CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

July 10, 2001

By Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CAMBELL, Ms. MUKULSKI, and Mr. CARPER), to recognize the courage and commitment of America’s fire service and to pay special tribute to those firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Specifically, this legislation requires that the United States flag be flown at half-staff at all Federal facilities on the occasion of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SARBANES, Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation, together with my colleagues Senators BIDEN, MCCAIN, CAMBELL, MUKULSKI and CARPER, to recognize the courage and commitment of America’s fire service and to pay special tribute to those firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Specifically, this legislation requires that the United States flag be flown at half-staff at all Federal facilities on the occasion of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Our Nation’s firefighters are among our most dedicated public servants. Indeed, few would question the fact that our fallen firefighters are heroes. Throughout our Nation’s history, we have recognized the passing of our public servants by lowering our Nation’s flag to half-staff in their honor. In the past, this list has included elected officials, members of the Armed Services and America’s peace officers. In my view, our fallen firefighters have equally deserved this honor.

For the past nineteen years, a memorial service has been held on the campus of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, to honor those firefighters who have given their lives while protecting the lives and property of their fellow citizens. Since 1981, the names of 2,081 fallen firefighters have been inscribed on plaques surrounding the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, a Conventionally designated monument to these brave men and women. On October 7, at the 20th Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service, an additional 93 names will be added.

Over the years, I have worked very closely with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to ensure that the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service is an occasion befitting the sacrifices that these individuals have made. In my view, lowering the United States flag to half-staff is an essential component of this “Day of Remembrance.” It will be a fitting tribute to the roughly 100 men and women who die every year performing their duties as our Nation’s career and volunteer firefighters. It will also serve to remind us of the critical role played by the 1.2 million fire service personnel who risk their lives every day to ensure our safety and that of our communities.

I ask unanimous consent that this joint resolution be printed in the Record and urge my colleagues to support its swift passage.

There being no objection, the joint resolution was agreed to be printed in the Record, as follows:

S.J. Res. 18

Whereas 1,200,000 men and women comprise the fire service in the United States;

Whereas the fire service is considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States;

Whereas fire service personnel selflessly respond to over 16,000,000 emergency calls annually without reservation and with an unwavering commitment to the safety of their fellow citizens;

Whereas fire service personnel are the first to respond to an incident, whether it involves a fire, medical emergency, spill of hazardous materials, natural disaster, act of terrorism, or transportation accident; and

Whereas approximately 100 fire service personnel die annually in the line of duty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each year, the United States flags on all Federal facilities will be lowered to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 124—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC, AND ITS FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI ON THE UNIVERSITY’S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 124

Whereas the University of the Pacific, founded in 1851 as California’s first chartered university and established in San Jose; and

Whereas the University of the Pacific has maintained a commitment to education; and

Whereas the University of the Pacific has established the first Conservatory of Music in the western States in the professions of government, education, religion, musical and theatrical performance, business, and engineering; and

Whereas in recognition of the historic chartering of the University of the Pacific by the California Supreme Court, the Chief Justice of California is joining with others to recognize the fulfillment of the University of the Pacific’s Charter of Establishment: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the University of the Pacific as a leader and pioneering innovator in higher education; and

(2) congratulates the University of the Pacific, and its faculty, staff, students, and alumni on the occasion of the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the granting of the University of the Pacific’s charter;

SENATE RESOLUTION 125—CONMEMORATING THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAME AND CONGRATULATING THE SEATTLE MARINERS

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. Res. 125

Whereas the City of Seattle and the Seattle Mariners franchise are honored to host the Major League Baseball All-Star Game (in this resolution referred to as the “All-Star Game”) for the second time, and the first time at beautiful Safeco Field; and

Whereas the game of baseball is widely considered America’s pastime, inspiring, challenging, and bringing together generations of all backgrounds; and

Whereas the 72nd All-Star Game on July 10, 2001, is the fans’ tribute to the skill, work ethic, dedication, and discipline of the best players in the game of baseball; and

Whereas the players selected for the All-Star Game are an inspiration to baseball fans across the world; and

Whereas 4 Seattle Mariners players (Bret Boone, Edgar Martinez, John Olerud, and Ichiro Suzuki) were selected by fans from around the world to start for the American League in the All-Star Game, and American League All-Star Game Manager Joe Torre chose three Mariners pitchers (Freddy Garcia, Jeff Nelson, and Kazuhiro Sasaki), and one Mariners fielder (outfielder Mike Cameron) to be on the All-Star Game roster, and Mariners Manager Lou Piniella to be an assistant coach; and

Whereas Ichiro Suzuki, in his first year in Major League Baseball, received more votes to play in the All-Star Game than any other player; and

Whereas the Seattle Mariners have reached the All-Star break with a team record of 44-46, the fourth best record at such point in the season in the history of Major League Baseball; and

Whereas this remarkable record has been reached not only because of the individual efforts of the team’s 8 All-Stars, but because of the teamwork and timely contributions of every teammate and an extraordinary coaching staff led by Manager Lou Piniella; and

Whereas the teamwork, work ethic, and dedication of the players and coaches of the
Seattle Mariners have been an inspiration to baseball fans across the world and
Whereas it is appropriate and fitting to congratulate every All-Star Game particip-
and member of the Seattle Mariners baseball team for their remarkable and accolades they have achieved; Now, therefore, be it
Resolved, That the Senate congratulates—
(1) every player participating in the 2001 Major League Baseball All-Star Game
(2) the Seattle Mariners team for their remarkable achievements and the skill, dis-
cipline, and dedication necessary to reach such heights.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED
SA 876. Mr. BYRD (for himself, Mr. STE-
VENS, and Mr. HUTCHINSON) proposed an
amendment to the bill S. 1077, making sup-
plemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other pur-
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TEXT OF AMENDMENTS
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poses; as follows:
On page 31, after line 3, insert the fol-
lowing:

STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY
For an additional amount for “State and Private Forestry” to repair damage caused by ice storms in the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma, $10,000,000, to remain available until expended.
For an additional amount for “State and Private Forestry”, $750,000 to be provided to the Renai Peninsula Borough Spruce Bark Beetle Task Force for emergency response and communications equipment and $1,750,000 to be provided to the Municipality of Anchorage for emergency fire fighting equipment and response to wildfires in spruce bark beetle infested forests, to remain available until expended: Provided, That these funds shall be provided as direct lump sum payments within 30 days of enactment of this Act.

NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM
For an additional amount for the “National Forest System” to repair damage caused by ice storms in the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma, $10,000,000, to remain available until expended.
On page 31, after line 14, insert the follow-
 ing:
“For an additional amount for “Capital Improvement and Maintenance” to repair damage caused by ice storms in the States of Arkansas and Oklahoma, $4,000,000, to remain available until expended.”
On page 13, after line 23, insert the fol-
lowing:
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS
For an additional amount for “Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations”, to repair damages to waterways and watersheds, resulting from natural disasters occurring in West Virginia on July 7 and July 8, 2001, $5,000,000, to remain available until expended.
On page 14, after line 25, insert the fol-
lowing:
SIRC. 2194. Of funds which may be reserved by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under section 16(h)(1) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to carry out Employment and Training programs, $38,500,000 made available in previous years are rescinded and re-
turned to the Treasury.
On page 14, after line 23, insert the fol-
lowing:
SIRC. 2197. In addition to amounts otherwise available, $2,000,000 from amounts pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 713a-4 for the Secretary of Agri-
culture to make available financial assistance related to water conservation to eligi-
ble producers in the Yakima Basin, Wash-
ington, as determined by the Secretary.
On page 41, between lines 6 and 7, insert the follow-

SEC. 2703. IMPACT AID.
(a) OPPORTUNITY THRESHOLD PAYMENTS.—Section 8003(b)(3)(B)(iv) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7200(b)(3)B)(iv) (as amended by section 1807(a) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Improvement Act of 2001 (as enacted by law) by section 1 of Public Law 106–398) is amend-
ded by inserting “or less than the average per-
pupil expenditure of all the States” after “of the State in which the agency is located”.
(b) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Education shall make payments under section 8003(b)(3)(B)(iv) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 from the 
$820,000,000 available under the heading “Imp-
act Aid” in title III of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Edu-
cation, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001 (as enacted into law by section 1 of Public Law 106–398) to the 2000 basic support pay-
ments under section 8003(b).
On page 33, after line 7, add the follow-

SEC. 2606. SIDDEN OAK DEATH SYNDROME
In addition to amounts transferred under section 442(a) of the Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7772(a)), the Secretary of Agriculture shall transfer to the Forest Service, pursuant to that section, an additional $1,400,000 to be used by the appropriate offices within the Forest Service that carry out research and development activities to arrest, control, eradicate, and prevent the spread of Sudden Oak Death Syndrome, to be derived from the unobligated balance avail-
able to the Secretary for the acquisition of land and interests in land.
On page 46, after line 2, insert the fol-
lowing:
NATIVE AMERICAN HOMING BLOCK GRANTS
For an additional amount for “Native American Housing Block Grants”, $5,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That these funds shall be made available to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chip-
pewa for emergency housing, housing assistance and other assistance to address the problem of the Turtle Mountain Indian Reserv-
ation: Provided further, That these funds shall be released upon the submission of a plan by the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to address these emerg-
ency housing needs and related problems: Provided further, That the Federal Emer-
geney Management Agency shall provide technical assistance to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa with respect to the acqui-
sition of emergency housing and related issues on the Turtle Mountain Indian Res-
ervation.

SECTION 2403. INCLUSION OF RENAL CANCER AS BASIS FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT OF 2000
Section 3621(17) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (title XXXVI of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001) is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
paragraph:
“(C) Renal cancers.”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on July 12, 2001, at 10 a.m. in room 485 Russell Sen-
ate Building to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on the goals and pri-
orities of the member tribes of the Montana and Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council for the 107th session of the Congress.
Those wishing additional information may contact Committee staff at 202/ 224–2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unan-
imous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the fiscal year 2002 budget amendment, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2002.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION
Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unan-
imous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
tation be authorized to meet on Tues-
day, July 10, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. on cli-
mate change.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unan-
imous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 10, 2001, to hear testimony regarding The Role of Tax Incentives in Energy Policy, Part I.