that created 60 new jobs and in the Seeds of Change program that enhances assistance among community residents. Looking ahead, Empower Lewiston will be developing a community resource center, working to develop safe and affordable housing, and expanding education programs that target the needs of local residents.

Empower provides a wonderful example of what the new Enterprise Communities are able to accomplish. By passing the Enterprise Communities Enhancement Act, Congress can ensure that communities such as Lewiston will have the resources they need to complete their missions and create a brighter future.

By Mr. DODD:

S. 635. A bill to reinstate a standard for arsenic in drinking water; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 635

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Arsenic Standard Reinstatement Act”.

SEC. 2. FINAL RULE.

Congress finds that—

(1) in 1996, Congress amended the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise the standard for arsenic in drinking water;

(2) after conducting scientific and economic analyses, the Administrator, on January 22, 2001, promulgated a final rule to reduce the public health risks from arsenic in drinking water by reducing the permissible level of arsenic from 50 parts per billion (50 milligrams per liter) to 10 parts per billion (.01 milligrams per liter);

(3) the new standard would provide additional protection against cancer and other health problems for 13,000,000 people;

(4) the National Academy of Sciences has determined that drinking water containing 50 parts per billion of arsenic “could easily” result in a 1-in-100 risk of cancer;

(5) 50 parts per billion of arsenic causes a cancer risk that is 10,000 times the level of any cancer risk caused by any carcinogen that the Environmental Protection Agency permits to be present in food;

(6) 10 parts per billion of arsenic in drinking water is the standard used by the European Union, Japan, and the World Health Organization;

(7) public water systems may apply for financial assistance through the drinking water State revolving loan fund under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300d-13); and

(8) since 1996, the revolving loan fund program has made $3,600,000,000 available to assist public water systems with projects to improve infrastructure; and

(9) on March 27, 2001, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency proposed to withdraw the pending arsenic standard that was promulgated on January 22, 2001, and due to take effect on March 23, 2001.

SEC. 3. REINSTATEMENT OF FINAL RULE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—On and after the date of enactment of this Act, the final rule promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency entitled “the Maximum Contaminant Level—The maximum contaminant level for arsenic in drinking water of .01 milligrams per liter established by the rule shall have full force and effect.

(b) MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL.—The maximum contaminant level for arsenic in drinking water of .01 milligrams per liter established by the rule in subsection (a) shall not be subject to revision except by Act of Congress.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 148. Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. DODD) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

SA 149. Mr. THOMPSON (for himself, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. NICKLES) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 27, to send the bill S. 27, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 148. Mr. KERRY (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. CANTWELL,
and Mr. Dodd) proposed a amendment to the bill S. 27, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform; as follows:

On page 37, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

**SEC. 305. VOLUNTARY SPENDING LIMITS AND PUBLIC FINANCING OF SENATE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS.**

"(a) ELIGIBLE SENATE CANDIDATE.—The term 'eligible Senate candidate' means a candidate for the Senate who is certified under section 503 as eligible to receive benefits under this title.

"(b) GENERAL ELECTION PERIOD.—The term 'general election period' means, with respect to a candidate who is seeking, whichever is later, and ending on the earlier of—

1. the date of the general election; or
2. the date on which the candidate withdraws from the campaign or otherwise ceases actively to seek election.

"SEC. 306. ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC FINANCING.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—A Senate candidate qualifies as an eligible Senate candidate during the general election period if the candidate files with the Commission a declaration, signed by the candidate, that the candidate—

1. will comply with the election expenditure limit under section 503; and
2. has met the qualifying contribution requirement under subsection (d).

"(b) TIME TO FILE DECLARATION.—A declaration under paragraph (1) shall be filed by a candidate not later than the date that is 30 days before the date of the general election.

"(c) CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE SENATE CANDIDATE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 days after a candidate files a declaration under subsection (b), the Commission shall certify whether or not the candidate is an eligible Senate candidate.

"(2) REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION.—The Commission may revoke a certification under paragraph (1) if a candidate fails to comply with this title.

"(3) REPAYMENT OF BENEFITS.—If certification is revoked under paragraph (2), the candidate shall repay to the Senate Election Fund an amount equal to the value of benefits received under this title.

"(d) QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT.

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The qualifying contribution requirement under this subsection is met if the Senate candidate accepts an aggregate number of qualifying contributions equal to or greater than $200.

"(2) QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTIONS.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term 'qualifying contributions' means a contribution in connection with a contribution description for which the candidate is seeking funding—

1. from an individual who is a resident of the State for which the candidate is seeking office;
2. in an aggregate amount of—
   (A) not more than $20; and
   (B) not less than $20; and

"(ii) not more than $200.

"SEC. 505. GENERAL ELECTION EXPENDITURE LIMIT.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The aggregate amount of expenditures that may be made by an eligible Senate candidate and the candidate's authorized committee in connection with the general election of the candidate shall not exceed an amount equal to the sum of—

1. $1,000,000, plus
2. 50 cents multiplied by the voting age population for the State in which the candidate is running for office.

"(b) NOTICE TO FAIL TO COMPLY.—A candidate who files a declaration under section 502 and subsequently acts in a manner that is inconsistent with such declaration shall, not later than 24 hours after the first such act—

1. file with the Commission a notice describing such act; and
2. notify all other candidates for the same office by certified mail.

"(c) INDEX.

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the limitation under subsection (a) applicable to any candidate shall be increased by an amount equal to the excess of—

1. the expenditures made with respect to the general election of any opponent of the candidate in the same election who is not certified under section 503(d)(3) made or obligated to be made in support of another candidate in the election or in opposition to the eligible Senate candidate over—
2. the expenditure limit with respect to the candidate.

"(2) LIMITATION.—Any increase in the expenditure limit under paragraph (1) shall not exceed an aggregate amount equal to 30 percent of the expenditure limit with respect to the candidate (determined without respect to this subsection).

"(d) INDEX.

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any calendar year after 2003—

1. (A) each amount under subsection (a) shall be increased as of the beginning of each calendar year based on the increase in the price index determined under section 315(c), except that the base period shall be calendar year 2003; and
2. (B) each amount so increased shall be the amount in effect for the calendar year.

"(2) ROUNDING.—Each amount as increased under paragraph (1)(A) and each amount of $100 shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of $100.

"SEC. 504. BENEFITS FOR ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.

"An eligible Senate candidate shall be entitled to—

1. payments available under section 505 for the general election period to make or obligate to make expenditures during the election period; and
2. an aggregate amount of increase in payments in response to certain independent expenditures, disbursements for electioneering communications, and expenditures of an opponent of the candidate under section 505.

"SEC. 505. BENEFITS FOR ELIGIBLE SENATE CANDIDATES.

"(a) AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.

"(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible Senate candidate shall be entitled to a payment with respect to a general election in an amount equal to the aggregate amount of contributions received from individuals during the general election period.

"(2) LIMITATION.—Payments taken into account under paragraph (1) with respect to an individual contribution shall not exceed $200.

"(b) MATCHING FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES; ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATIONS; AND EXPENDITURES OF OPPONENTS.

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), if the Commission determines, with respect to a general election period, that—

1. an opponent of an eligible Senate candidate has made expenditures; or
2. an aggregate amount of independent expenditures and disbursements for electioneering communications (as so defined) has been made or obligated to be made in support of another candidate or against the eligible Senate candidate,

the aggregate amount in excess of the expenditure limit with respect to the eligible Senate candidate, the Commission shall make an aggregate payment to the eligible Senate candidate, not later than 24 hours after making such determination, an aggregate increase in the 'Senate Election Fund' to the aggregate amount of such excess expenditures and disbursements.

"(2) USE OF PAYMENTS.—Payments received by an eligible Senate candidate under subsection (1) shall be made to make expenditures with respect to the general election period of the candidate.

"SEC. 506. ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC FINANCING.

"(a) SENATE ELECTION FUND.

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury a fund to be known as the 'Senate Election Fund'.

"(2) DEPOSITS.—The Commission shall de- pose amounts appropriated for public financ- ing under this title in the Senate Elec- tion Fund.

"(b) PAYMENTS TO CANDIDATES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 days after the Commission certifies a Senate candidate as an eligible Senate candidate under section 502(c), the Commission shall pay the eligible Senate candidate the amount of public fi- nancing under section 505(a) and any amount of matching funds determined under section 505(b).

"(2) CERTIFICATION.—For purposes of deter- mining the amount under paragraph (1) with respect to a Senate candidate, the candidate shall certify to the Commission the amount of contributions described in section 505(a) and expenditures described in section 505(b).

"(c) DEFICIENT FUNDS.

"(1) WITHHOLDING.—If, at the time a pay- ment is due under subsection (b), the Sec- retary of the Treasury determines that the fund created under the Senate Election Fund (as so defined) contains an amount that is less than the amount of such payment, the Commission shall withhold from the amount of the payment any amount that the Secretary determines is necessary to ensure that each eligible Senate candidate will receive the same pro rata share of the candidate's full entitlement.

"(2) SUBSEQUENT PAYMENT.—Amounts with- held under paragraph (1) shall be paid when the Senate Election Fund (as so defined) contains an amount sufficient to cover an amount for all eligible Senate candidates...
Senate candidate receives an equal pro rata share.

SEC. 507. REGULATIONS.

"The Commission shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title, including reporting requirements to enable the Commission and eligible Senate candidates to determine in a timely manner the allowable increase in expenditure limits under section 503(c) and the matching limits under section 503(b) in response to certain disbursements.

SEC. 508. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"There are authorized to be appropriated to the Senate Election Fund such sums as may be necessary to carry out this title.

(b) INCREASE IN POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE COORDINATED EXPENDITURES.—Section 315(d) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 441a(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "$30,000" and inserting "$7,500"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the semi-colon and inserting the following: "including any disbursement to a political committee of a party and any disbursement for an independent expenditure;".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to disbursements made on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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 Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMY SERVICES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Army Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony from the Unified and Regional Commanders on their military strategy and operational requirements, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for 2002 and the Future Years Defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Budget be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony from the Administration on the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act and the Future Years Defense program.

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 Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at