

On page 41, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

SEC. 1137. REBUILDING COUNTIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(p) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(p)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (E), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(F) rebuilding counties.”; and

(2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the following:

“(E) REBUILDING COUNTIES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘rebuilding county’ means an initial period rebuilding county or an extension period rebuilding county.

“(ii) INITIAL PERIOD REBUILDING COUNTY.—The term ‘initial period rebuilding county’ means a county, parish, or similar political subdivision—

“(I) for which the Administrator determines that the 1-year unemployment rate average is not less than 120 percent of the 1-year average unadjusted unemployment rate for the United States, based on the most recent data available from the Secretary of Labor;

“(II) that—

“(aa) as of the date of the determination under subclause (I), is not a HUBZone; or

“(bb) will cease to qualify as a HUBZone not later than 2 years after the date of the determination under subclause (I); and

“(III) during the 3-year period beginning on the date on which the Administrator makes the determination under subclause (I).

“(iii) EXTENSION PERIOD REBUILDING COUNTY.—The term ‘extension period rebuilding county’ means a county, parish, or similar political subdivision—

“(I) for which the Administrator has made a determination under clause (ii)(I);

“(II) for which the 3-year period described in clause (ii)(III) has ended;

“(III) for which the Administrator determines that the average unemployment rate for the 1-year period ending on the date on which the 3-year period described in clause (ii)(III) ends is not less than 140 percent of the 1-year average unadjusted unemployment rate for the United States, based on the most recent data available from the Secretary of Labor; and

“(IV) during the period beginning on the date on which the Administrator makes the determination under subclause (III) and ending on the earlier of—

“(aa) the date that is 3 years after the date of the determination under subclause (III); and

“(bb) the date on which the Bureau of the Census publicly releases the initial results of the first decennial census occurring after the date of the determination under subclause (III).

“(iv) 1-YEAR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AVERAGE.—The term ‘1-year unemployment rate average’ means the average unemployment rate, based on the most recent data available from the Secretary of Labor, during any 1-year period during the period—

“(I) beginning on the date on which a recession begins, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research; and

“(II) ending on the date that is 180 days after the date on which the National Bureau of Economic Research publicly releases the determination under subclause (I).”.

(b) RECESSION OF 2007.—For purposes of applying section 3(p)(4) of the Small Business Act, as added by subsection (a), in relation to the recession announced by the National Bureau of Economic Research on December 1, 2008, the term “1-year unemployment rate

average” means the average unemployment rate during the 1-year period ending on the date of enactment of this Act, based on the most recent data available from the Secretary of Labor.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

Mr. COBURN, pursuant to the provisions of section 512 of Public Law 100-81, submitted his notice of intent to proceed to consider the bill (S. 1237) to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes, dated June 24, 2010.

[Letter with reasons for objection appear in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on June 29, 2010]

RELINQUISHING OF OBJECTION TO EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

I, Senator TOM COBURN, do not object to proceeding to the following nominations:

802—Victor Ashe, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

804—Walter Isaacson, of Louisiana, to be Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

805—Michael Lynton, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

806—Susan McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

807—Dennis Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

808—S. Enders Wimbush, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

NOTICE OF HEARING

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the hearing before the Subcommittee on Water and Power previously announced for July 1, has been rescheduled and will now be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 3:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to examine the Federal response to the discovery of the aquatic invasive species Asian carp in Lake Calumet, Illinois.

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 it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Gina.Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Tanya Trujillo or Gina Weinstock.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in room G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CARPER. 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 June 30, 2010, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Green Housing for the 21st Century: Retrofitting the Past and Building an Energy-Efficient Future.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CARPER. 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 June 30 at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on June 30, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, at 9 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Nuclear Terrorism: Strengthening Our Domestic Defenses, Part I."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 30, 2010, at 9 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to continue the hearing on the nomination of Elena Kagan to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

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

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONTRACTING
OVERSIGHT

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Interagency Contracts (Part II): Management and Oversight."

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 30, 2010, from 2–5 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sarah Cramer and Michael Crusinberry of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's proceedings.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Heidi McDonald and Amanda Spinney from Senator BINGAMAN's office be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of today.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Adam Pelzer and Madeline Daniels of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's proceedings.

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

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY EXTENSION
ACT OF 2010, PART II

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5611, which was received from the House.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5611) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that 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 PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 5611) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

CELEBRATING 130 YEARS OF
UNITED STATES-ROMANIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 67, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 67), celebrating 130 years of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations, congratulating the Romanian people on their achievements as a great nation, and reaffirming the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania, a trusted and most valued ally.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 67) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 67

Whereas the United States established diplomatic relations with Romania in June 1880;

Whereas the United States and Romania are two countries united by shared values and a strong commitment to freedom, democracy, and prosperity;

Whereas Romania has shown, for the past 20 years, remarkable leadership in advancing security and democratic principles in Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans, and the Black Sea region, and has amply participated to the forging of a wider Europe, whole and free;

Whereas Romania's commitment to meeting the greatest responsibilities and challenges of the 21st century is and has been reflected by its contribution to the international efforts of stabilization in Afghanistan and Iraq, its decision to participate in the United States missile defense system in Europe, its leadership in regional non-proliferation and arms control, its active pursuit of energy security solutions for South Eastern Europe, and its substantial role in shaping a strong and effective North Atlantic Alliance;

Whereas the strategic partnership that exists between the United States and Romania has greatly advanced the common interests of the United States and Romania in promoting transatlantic and regional security and free market opportunities, and should continue to provide for more economic and cultural exchanges, trade and investment, and people-to-people contacts between the United States and Romania;

Whereas the talent, energy, and creativity of the Romanian people have nurtured a vibrant society and nation, embracing entrepreneurship, technological advance and innovation, and rooted deeply in the respect for education, culture, and international cooperation; and

Whereas Romanian Americans have contributed greatly to the history and development of the United States, and their rich cultural heritage and commitment to furthering close relations between Romania and the United States should be properly recognized and praised: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) celebrates the 130th anniversary of United States-Romanian diplomatic relations;

(2) congratulates the Romanian people on their achievements as a great nation; and

(3) reaffirms the deep bonds of trust and values between the United States and Romania.

NATIONAL EISGN DAY 2010

COMMEMORATING THE REMARKABLE
LIFE OF CHAPLAIN HENRY
VINTON PLUMMER

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM
AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration en bloc of the following resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 576, S. Res. 577, and S. Res. 578.

Without objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions.