

(A) the work of the Society to perpetuate and honor the memory of the brave individuals who fought for freedom during the War for Independence; and

(B) the unfailing devotion of the Society to the youth of the United States.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

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#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

REPEAL OF PROVISIONS REQUIRING OUTREACH TO VETERANS ON BENEFITS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VETERANS UNDER LAW

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 228 of The Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-114; 119 Stat. 2393) is repealed.

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On page 238, line 23, strike "Control and Prevention, and" and insert "Control and Prevention, \$65,000,000 shall be for the Smithsonian Institution to carry out global and domestic disease surveillance, and".

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On page 162, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

RAMAPO RIVER AT OAKLAND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

For an additional amount for the Corps of Engineers for the completion of the Ramapo River at Oakland flood control project in the State of New Jersey, \$2,500,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The hearing will be held on Monday, April 24, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony regarding the economic and environmental issues associated with coal liquefaction technology and on implementation of the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 addressing coal gasification.

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 two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact John Peschke 202-224-4797 or Shannon Ewan at 202-224-7555.

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, the chair would like to inform the Members of the Committee that the Committee will hold a hearing on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. in Russell 428A to address the reauthorization of Finance and Entrepreneurial Development programs administered by the Small Business Administration.

#### AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Monday, April 24, at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony regarding the economic and environmental issues associated with coal liquefaction technology and on implementation of the provisions of the energy policy act of 2005 addressing coal liquefaction.

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

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Inter-parliamentary Group during the Second Session of the 109th Congress: the Honorable WAYNE ALLARD of Colorado and the Honorable GEORGE V. VOINOVICH of Ohio.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that immediately following morning business on Tuesday, the Senate proceed to executive session and to the consideration of Calendar No. 602, Gary Miller to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas; further, that there be 5 minutes of debate for each of the Senators from Texas and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the nomination; provided further that following the vote, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CHAMBLISS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### REFERRAL OF S. 2612

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 2612 be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2603 AND S. 2611

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2603) to reduce temporarily the royalty required to be paid for sodium produced on Federal lands, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2611) to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Without objection, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, April 25. 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 majority leader or his designee and the final 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; further, that following the vote on the