(1) inserting after the item relating to section 313 the following:

''Sec. 314. Emergency communications and interoperability assessments and report.

''Sec. 315. Emergency communications and interoperability research and development.

''Sec. 316. Emergency communications pilot projects.''.

(2) adding at the end the following:

''TITLE XVIII—DEDICATED FUNDING TO ACHIEVE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES AND INTEROPERABILITY

''Sec. 1801. Emergency communications and interoperability grants.''.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1732. Mr. NELSON, of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

SA 1733. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1734. Mr. JEFFORDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1735. Mr. COCHRAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1732. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 173, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 7_____. None of the funds made available under this Act shall be used by the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of developing a final rule relating to the proposed rule entitled ''Importation of Whole Cuts of Boneless Beef from Japan'', dated August 18, 2005 (70 Fed. Reg. 48494), to allow the importation of beef from Japan, unless the President certifies to Congress that Japan has granted open access to Japanese markets for beef and beef products produced in the United States.

SA 1733. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 158, line 12, strike ''$1,883,000,000'' and insert ''$5,100,000,000: *Provided,* That the entire amount is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006''.

On page 158, line 14, strike ''$300,000,000'' and insert ''$1,300,000,000''.

SA 1734. Mr. JEFFORDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 126, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

HISTORIC BARN PRESERVATION PROGRAM

For the historic barn preservation program established under section 379A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008o), $2,000,000.

On page 144, line 7, strike ''$98,386,000'' and insert ''$96,386,000''.

SA 1735. Mr. COCHRAN proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2744, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

SEC. __. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture may consider the Municipality of Carolina, Puerto Rico as meeting the eligibility requirements for loans and grants programs in the Rural Development mission area.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing entitled ''The Defense Travel System: Boon or Boondoggle?'' This Subcommittee hearing on the Department of Defense's (DOD) Defense Travel System (DTS) is part of its continuing investigation of DOD's travel policies and practices. The DTS was intended to be a seamless integrated computer-based travel system that would facilitate travel for DOD employees and lead to increased efficiency and substantial cost savings. However, reports by the DOD Inspector General, the DOD Program Analysis and Evaluation Division, the Government Accountability Office, The Corporate Solutions Group and Citizens Against Government Waste have questioned whether DTS is effective and provides a cost benefit to DOD. These reports indicate that DTS has cost more than was anticipated, has not been fully deployed, does not appear to be widely used, does not list all available airfares and may end up costing more than it has saved. The questions raised by these reports remain largely unanswered by DOD. The hearing will explore whether DTS can deliver on the increased efficiency and cost savings that were anticipated when the program was established.

The Subcommittee hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Raymond V. Shepherd, III, Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, at 224–3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, September 19, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1718

Mr. FRIST. I understand there is a bill at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1718) to provide special rules for disaster employment under the Workforce Investment Act of 1988 for individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. FRIST. Now I ask for its second reading and in order to place the bill on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. FRIST. This was the Enzi Workforce Investment Act for victims of Katrina, S. 1718. I mention that only because there were a couple of bills this morning, and then this bill, all of which reflect a lot of activity that is going on behind the scenes. By ''behind the scenes,'' I mean off the floor, in committees with members and chairmen working with their ranking members. There is a lot of work focused on the response and the appropriate support for recovery after Katrina.

As several people have mentioned on the floor over the course of today, there were seven Republicans and seven Democrats who represented this body last Friday in New Orleans and along the gulf coast, Mississippi, and on to Mobile, AL. We all learned a lot. We saw a lot. It contributed to our own education.

Then, later tonight, a number of us will continue that work as we figure out how best to respond to this catastrophe, this disaster which is ongoing, to respond in a way that will rebuild and reconstruct in very positive ways to help those affected. Our hearts and our prayers and our thoughts and our efforts on the floor all go out to the victims, both those in Mississippi and

Alabama and Louisiana and the half-a-million people, predominantly people from New Orleans but also from the gulf coast, Mississippi and Alabama, who are in other States beyond those three.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20; I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee and the final 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2744, the Agriculture appropriations bill.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 to accommodate the weekly party luncheons.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow we will return to the Agriculture appropriations bill. This bill was laid down last Thursday and we resumed that bill today. Unfortunately, Members did not take advantage of their opportunity to offer amendments during those 2 days. I very much appreciate the Democratic leader, on behalf of one of his colleagues, offering an amendment a few minutes ago.

I am prepared to tell the managers that if no one comes to offer amendments, we should go to third reading and passage of the bill. We give Senators the opportunity to offer amendments, they say they are going to offer amendments in the future, and they do not come to the floor. That leaves us with the only alternative, which is going to third reading and passage of the bill. We will talk to the committee and see if we can vote on the amendment that the Democratic leader just introduced prior to the policy recess.

But having said that, I do need to forewarn all of our colleagues that the managers on these appropriations bills, both the ones over the last 2 weeks as well as the Agriculture appropriations bill we are dealing with, are very patient. They have been very patient. They stay on the floor throughout the day, and they are here many nights and Mondays and Fridays, waiting for our colleagues to offer the amendments that they say they want to offer. It is now time for people to get very serious and come over and, if they have amendments, to offer those amendments. There is no reason to wait for a Wednesday night or a Thursday night to offer amendments. I do ask our colleagues to contact Senators BENNETT and KOHL now, to work through their amendments.

We are going to have a busy week. Real progress has been made on the judicial nomination to the Supreme Court—last week with the hearings and this week at the committee level. Next week that nomination will be brought to the floor of the Senate, and ultimately we will all have the opportunity to speak and vote.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:42 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 20, 2005, at 9:45 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 19, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PETER CYRIL WYCHE FLORY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE JACK DYER CROUCH, II, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM JULY 29, 2005, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

ERIC S. EDELMAN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY, VICE DOUGLAS JAY FEITH, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM JULY 29, 2005, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JOHN ROBERT BOLTON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WITH THE RANK AND STATUS OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY, AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM JULY 29, 2005, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

JOHN ROBERT BOLTON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS DURING HIS TENURE OF SERVICE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM JULY 29, 2005, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

JOHN J. DANILOVICH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION, VICE PAUL V. APPLEGARTH, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

PETER SCHAUMBER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING AUGUST 27, 2010, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM JULY 29, 2005, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ALICE S. FISHER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE CHRISTOPHER A. WRAY TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE RECESS OF THE SENATE FROM JULY 29, 2005, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2005.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

CHRISTINA A. AUSTINSMITH, 0000
ROBERT ALLAN BORICH, JR., 0000
RANDON H. DRAPER, 0000
STEVEN DOUGLAS DUBRISKE, 0000
SCOTT T. ECTON, 0000
NORINE P. FITZSIMMONS, 0000
DEREK IVAN GRIMES, 0000
JOHN EUGENE HARTSELL, 0000
GRAEME S. HENDERSON, 0000
THOMAS J. HERTHEL, 0000
TROY R. HOLROYD, 0000
PATRICIA A. MCHUGH, 0000
ROBERT C. MCNEIL, 0000
MARK W. MILAM, 0000
RICHARD D. MINK, 0000
WILLIAM C. MULDOON, JR., 0000
LESLEA T. PICKLE, 0000
MICHAEL J. ROBERTS, 0000
SEAN A. SABIN, 0000
JAIME SAMPAYO, 0000
MARLESA K. SCOTT, 0000
TISHLYN ESTELLE TAYLOR, 0000
PETER W. TELLER, 0000
DEVONNIA MARIA TENTMAN, 0000
DONALD L. TWYMAN, JR., 0000
MICHAEL G. VECERA, 0000
JERRY A. VILLARREAL, 0000
ELIZABETH S. WALDROP, 0000
ANDREW S. WILLIAMS, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

MICHAEL L. HOWE, 0000
KARL F. SUHR, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be colonel

JOHNATHAN T. BALL, 0000
DANIEL M. KRUMREI, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

DANIELLE N. BIRD, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

RYAN J. ALLOWITZ, 0000
ALFRED C. ANDERSON, 0000
DARIN N. ANDERSON, 0000
COLON E. BERMUDEZ, 0000
JAMES BUCHANAN, 0000
NATHAN CARLSON, 0000
STEVEN K. CRISLER, 0000
RITA M. DEVORE, 0000
DAVID ECKEL, 0000
JAMES FREEMAN, 0000
TYRUS N. HATCHER, 0000
ERICH HEITMAN, 0000
DANA HESS, 0000
JASON R. HUSE, 0000
SHAWN JEPSEN, 0000
LOUIS KUBALA, 0000
STACY L. LARSEN, 0000
JON D. LIBBESMEIER, 0000
MURGESH J. LOYNES, 0000
DOLORES LUQUE, 0000
JAMES D. LUSSIER, 0000
WENDY J. OHAVER, 0000
JAY OWENS, 0000
SCOTT RANKIN, 0000
GARY STONE, 0000
MARK A. VANCE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be major

ERIC D. AGUILA, 0000
MARK D. AIERSTOK, 0000
JULIE A. AMBROSE, 0000
DEVRY C. ANDERSON, 0000
JOHN ANDERSON, 0000
ROGER A. ANDERSON, 0000
RICHARD A. ANGEL, 0000
ELENA ANTEDOMENICO, 0000
TODD E. ARKAVA, 0000
RAJIV ARORA, 0000
JENNIFER M. BAGER, 0000
DAVID A. BAKER, 0000
JAY B. BAKER, 0000
TROY R. BAKER, 0000
JEFFREY A. BANKS, 0000
THAD J. BARKDULL, 0000
KATINA D. BARNES, 0000
MATTHEW J. BARRY, 0000
JEREMY T. BEAUCHAMP, 0000
KENT S. BENNETT, 0000
TODD C. BENNETT, 0000
PHILIP BERRAN, 0000
AMIT K. BHAVSAR, 0000
ROBERT E. BLEASE, 0000
ANDREW S. BOSTAPH, 0000
LYNDEN P. BOWDEN, 0000
MICHAEL BOWEN, 0000
ROBYN A. BRAND, 0000