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(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 CONSTRUCTIONS.

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 violations of the law of war.


(7) The law of war prohibiting the use of torture in the treatment of POWs, other captured and detained personnel, and civilians.

(b) HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY CHINA.

None of the funds made available by this Act for military-to-military exchanges may be used to support activities of the People’s Republic of China is taking effectuate the principles, spirit, and intent of the law of war.

(c) 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 and reports to the Committees on Armed Services, 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 Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 21, 2001, at 8:30 a.m., and for other purposes; as follows:

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 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?”

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Friday, September 21, 2001, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing on following pending nominations: Brigadier General Edwin J. Arnold, Jr. to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission; Nils J. Diaz to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Marianne Lamont Horinko to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Patrick Hayes Johnson to be Federal Cochairperson, Delta Regional Authority; Paul Michael Parker to be Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, Department of Defense; Bart B. Peters to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; Harold Craig Manson to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife, Department of the Interior; and Brigadier General Carl A. Strock to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission.

The hearing will be held in the Rm. SD–406.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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.

Nominees: The Honorable Arlene Render, 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.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the floor be granted to my staff, Steve Breen an and Ray Ivie, fellows on the staff of Senator Hutchison, be granted the privileges 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