)).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 21, 2000. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at
9:30 a.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony on security failures at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on the United/US Airways merger.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MCCONNELL. 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, June 21, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 1:30 p.m., to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 10 a.m., in SD226.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE AND WATERS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 10 a.m., to receive testimony on S. 1787, the Good Samaritan Abandoned or Inactive Mine Waste Remediation Act.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, June 21 at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 1848, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Denver Water Reuse project; S. 1761, the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 1999; S. 2301, a bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Lakehaven water reclamation project for the reclamation and reuse of water; S. 2400, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to construct water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; S. 2499, a bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Pennsylvania; S. 2594, and S. a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to contract with Mancos Water Conservancy District to use the Mancos Project facilities for impounding, storage, diverting, and carriage of non-project water for the purpose of irrigation, domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ken Moskovitz, a fellow on the staff of Senator Jeffords, be granted the privilege of the floor for the pendency of this measure.

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

Mr. WELLS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jill Hickson, a congressional fellow, and Tanja Rinkes and Daniel May, who are interns, have the privilege of the floor today during the consideration of the bill.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Alisa Nave, a congressional fellow in my office, be entitled to floor privileges.

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

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Robin Meyer, a fellow in the office of Senator Kennedy, be permitted on the floor during the consideration of action on the foreign operations appropriations bill.

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

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jon Lauder, a fellow on my staff, be accorded floor privileges during the consideration of the foreign operations appropriations bill.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 4601 AND H.R. 3859

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand the following bills are at the desk, H.R. 4601 and 3859. I ask for the first reading of each of these bills and ask that it be in order to read the titles consecutively.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4601) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 213(c) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt.

A bill (H.R. 3859) to amend the President's budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security and Medicare surpluses through strengthened budgetary enforcement mechanisms.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on these bills at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2000

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 22. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period for morning business until 10 a.m., with the time equally divided between Senator Akaka and Majority Leader Lott or his designee.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, when the Senate convenes tomorrow, it will be in a period for morning business to be followed by the consideration of the House Labor-HHS appropriations bill as under the previous order. Amendments are expected to be offered and debated throughout the morning. Under a previous order, the amendments debated tonight with regard to foreign operations appropriations bill will be voted on tomorrow at 2 p.m. Any votes ordered relative to the Labor-HHS bill will be stacked to occur at the end of the series of votes