b) DECREASE IN AMOUNT AUTHORIZED FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.—The aggregate amount authorized to be appropriated by title XXXI is hereby reduced by $1,778,000,000.

SA 1614. Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. UNITED STATES-CHINA MILITARY-TO-MILITARY EXCHANGES.

(a) INSTRUCTION IN THE LAW OF WAR AND MILITARY JUSTICE.

United States-China military-to-military exchanges shall include instruction in the following:

1. The principles, spirit, and intent of the 1907 Hague and 1949 Geneva Conventions.
2. The law of war prohibiting unnecessary destruction.
3. The law of war requiring humane treatment of prisoners of war (POWs), other captured and detained personnel, and civilians.
4. The obligation not to commit war crimes.
5. The obligation to report all violators of the law of war.
7. Full exposure to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and the Soldier's Handbook.

None of the funds made available by this Act for military-to-military exchanges may be used to support exchanges:

(a) Failing to provide for military-to-military exchanges, the United States-China military-to-military exchanges shall include instruction in the following:

1. The principles, spirit, and intent of the 1907 Hague and 1949 Geneva Conventions.
2. The law of war prohibiting unnecessary destruction.
3. The law of war requiring humane treatment of prisoners of war (POWs), other captured and detained personnel, and civilians.
4. The obligation not to commit war crimes.
5. The obligation to report all violators of the law of war.
7. Full exposure to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and the Soldier's Handbook.

None of the funds made available by this Act for military-to-military exchanges may be used to support exchanges:

(b) HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to support any exchange program involving a unit of the security forces of a foreign country if the Secretary of Defense has received credible evidence that such forces have committed gross violations of human rights, unless the Secretary determines that the exchange is consistent with the national interest.

(d) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the provisions of this section if he determines that extraordinary circumstances require it. Within 15 days of issuing such a waiver, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services, and the Committees on Appropriations, describing the extraordinary circumstances, the purpose and duration of the exchange program, the United States forces involved in the program, and the information relating to human rights violations that necessitates the waiver.

SA 1615. Mr. REID (for Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Mr. GRAMM)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2510, to extend the expiration date of the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 2, strike lines 9 through 14 and insert the following: ‘‘2002.’’

SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

‘‘Section 711(b) of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. App. 2161(b)) is amended by striking ‘‘2001’’ and inserting ‘‘2002.’’

SA 1616. Mr. REID (for Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself and Mr. GREGG)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike section 404 of the Senate amendment.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, September 26, at 9:30 a.m., in location to be announced.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on critical energy infrastructure security and the energy industry’s response to the events of September 11, 2001.

Those wishing to submit written statements on this subject should address them to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Attn: Deborah Estes, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

For further information, please call Deborah Estes at 202-224-5360.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, September 21, 2001, at 12 p.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

Nominations: The Honorable Arlene Renter, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cote d’Ivoire; Ms. Mattie Sharpless, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic; Mr. R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea; Mr. Jackson McDonald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia; Mr. Kevin McGuire, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia; Mr. Ralph Boyce, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia; and Mr. Robert Jordan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, September 21, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing entitled ‘‘Threats: Is Our Government Organized for the Challenge?’’

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Friday, September 21, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing entitled ‘‘Responding to Homeland Threats: Is Our Government Organized for the Challenge?’’

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Honorable Jeff Bingaman and Ray Ivie, fellows on the staff of Senator Hatchison, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today’s debate.

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

Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to my staff, Steve