

the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

“(D) LIMITATION ON REQUIREMENTS.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), nothing in this paragraph shall require the Secretary to provide fencing and install additional physical barriers, roads, lighting, cameras, and sensors in a location along an international border of the United States, if the Secretary determines that the use or placement of such resources is not the most appropriate means to achieve and maintain operational control over the international border at such location.”.

SA 5106. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6061, to establish operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment add the following: “operational control shall also include the implementation of those measures described in the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2006, as passed by the Senate on May 25, 2006, that the Secretary determines to be necessary and appropriate to achieve or maintain operational control over the international land and maritime borders of the United States.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 28, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on military voting and the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, September 28, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “America’s Public Debt: How Do We Keep It From Rising?”

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 28, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Aviation be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 10 a.m. on “New Aircraft in the National Airspace System.”

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

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

Mr. McCONNELL. 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 Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 10 a.m. for a hearing entitled, “Securing the National Capital Region: An Examination of the NCR’s Strategic Plan.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, September 28, at 9:30 a.m. the Subcommittee on Superfund and Waste Management be authorized to hold a legislative hearing to consider S. 3871, a bill directing the EPA to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system.

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

FOREIGN POLICY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, we have had a long and full day today. I have some remarks to make on a couple of bills, and then we will close down, with a brief statement on what I see unfolding over the next couple days.

Mr. President, the Senate has before it two very important bills dealing with critical foreign policy issues facing our Nation.

One of them is the Iran Freedom Support Act, H.R. 6198. This is a bipartisan bill which passed the House earlier today by voice vote. In other words, it was a noncontroversial bill in the House. It was cosponsored there by Congressman TOM LANTOS, the ranking Democrat on the Committee on International Relations, as well as by Congressman GARY ACKERMAN, the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Middle East and Central Asia. The Iran Freedom Support Act is also strongly supported by the Bush administration.

Enactment of this bill is time-sensitive because it will extend for another 5 years the provisions of the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act, or better known here on the floor as ILSA. ILSA has been an important element of the U.S. sanctions regime against Iran for the past 10 years, and ILSA will expire tomorrow unless Congress acts to extend it.

Iran is continuing to defy the will of the international community by persisting with its efforts to produce nuclear weapons in violation of international nonproliferation norms. I could not think of a worse time than now to allow ILSA to lapse; the signal this would send to Iran of U.S. irresolution and weakness would be terrible.

Just today, President Ahmadinejad publicly declared that Iran will not suspend its nuclear enrichment program, despite being called to do so by

the United Nations Security Council. The U.N. is now poised to impose multilateral sanctions on Iran if it continues to defy Security Council mandates. But if we allow ILSA to lapse, the Congress will be relaxing U.S. sanctions on Iran at the very same time the rest of the world is thinking about tightening sanctions.

This is not the kind of leadership I was elected to the Senate to provide, and I think every Senator will have to lower their head in shame if the Senate fails to act tomorrow to extend ILSA.

H.R. 6198 has been cleared on our side of the aisle. We are ready to pass it. We are ready to pass it tonight. I will not ask unanimous consent to pass it tonight, however, because I understand it has not been cleared on the Democratic side of the aisle. I hope that does change overnight, but whether it changes or not, I wish to serve notice to all Senators that tomorrow I will ask unanimous consent to pass H.R. 6198, and I hope there will be no Member of this body who steps forward at that time to reward Iran’s intransigence by blocking passage of this bipartisan legislation.

The second very important bill affecting our foreign policy that is today pending before the Senate is the United States-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act, S. 3709. This bill was reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations on July 20 and has been pending before us since that time. It is strongly supported by Chairman LUGAR and the ranking Democrat of that committee, Senator BIDEN. Together they have developed a managers’ amendment that they both support and that they would like the Senate to approve. The House companion measure has already passed that body by a wide margin.

Enactment of this legislation is essential in order to begin a new era in relations between our Nation and India, the world’s largest democracy. This legislation will enable us to commence cooperation with India in the area of civil nuclear energy, something that is today contrary to U.S. law. We need to be able to do this to fulfill commitments President Bush made to Prime Minister Singh of India on July 18 of last year. If we are unable to fulfill those commitments, the disappointment in India will be such that United States-India relations could be set back by many years, and the promise of a new era in relations that was born on July 18 of last year will be lost.

Like the Iran bill, the India legislation has been cleared on our side of the aisle. Republican Members of the Senate are ready to approve the managers’ amendment to S. 3709 tonight, in its current form, with no further debate or amendment.

Regrettably, the same is not true on the other side of the aisle. Senate Democrats are not ready tonight to pass the managers’ amendment to this legislation in its current form.

This is regrettable because if the Democrats would permit us to pass the