(1) a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service honoring Jasper Francis Cropsey, the famous Staten Island-born 19th Century Hudson River Painter; and

(2) the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a stamp be issued.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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On page 10, line 7, strike ‘‘(4) The exploration, development, and permanency of the Moon and Mars exploration programs.’’

On page 3, before line 1, beginning with the item relating to section 102, strike through the item relating to section 402, and insert the following:

SEC. 140. Earth observing system.
SEC. 141. NASA healthcare program.
SEC. 142. Assessment of extension of data collection from Ulysses and Venus Express programs.
SEC. 143. Program to expand distance learning in rural underserved areas.
SEC. 144. Institutions in NASA’s minority institutions program.
SEC. 145. Aviation safety program.
SEC. 146. Atmospheric, geophysical, and rocket research authorizations.
SEC. 147. Orbital debris.
SEC. 148. Continuation of certain educational programs.
SEC. 149. Establishment of the Charles ‘‘Pete’’ Conrad Astronaut Awards Program.
SEC. 150. GAO assessment of feasibility of Moon and Mars exploration missions.
SEC. 151. Workforce.
SEC. 152. Major research equipment and facilities.
SEC. 153. Data on specific fields of study.

On page 3, before line 1, strike the second item relating to section 161 and insert the following:

SEC. 162. Facilities management.

On page 3, before line 1, after the item relating to section 301, strike through the item relating to section 507 and insert the following:

SEC. 302. Commercial technology transfer program.
SEC. 303. Power and propulsion reporting.

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SEC. 402. Commercial technology transfer program.
SEC. 403. Authority for competitive prize program to encourage development of advanced space and aeronautical technologies.
SEC. 404. Commercial goods and services.

TITLE V—AERONAUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

SEC. 501. Governmental interest in aeronautics.
SEC. 503. High priority aeronautics research and development programs.
SEC. 504. Test facilities.
SEC. 505. Miscellaneous provisions.

TITLE VI—MICELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE IMPROVEMENTS

SEC. 601. Extension of indemnification authority.
SEC. 602. Intellectual property provisions.
SEC. 603. Retrocession of jurisdiction.
SEC. 604. Recovery and disposition authority.
SEC. 605. Requirement for independent cost analysis.
SEC. 606. Electronic access to business opportunities.
SEC. 607. Reports elimination.
SEC. 608. Small business contracting.
SEC. 609. General accounting office review and report.

On page 4, strike lines 16 through 22, and insert the following:

(4) The exploration, development, and permanency of the Moon will inspire the Nation, spur commerce, imagination, and excitement around the world, and open the possibility of further exploration of Mars. NASA should return to the Moon within the next decade.

On page 10, line 7, strike ‘‘(4)’’; and insert ‘‘(4)’’ and ‘‘(5)’’.

On page 12, line 11, strike ‘‘(4)’’; and insert ‘‘(4)’’ and ‘‘(5)’’.

(5) conduct a program to assure the health and safety of astronauts during extended space exploration missions which include more effective countermeasures to mitigate deleterious effects of such missions, and the means to provide in-flight professional medical care delivery to crews with little or no real-time support from Earth, relevant issues such as radiation exposure, exercise countermeasures, cardiac health, diagnostic and monitoring devices, and medical imaging;

(6) utilize advanced power and propulsion technologies, including nuclear and electric technologies, to enable or enhance robotic and human exploration missions when feasible; and

(7) develop a robust technology development program to provide surface power for use on the Moon and other locations relevant to NASA space exploration goals which, to the extent feasible, address needs for modular, scalable power sources for a range of applications on the Moon including human and vehicular use.

On page 18, beginning with line 8, strike through line 12 on page 18.

On page 18, line 13, strike ‘‘SEC. 139.’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 137.’’

On page 19, line 9, strike ‘‘SEC. 140.’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 138.’’

On page 20, line 20, strike ‘‘SEC. 141.’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 139.’’

On page 20, line 17, strike ‘‘SEC. 142.’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 140.’’

On page 23, line 9, strike ‘‘SEC. 143.’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 141.’’

On page 23, line 17, strike ‘‘SEC. 144.’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 142.’’

On page 24, line 8, strike ‘‘SEC. 145.’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 143.’’

On page 25, line 4, strike ‘‘SEC. 146.’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 144.’’

On page 25, line 23, strike ‘‘SEC. 147’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 145.’’

On page 26, line 6, strike ‘‘SEC. 148’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 146.’’

On page 26, line 13, strike ‘‘SEC. 149’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 147.’’

On page 26, line 18, strike ‘‘SEC. 150’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 148.’’

On page 27, line 1, strike ‘‘SEC. 151’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 149.’’

On page 28, line 3, strike ‘‘SEC. 152’’ and insert ‘‘SEC. 150.’’

On page 28, line 12, after ‘‘schedules, and, shall’’ strike through ‘‘a human capital strategy to ensure that current personnel are utilized, to the maximum extent feasible, in implementing the vision for space exploration and NASA’s’’.

On page 28, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 151. WORKFORCE.

(a) In General.—The Administrator shall develop a human capital strategy to ensure that NASA has a workforce of the appropriate size and with the appropriate skills to carry out the programs of NASA, consistent with the policies and plans developed pursuant to this section. The strategy shall ensure that the human capital resource in the maximum extent feasible, in implementing the vision for space exploration and NASA’s...
other programs. The strategy shall cover the period through fiscal year 2011.

(b) CONTENT.—The strategy shall describe, at a minimum:—

(1) the categories of employees NASA intends to reduce, the expected size and timing of those reductions, the methods NASA intends to use to make the reductions, and the reasons NASA no longer needs those employees;

(2) any categories of employees NASA intends to increase, the expected size and timing of those increases, the methods NASA intends to use to recruit the additional employees, and the reasons NASA needs those employees;

(3) the steps NASA will use to retain needed employees; and

(4) the budget assumptions of the strategy, which for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 shall be consistent with the authorizations provided in this Act until 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) SCHEDULE.—The Administrator shall transmit the strategy developed under this section to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and House Committee on Science not later than the date on which the President submits the proposed budget for the Federal Government for fiscal year 2007 to the Congress. In transmitting the strategy, NASA shall provide a draft of the strategy to its Federal Employee Unions for a 30-day consultation period after which NASA shall respond in writing to any written concerns provided by the Unions.

(d) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the National Science Foundation may use funds in the major research and development projects, and other studies required by this Act. On page 33, between lines 3 and 4, strike "and insert the following:"

(a) SPECIFIC BUY-OUTS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), NASA may not initiate any buyout offer after the date of enactment of this Act until 60 days after the strategy required by this subsection has been transmitted to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and House of Representatives Committee on Science in accordance with subsection (c). NASA may not implement any reduction-in-force or other involuntary separations (except for cause) prior to June 1, 2007, except as provided in paragraph (2).

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—(A) SPECIFIC BUY-OUTS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), NASA may make exceptions can be made for specific buy-outs on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the Senate Committee that justifies those specific buy-outs, including why the relevant employees could not be utilized to fulfill other work at the same level of pay and under the same working conditions.

(B) EMERGENCY REDUCTIONS-IN-FORCE.—NASA may also request an exception for an emergency reduction-in-force of management personnel by transmitting to the Committees—

(i) a detailed rationale for the proposed reduction;

(ii) an explanation of why the proposed reduction-in-force cannot wait until after the strategy work force has been transmitted to the Committees in accordance with the requirements of this section; and

(iii) an explanation of why the relevant employees could not be utilized to fulfill other NASA missions.

SEC. 152. MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the National Science Foundation shall make determinations in the major research equipment and facilities construction account for the design and development of projects that—

(i) have been given a very high rating by relevant scientific peer review panels in the relevant discipline;

(ii) have substantial cost-sharing with non-Foundation entities; and

(iii) have passed a critical design review.

(b) NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD APPROVAL.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to eliminate the need for approval by the National Science Board before such equipment and facilities are eligible for acquisition, construction, or operation.

SEC. 153. DATA ON SPECIFIC FIELDS OF STUDY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Science Foundation shall collect statistically reliable data through the Community Survey on the field of degree of college-educated individuals.

(b) ADDITIONAL CENSUS QUESTION.—In order to facilitate the implementation of subsection (a), the Secretary of Commerce shall expand the American Community Survey to include a question to elicit information concerning individuals who are college-educated individuals received their degrees. The Director of the Bureau of the Census shall consult with the Director of the National Science Foundation before such equipment and facilities are eligible for acquisition, construction, or operation.

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(c) LIMITATION.—In budgeting for and carrying out programs of this section, the Administrator shall consider the results of the Community Survey before such equipment and facilities are eligible for acquisition, construction, or operation.

SEC. 154. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES ACTUARY PROFESSION.

SEC. 155. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES ENGINEER PROFESSION.

SEC. 156. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES LAWYER PROFESSION.

SEC. 157. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES PHYSICIAN PROFESSION.

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SEC. 159. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES ECONOMIST PROFESSION.

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SEC. 162. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES MATHEMATICIAN PROFESSION.

SEC. 163. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES COMPUTER SCIENTIST PROFESSION.

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SEC. 165. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES HUMANITIES PROFESSION.

SEC. 166. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES SOCIAL SCIENTIST PROFESSION.

SEC. 167. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL SCIENTIST PROFESSION.

SEC. 168. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES NURSE PROFESSION.

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SEC. 211. DATA ON THE SIZE AND TIMING OF THE VACANCY IN THE UNITED STATES BUSINESS PROFESSION.
Aeronautical research and development remains a core mission of NASA. NASA is the lead agency for civil aeronautics research. NASA shall conduct a robust program of aer- onautics research and development that includes fundamental and basic research as well as research in the fields of vehicle systems and of safety and security.

SEC. 502. NATIONAL POLICY FOR AERONAUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall de- velop, in consultation with and in coordination with other Federal agencies, a national aeronautics policy to guide the aeronautics programs of the United States through the year 2020.

(b) CONTENT.—At a minimum the national aeronautics policy shall describe:

(1) national goals for aeronautics research;
(2) the priority areas of research for aeronautics through fiscal year 2011;
(3) the basis of which and the process by which changes in priorities for ensuing fiscal years will be selected; and
(4) respective roles and responsibilities of various Federal agencies in aeronautics re- search.

(c) NASA INPUT.—In providing input to and executing the National Aeronautics Policy, the Administrator shall consider the following:

(1) The Established Governmental Interest in Conducting Research and Development Programs for Improvement of the Usefulness, Performance, Speed, Safety, and Efficiency of Aeronautical and Vehicles, as Described in Section 102(c)(2) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 and Reaffirmed in Section 501.

(2) The Established Governmental Interest in Conducting Research and Development Programs for Improvement of the Usefulness, Performance, Speed, Safety, and Efficiency of Aeronautical and Vehicles, as Described in Section 102(c)(2) of the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958 and Reaffirmed in Section 501.


(6) How NASA Will Coordinate Its Aeronautics Program with Other Federal Agencies.

(7) Opportunities for Partnerships with the Private Sector.

(8) SCHEDULE.—No later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall submit the national aeronautics policy to the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the House Committee on Science, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(9) SCHEDULE.—No later than 60 days after the transmittal of the policy, the Administrator shall submit NASA’s response to the policy, to the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the House Committee on Science, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SEC. 503. HIGH PRIORITY AERONAUTICS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In its role as lead agency for civil aeronautics research and develop-
SEC. 608. SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING.

(a) PLAN.—In consultation with the Small Business Administration, the Administrator shall develop a plan to maximize the number and amount of contracts awarded to small business concerns (within the meaning given that term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) to meet established contracting goals for such concerns.

(b) PRIORITY.—The Administrator shall establish, as a priority, meeting the contracting goals developed in conjunction with the Small Business Administration to maximize the amount of prime contracts, as measured in dollars, awarded in each fiscal year to small business concerns (within the meaning given that term in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)).

SEC. 609. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE REVIEW AND REPORT.

(a) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of NASA’s policies, processes, and procedures in the planning and management of applications research and development implemented in calendar years 2001 to 2005 within the Applied Sciences Directorate and former Earth Science Applications Program. A formal and transparent peer review process that instills public confidence in NASA’s sponsored applications research and development programs is important and the process by which this program defines requirements, scopes programs, selects peer reviewers, manages the research competition, and selects proposals is of concern. The review shall include—

(1) the program planning and analysis process used to formulate applied science research and development requirements, priorities, and solicitation schedules, including changes in the process within the period under review, and the effects of such planning on the quality and clarity of applied sciences research announcements;

(2) the peer review process including—

(A) membership selection, determination of qualifications and use of NASA and non-NASA reviewers;

(B) management of conflicts of interest, including reviewers funded by the program with a significant consulting or contractual relationship with NASA, and individuals who both oversee and participate in the submission of proposals under the same solicitation announcement;

(C) compensation of non-NASA proposal reviewers;

(D) the process for assigning or allocating applied research to NASA researchers and to non-NASA researchers; and

(E) alternative models for NASA planning and management of applied science and applications research, including an evaluation of—

(A) the National Institutes of Health’s intramural and extramural research program structure, peer review process, management of conflicts of interest, compensation of reviewers, and the effects of compensation on reviewer efficiency and quality; and

(B) the Department of Agriculture’s research structure, peer review process, management of conflicts of interest, compensation of reviewers, and the effects of compensation on reviewer efficiency and quality;

(3) the “best practices” of both in the planning, selection, and management of applied sciences research and development.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Science describing the results of the review conducted under subsection (a), including recommendations for NASA best practices.

(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 90 days after receipt of the report, NASA shall provide the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the House of Representatives Committee on Science a plan describing the implementation of those recommendations.

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On page 371, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 2887. TRANSFER TO REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS CLOSED OR REALIGNED UNDER 2005 ROUND OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT.


(1) by striking “shall seek” and all that follows through “with respect to the installation” and inserting the following: “may not transfer, by any transfer under this paragraph of property located at the installation, the redevelopment authority to which such property is transferred shall:

(2) in clause (i), by striking “agrees” and inserting “agree”;

(3) in clause (ii)—

(A) by striking “executes” and inserting “execute”; and

(B) by striking “accepts” and inserting “accept”.

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On page 371, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 2887. ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS CLOSED UNDER 2005 ROUND OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT.

Section 2005 of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (part A of title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; 10 U.S.C. 2687 note) is amended by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:


(1) AGREEMENT REQUIRED.—With respect to each military installation approved for closure under this paragraph prior to January 1, 2005, the Secretary of Defense shall enter into an agreement with the chief executive officer of the State in which such military installation is located regarding the environmental remediation of property and facilities at such installation.

(2) CONTENT OF AGREEMENT.—Each agreement entered into under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a description of the remediation to be performed by the Department of Defense, including the level of remediation necessary for the redevelopment of such property and facilities; and

(B) a schedule for such remediation.

SA 1878. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1042, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 371, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

SEC. 2887. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF UNITS UNDER THE 2005 ROUND OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT PENDING READINESS OF RECEIVING LOCATIONS.

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(3) in clause (ii)—

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

SEC. 330. NAVY HUMAN RESOURCES BENEFIT CALL CENTER.

Of the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 301(2) for operation and maintenance for the Navy, $1,500,000 may be available for the Human Resources Benefit Call Center in Machias, Maine.

SA 1880. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 147, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 73, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 3. RESOLUTION OF APOLOGY TO THE NATIVE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED STATES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—
(1) the ancestors of today’s Native Peoples inhabited the land of the present-day United States since time immemorial and for thousands of years before the arrival of people of European descent; 
(2) the Native Peoples have for millennia honored, protected, and stewarded this land for which we cherish; 
(3) the Native Peoples are spiritual peoples with a deep and abiding belief in the Creator, and for millennia their people have maintained a powerful spiritual connection to this land; as is evidenced by their customs and legends; 
(4) the arrival of Europeans in North America opened a new chapter in the histories of the Native Peoples; 
(5) while establishment of permanent European settlements in North America did stir conflict with nearby Indian tribes, peaceful and mutually beneficial interactions also took place; 
(6) the foundational English settlements in Jamestown, Virginia, and Plymouth, Massachusetts, owed their survival in large measure to the compass and aid of the Native Peoples in their vicinities; 
(7) in the infancy of the United States, the founders of the Republic expressed their desire for a just relationship with the Indian tribes, as evidenced by the Northwest Ordinance enacted by Congress in 1787, which begins with the phrase, “The utmost good faith shall always be observed toward the Indians”; 
(8) Indian tribes provided great assistance to the fledgling Republic as it strengthened and grew, including invaluable help to Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their epic journey from St. Louis, Missouri, to the Pacific Coast; 
(9) Native Peoples and non-Native settlers engaged in numerous armed conflicts; 
(10) the United States Government violated many treaties ratified by Congress and other diplomatic agreements with Indian tribes; 
(11) this Nation should address the broken treaties and many of the more ill-conceived Federal policies that followed, such as extermination, termination, forced removal and relocation, the outlawing of traditional religions, and the violation of sacred places; 
(12) the United States forced Indian tribes and their citizens to move away from their traditional homelands and onto federally established and controlled reservations, in accordance with such Acts as the Act of May 28, 1830 (4 Stat. 411, chapter 148) (commonly known as the “Indian Removal Act”); 
(13) many Native Peoples suffered and perished; 
(A) during the execution of the official United States Government policy of forced removal, including the infamous Trail of Tears and Long Walk; 
(B) during bloody armed confrontations and massacres, such as the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864 and the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1990; and 
(C) on numerous Indian reservations; 
(14) the United States Government condemned Indian traditions, beliefs, and customs of the Native Peoples and endeavored to assimilate them by such policies as the redistribution of land under the Act of February 8, 1867 (25 Stat. 85, 24 Stat. 388, chapter 119) (also known as the “General Allotment Act”), and the forcible removal of Native American children from their families to faraway boarding schools, where their Native practices and languages were degraded and forbidden; 
(15) officials of the United States Government and United States citizens harmed Native Peoples by the unlawful acquisition of recognized tribal land and the theft of tribal resources and assets from recognized tribal land; 
(16) the policies of the United States Government toward Indian tribes and the break-up of Indian tribes contributed to the severe social ills and economic troubles in many Native communities today; 
(17) despite the wrongs committed against Native Peoples by the United States, the Native Peoples have remained committed to the protection of this great land, as evidenced by the fact that, on a per capita basis, more Native people have served in the United States Armed Forces and placed themselves in harm’s way in defense of the United States in the course of military conflict than any other ethnic group; 
(18) Indian tribes have actively influenced the public life of the United States by continued cooperation with Congress and the Department of the Interior, through the involvement of Native individuals in official United States Government positions, and by leadership of their own sovereign Indian tribes; 
(19) Indian tribes are resilient and determined to preserve, develop, and transmit to future generations their unique cultural identities; 
(20) the National Museum of the American Indian was established in the Smithsonian Institution as a special relationship the Indian tribes have with the United States and the solemn covenant with the land we share; 
(21) Congress and honors the Native Peoples for the thousands of years that they have stewarded and protected this land; 
(22) recognizes that there have been years of official deprivations, ill-conceived policies, and the breaking of covenants by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes; 
(23) apologizes on behalf of the people of the United States to the Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples by citizens of the United States; 
(24) expresses its regret for the ramifications of former wrongs and its commitment to build on the positive relationships of the past and present to move toward a brighter future where this land live reconciled as brothers and sisters, and harmoniously steward and protect this land together; 
(25) urges the President to acknowledge the wrongs of the United States against Indian tribes in the history of the United States in order to bring healing to this land by providing a proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and Indian tribes; and 
(26) commends the States governments that have begun reconciliation efforts with recognized Indian tribes located in their boundaries and encourages all State governments to work toward reconciling relationships with Indian tribes within their boundaries.

(c) DISCLAIMER.—Nothing in this section—
(1) authorizes any claim against the United States; or 
(2) serves as a settlement of any claim against the United States.

SA 1881. Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1042, to authorize ap-propriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes, which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Page on 378, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 3114. SMALL AND RENEWABLE POWER CONTRACTS.

Section 501(b)(1) of title 40, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

"(B) PUBLIC UTILITY ELECTRIC SERVICES.—"(i) DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY ELECTRIC SERVICES.—In this subparagraph, the term ‘public utility services’, with respect to electricity services, includes electricity supplies and services, including transmission, generation, distribution, and other services directly used in providing electricity.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, September 28, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 485 of the Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on Indian Housing.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. MURkowski. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2005 at 3 p.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1025, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construction of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation project, Kansas, and for other purposes” to authorize the Equus Beds Division of the Wichita Project; S. 1498, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain water distribution facilities to the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District; S. 1529, to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land in the city of Yuma, Arizona; S. 1578, to reauthorize the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basin endangered fish recovery implementation programs; and S. 1760, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within the Medford Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those