

This is the kind of thing we can continue to expect—companies once again producing deadly assault weapons, high capacity clips, and dangerous accessories we worked so hard to stop almost ten years ago.

The original assault weapons ban was passed before September 11, 2001, with focus on the use of these military weapons by street criminals and gangs. But in the intervening years we have come to appreciate the significance of the threat posed by foreign terrorists. We know that al Qa'ida and other shadowy terrorist groups may plan to attack us here, at home, using these very weapons. A training manual found in Afghanistan made clear that al Oa'ida has seen the threat posed by these weapons. In fact, some of these guns are the very ones being used against our men and women in uniform in Afghanistan and in Iraq.

Simply put—these weapons are not just a law enforcement problem. They are a homeland security and counterterrorism problem. We need to take action to ensure that AK-47s and other such assault weapons cannot simply be purchased by a terrorist operative in preparation for an attack in the United States.

I am deeply disappointed that despite support of the American people, support of the Congress, and stated support of the President, the assault weapons ban was allowed to expire this past fall.

It is past time to stand up to the NRA and instead listen to law enforcement all across the nation who know that this ban makes sense and saves lives. It is past time to listen to the studies that show that crime with assault weapons of all kinds has decreased by as much as 65 percent since the ban took effect almost ten years ago.

The bottom line is that across this nation everybody knows this ban should be law. Law enforcement, mayors, cities, counties, three former Presidents, and even George W. Bush himself have said the ban should be renewed.

This time I hope, for the safety of all Americans, President Bush, Majority Leader FRIST and Speaker HASTERT will help re-enact this important legislation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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AKAKA, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BAUCUS, and Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$354,960,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,094,460,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$29,580,000.

On page 24, line 16, decrease the amount by \$1,479,000,000.

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SA 142. Mr. GREGG proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 8, line 14, strike the amount \$491,526,000,000 and insert \$491,562,000,000.

On page 30, line 17 strike the amount \$70,154,000 and insert \$70,154,000,000.

SA 143. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. BAUCUS, and Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 18, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2005 and 2007 through 2010; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$400,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$6,420,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$2,052,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$628,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$400,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$6,420,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$2,052,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$628,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$4,750,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$3,210,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$1,026,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$314,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$3,210,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$1,026,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$314,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$200,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$3,410,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$4,436,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$4,750,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$4,750,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$200,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$3,410,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$4,436,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$4,750,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$4,750,000,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$4,750,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$3,210,000,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,026,000,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$314,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$400,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$9,500,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$4,750,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$200,000,000.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION, BORDER SECURITY AND CITIZENSHIP

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security be authorized to meet to conduct a joint hearing on "Strengthening Enforcement and Border Security: The 9/11 Commission Staff Report on Terrorist Travel" on Monday, March 14, 2005 in Dirksen Room 226 at 2:30 p.m. The tentative witness list is attached.

Witness List:

PANEL I: Elaine Dezenski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Bureau