

as the "Administration") has supported language in the Global HIV/AIDS authorization bill that links United States contributions to the Global Fund to the contributions of other donors, permitting the United States to provide 33 percent of all donations, which would match contributions on a one-to-two basis.

(4) Congress has provided one-third of all donations to the Global Fund every year of the Fund's existence.

(5) For fiscal year 2006, the Global Fund estimates it will renew \$2,400,000,000 worth of effective programs that are already operating on the ground, and the Administration and Fund Board have said that renewals of existing grants should receive priority funding.

(6) The Global Fund is an important component of United States efforts to combat AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, and supports approximately 300 projects in 130 countries.

(7) For fiscal year 2006, the President has requested \$300,000,000 for the United States contribution to the Global Fund.

(8) Through a mid-year review process, Congress and the Administration will assess contributions to date and anticipated contributions to the Global Fund, and ensure that United States contributions, at year-end, are at the appropriate one-to-two ratio.

(9) Congress and the Administration will monitor contributions to the Global Fund to ensure that United States contributions do not exceed one-third of the Global Fund's revenues.

(10) In order to cover one-third of renewals during fiscal year 2006, and to maintain the one-to-two funding match, the United States will need to contribute an additional \$500,000,000 above the President's request for the Global Fund for fiscal year 2006 to keep good programs funded at a level of \$800,000,000.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the assumptions underlying this budget resolution assume that none of the offsets needed to provide \$800,000,000 for the Global Fund will come from international humanitarian assistance programs.

SA 170. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her 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; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 15, decrease the amount by \$143,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, decrease the amount by \$143,000,000.

On page 23, line 16, increase the amount by \$143,000,000.

On page 23, line 17, increase the amount by \$143,000,000.

SA 171. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. VITTER, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) 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 22, line 16, increase the amount by \$410,000,000.

On page 22, line 17, increase the amount by \$369,000,000.

On page 22, line 21, increase the amount by \$37,000,000.

On page 22, line 25, increase the amount by \$2,000,000.

On page 9, line 15, decrease the amount by \$410,000,000.

On page 9, line 16, decrease the amount by \$369,000,000.

On page 9, line 20, decrease the amount by \$37,000,000.

On page 9, line 24, decrease the amount by \$2,000,000.

SA 172. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him 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; which was ordered to lie on the table, as follows:

On page 3, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,400,000,000.

On page 3, line 11, increase the amount by \$2,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 12, increase the amount by \$4,600,000,000.

On page 3, line 13, increase the amount by \$6,500,000,000.

On page 3, line 14, increase the amount by \$8,500,000,000.

On page 3, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,400,000,000.

On page 3, line 20, increase the amount by \$2,800,000,000.

On page 3, line 21, increase the amount by \$4,600,000,000.

On page 4, line 1, increase the amount by \$6,500,000,000.

On page 4, line 2, increase the amount by \$8,500,000,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,380,000,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,430,000,000.

On page 4, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,490,000,000.

On page 4, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,550,000,000.

On page 4, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,610,000,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 4, line 18, increase the amount by \$1,350,000,000.

On page 4, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,480,000,000.

On page 4, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,540,000,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,360,000,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,760,000,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$3,250,000,000.

On page 5, line 2, increase the amount by \$5,020,000,000.

On page 5, line 3, increase the amount by \$6,960,000,000.

On page 5, line 7, decrease the amount by \$1,360,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, decrease the amount by \$3,120,000,000.

On page 5, line 9, decrease the amount by \$6,370,000,000.

On page 5, line 10, decrease the amount by \$11,390,000,000.

On page 5, line 11, decrease the amount by \$18,350,000,000.

On page 5, line 15, decrease the amount by \$1,360,000,000.

On page 5, line 16, decrease the amount by \$3,120,000,000.

On page 5, line 17, decrease the amount by \$6,370,000,000.

On page 5, line 18, decrease the amount by \$11,390,000,000.

On page 5, line 19, decrease the amount by \$18,350,000,000.

On page 17, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,380,000,000.

On page 17, line 17, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 17, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,430,000,000.

On page 17, line 21, increase the amount by \$1,040,000,000.

On page 17, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,490,000,000.

On page 17, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,350,000,000.

On page 18, line 3, increase the amount by \$1,550,000,000.

On page 18, line 4, increase the amount by \$1,480,000,000.

On page 18, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,610,000,000.

On page 18, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,540,000,000.

On page 30, line 16, decrease the amount by \$1,400,000,000.

On page 30, line 17, decrease the amount by \$23,800,000,000.

On page 48, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,380,000,000.

On page 48, line 7, increase the amount by \$40,000,000.

On page 48, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,430,000,000.

On page 48, line 12, increase the amount by \$1,490,000,000.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 15, 2005. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss school nutrition programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony from combatant commanders on their military strategy and operational requirements, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2005, at 4:30 p.m. in open session to consider the following nomination: Honorable Anthony J. Principi to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Identity Theft: Recent Developments Involving the Security of Sensitive Consumer Information."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRAHAM. 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 15, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRAHAM. 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 15, 2005 at 2:15 p.m. to hold a Business Meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. on "SBC/ATT and Verizon/MCI Mergers—Remaking the Telecommunications Industry." The hearing will take place in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226. The tentative witness list is attached.

PANEL I: Edward E. Whitacre, Jr., Chairman and CEO, SBC Communications, Inc., San Antonio, TX; Ivan G. Seidenberg, Chairman and CEO, Verizon Communications, New York City, NY; David Dorman, Chairman and CEO, AT&T Corp., Bedminister, NJ; and Michael D. Capellas, President and CEO, MCI, Ashburn, VA.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. to hold a closed meeting.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Tuesday, March 15, 2005 from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on Airland be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Army transformation and the future combat system in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2006.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 175, a bill to establish the bleeding Kansas and Enduring Struggle for Freedom National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; S. 322, a bill to establish the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership in the States of Vermont and New York, and for other purposes; S. 323, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; and S. 429, a bill to establish the Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area in the State of Connecticut and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and for other purposes.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 10 a.m. for a hearing entitled, "Critical Mission: Ensuring the Success of the National Security Personnel System."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittees on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Openness in Government and Freedom of Information: Examining the OPEN Government Act of 2005," on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 10 a.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The tentative witness list is attached.

Panel I: Kathering M. "Missy" Cary, Assistant Attorney General of Texas, Chief, Open Records, Division, Austin, TX; Walter Mears, former Washington Bureau chief and Executive Editor, Associated Press, Chapel Hill, NC; Marck Tapscott, Director, Center for Media and Public Policy, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC; Lisa Graves, Senior Counsel for Legislative Strategy, American Civil Liberties Union,

Washington, DC; Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel, National Security Archive, George Washington University, Washington, DC; and Thomas M. Susman, Ropes & Gray LLP, Washington, DC.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following fellows and interns of the Finance Committee be granted floor privileges during consideration of the budget resolution: Brian Townsend, Mary Baker, Janis Lazda, Richard Litsey, Cuong Huynh, David Schwartz, Stuart Sirkin, Janelle Duffy, Ashley Pingarson, Jessica Heringer, Serena Maxwell, Jesse Woodson, Briana Schwandt, Emily Meeker, Waylon Mathern, and Adrienne Frazier.

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

APPOINTMENT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-83, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as members of the National Council on the Arts: the Senator from Vermont, Mr. LEAHY; vice, the Senator from Nevada, Mr. REID.

The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended, appoints the following Members to the President's Export Council: the Senator from Montana, Mr. BAUCUS; the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. DORGAN.

REAUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1160, which was received from the House.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1160) to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through June 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 1160) was read the third time and passed.