

Senator or a Member of the House of Representatives providing, authorizing, or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan, loan guarantee, grant, loan authority, or other expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality, or Congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process.

(c) **SUPERMAJORITY WAIVER AND APPEAL.**—This section may be waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative vote of ⅔ of the Members, duly chosen and sworn. An affirmative vote of ⅔ of the Members of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required in the Senate to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point of order raised under this section.

SA 4973. Mr. ROBERTS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3036, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following:

SEC. 1724. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COSTS STUDY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than January 1 and July 1 of each year, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Administrator a report on the effects of this Act on the commodity cost of agricultural production.

(b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—The report shall include, at a minimum—

(1) the impact of natural gas prices on the cost and production of nitrogen-based fertilizer;

(2) the impact of natural gas prices on other agricultural uses of natural gas;

(3) the impact of energy prices on the operation of irrigation pumps, livestock confinement, grain drying, and other agricultural activities; and

(c) **RECOMMENDATION.**—Based on the severity of the effects described in the report, the Secretary shall make a recommendation as to whether the Administrator should waive any or all of the requirements of this Act as the requirements apply to agricultural activity or producers of agricultural supplies.

(d) **ACTION BY ADMINISTRATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—After reviewing a report submitted under this section, the Administrator may waive for a 1-year period any or all of the requirements of this Act as the requirements apply to agricultural activity or to producers of agricultural supplies if the effects described in the report justify the waiver in the determination of the Administrator.

(2) **PUBLICATION.**—The Administrator shall—

(A) publish any determination under paragraph (1) as an interim final action in the Federal Register; and

(B) provide at least 30 days for public comment prior to the determination becoming final agency action.

(3) **EXTENSION.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—At any time, subject to subparagraph (B) and based on the effects described in a subsequent report issued under this section, the Administrator may extend the duration of a waiver under paragraph (1).

(B) **LIMITATION.**—The length of each extension under this paragraph may not exceed 1 year.

SA 4974. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3036, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

The following provisions of this bill shall have no force and effect:

Beginning on page 9, line 1 and all that follows through page 16, line 16.

On page 17, lines 4 through 23.

Beginning on page 18, line 4 and all that follows through page 19, line 7.

On page 19, lines 11 through 16.

Beginning on page 19, line 24 and all that follows through page 23, line 8.

Beginning on page 23, line 12 and all that follows through page 26, line 16.

On page 27, lines 1 through 23.

Beginning on page 28, line 3 and all that follows through page 29, line 4.

Beginning on page 29, line 8 and all that follows through page 30, line 19.

On page 31, lines 5 through 18.

On page 38, lines 14 through 18.

On page 41, lines 4 through 8.

On page 43, lines 1 through 5.

On page 52, lines 3 through 7.

Beginning on page 63, line 8 and all that follows through the end.

SA 4975. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3036, to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish a program to decrease emissions of greenhouse gases, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

The following provisions of this bill shall have no force and effect:

Sections 2 and 3.

Paragraph (3) of section 4.

Paragraphs (5) through (8) of section 4.

Paragraph (10) of section 4.

Paragraphs (12) through (18) of section 4.

Paragraphs (20) through (29) of section 4.

Paragraphs (31) through (33) of section 4.

Paragraphs (35) through (39) of section 4.

Paragraphs (41) through (46) of section 4.

Paragraphs (49) through (51) of section 4.

Subsection (f) of section 111.

Subsection (f) of section 112.

Subsection (d) of section 113.

Subsection (g) of section 114.

Title II and all that follows through the end of the bill.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the relationship between U.S. renewable fuels policy and food prices.

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 may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Rosemarie_Calabro@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Tara Billingsley or Rosemarie Calabro.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, at 2 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the preparedness of Federal land management agencies for the 2008 wildfire season.

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 it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Rachel_pasternack@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Scott Miller or Rachel Pasternack.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 5, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Matt Smith, an intern on the staff of the Finance Committee, and Bruce Fergusson, a fellow in my Senate office, be allowed on the Senate floor for the duration of the debate on the climate change bill.

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

Mr. VITTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Deborah Glickson, a fellow in my office, be allowed floor privileges during the debate on this bill.

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

The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

Mr. HARKIN. I ask unanimous consent that Ellen Butler and Raj