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SEC. 02. TERMINATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President shall terminate any export control mandated by law on agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical supplies upon the date of enactment of this Act except for a control that is specifically reimposed by law.

SEC. 03. EXCLUSIONS.

Sections 01 and 02 do not apply to the following:

(1) The export of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical supplies that are subject to national security export controls under title II or are listed on the United States Munitions List established under section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778).

(2) The export of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical supplies to a country against which an embargo is in effect under the Trading With the Enemy Act.

SEC. 04. DEFINITION.

For purposes of this title, the term "agricultural commodity" means any agricultural commodity, food, fiber, or livestock (including livestock, as defined in section 602(2) of the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of 1988 (title VI of the Agricultural Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1471(2))), and including insects), and any product thereof.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that three hearings have been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to consider the President's proposed FY 2002 budget.

The Committee will hear testimony from the following:

1. The Department of the Interior on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

2. The Forest Service on Tuesday, May 8, 2001, beginning at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

3. The Department of Energy on Tuesday, May 10, 2001, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

For further information, please call Trici Heninger, Staff Assistant at (202) 244-7875, regarding the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy hearings, and Kathleen Elder, Staff Assistant at (202) 244-7556, regarding the Forest Service hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a joint oversight hearing has been

scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development of the Committee on Appropriations.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, May 3rd, 2001 at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the state of the nuclear power industry and the future of the industry in a comprehensive energy strategy.

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

For further information, please call Colleen Deegan, Counsel, Energy Committee at (202) 224-8115 or Clay Sell, Clerk, Energy and Water Subcommittee at (202) 224-7260.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nominations of Edward C. Aldridge to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; William J. Haynes II to be general counsel of the Department of Defense; and Powell A. Moore, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and in executive session thereafter.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. on the nomination of Theodore W. Kassinger to be general counsel of the Department of Commerce.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 26, 2001, immediately following the nomination hearing, on S. 718—Amateur Sports Integrity Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. LOTT. 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 Thursday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The committee will consider national energy policy with respect to fuel specifications and infrastructure constraints and their impacts on energy supply and price.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, April 26, 2001 to hear testimony on the Tax Code Complexity, New Hope for Fresh Solutions.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26, 2001 at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing and a business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Building Room 226.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 26, 2001 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Communications, of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. on spamming.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 26, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on the energy implications of the Forest Service's Roadless Area Rulemaking.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. LOTT. 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 Thursday, April 26, 2001, at 2 p.m., in open session to receive testimony regarding strategic airlift and sealift imperatives for the 21st century.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be authorized to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on budget oversight on the Corps of Engineers program for FY02 on Thursday, April 26 at 9:30 am.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nicky Yuen on my staff be allowed floor privileges during the duration of the day.

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

CONGRATULATING THE EAGLES OF BOSTON COLLEGE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 76, submitted earlier today by Senators KENNEDY and KERRY.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 76) congratulating the Eagles of Boston College in Massachusetts for winning the 2001 National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's Ice Hockey championship.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 76) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Submitted Statements on Senate Resolutions.")

HONORING NEIL L. RUDENSTINE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Com-

mittee be discharged from consideration of S. Res. 65 and the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 65) Honoring Neil L. Rudenstine, President of Harvard University.

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

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 65) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 65

Whereas Neil L. Rudenstine is retiring as the 26th President of Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on June 30, 2001, after 10 years of service in the position;

Whereas Harvard University, founded in 1636, is the oldest university in the United States and 1 of the preeminent academic institutions in the world;

Whereas throughout the history of the United States, graduates of Harvard University have served the United States as leaders in public service, including 7 Presidents and many distinguished members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives;

Whereas in recognition of his belief in, and Harvard University's continued commitment to, public service as a value of higher education, Neil L. Rudenstine worked to establish the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government to prepare individuals for public service and leadership in an ever-changing world;

Whereas in order to make a Harvard University education available to as many qualified young people as possible, during Neil L. Rudenstine's tenure, the University expanded its financial aid budget by \$8,300,000 to help students graduate with less debt;

Whereas Neil L. Rudenstine has made Harvard University a good neighbor in the community of Cambridge and greater Boston by launching a \$21,000,000 affordable housing program and by creating more than 700 jobs; and

Whereas Neil Rudenstine built an academic career of great distinction, including 2 bachelor's degrees, 1 from Princeton University and the other from Oxford University, a Rhodes Scholarship, a Harvard Ph.D. in English, recognition as a scholar and authority on Renaissance literature, and preeminent positions in higher education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved,

SECTION 1. HONORING NEIL L. RUDENSTINE.

The Senate—

(1) expresses deep appreciation to President Neil L. Rudenstine of Harvard University for his contributions to higher education, for the spirit of public service that characterized his decade as Harvard University's President, for his many years of aca-

demic leadership at other universities, and for the grace and elegance that he brought to all he has done; and

(2) wishes him well in every future endeavor, anticipating the continuing benefit of his thoughtful expertise to American higher education.

SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL.

The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Neil L. Rudenstine.

FARMER BANKRUPTCY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 256, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 256) to extend for 11 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States code is reenacted.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate is finally turning its attention to retroactively renewing Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code, which protects family farmers and helps them prevent foreclosures and forced auctions of their farms.

Unfortunately, many family farmers have been left in legal limbo in bankruptcy courts across the country since Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code expired on July 1, 2000. Last year, the House of Representatives passed narrow legislation to retroactively renew Chapter 12, but that legislation died in the Senate. I worked to adopt the House-passed bill last year to renew Chapter 12, along with a number of Democratic Senators, but the Senate Majority Leader never scheduled a vote on the bill.

This year, Representative NICK SMITH and Representative TAMMY BALDWIN introduced H.R. 256 to retroactively renew Chapter 12. Thanks to their bipartisan efforts the House passed the bill on February 28 by a vote of 408-2. I commend them for their leadership in securing House passage of this legislation.

Earlier this month, Representative SMITH and Representative BALDWIN wrote to me about trying to secure quick Senate passage of H.R. 256. I agreed that the Senate should act immediately to renew Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code and send their legislation to the President for his signature into law. I am glad the Majority Leader is finally taking up our request to take up and pass H.R. 256.

During the debate earlier this year on comprehensive changes to the bankruptcy system, some proponents of the controversial reform bill claimed that it must be passed to restore Chapter 12 to the Bankruptcy Code. I hope today's action to pass a stand alone Chapter 12 bill will make it clear to all that the