the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2012 pursuant to an authorization of appropriations under this Act, to the Secretary of Energy for the weapons activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration an amount up to $125,000,000.

(b) APPLICABILITY OF NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES.—The transfer authorized under subsection (a) shall be subject to the notification procedures under section 1001 of this Act and section 8005 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2012.

(c) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—The transfer authority provided under this section is in addition to any other transfer authority provided under this Act.

**SA 1454.** Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title II of division A, at the end of the sections under the heading ''GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'', add the following:

SEC. _____. Any funds available to carry out the Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System authorized by section 3(a) of the Mni Wiconi Project Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–516; 102 Stat. 2566; 108 Stat. 4539) shall also be available for the Secretary of the Interior to plan, design, construct, operate, maintain, and replace the Oglala Sioux Rural Water Supply System within the entire boundary of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, including the tract of land in the State of Nebraska set aside as part of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation by the Executive order dated February 20, 1904.

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBJECT TO PROCEEDING

I, Senator CHARLES GRASSLEY, intend to object to proceeding to H.R. 3012, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the per-country numerical limitation for employment-based immigrants, to increase the per-country numerical limitation for family-sponsored immigrants, and for other purposes, dated November 30, 2011.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LEVIN. 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 November 30, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session on November 30, 2011. The Committee will meet in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building beginning at 10 a.m.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on November 30, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD–226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled ''A Balanced Budget Amendment: The Perils of Constitutionalizing the Budget Debate.''

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

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 30, 2011, at 2 p.m., in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled: ''Overprescribed: The Human and Taxpayers' Costs of Antipsychotics in Nursing Homes.''

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Stefanie Peterson, an Air Force major who is a military fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the debate on S. 1867.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## FEDERAL COURTS JURISDICTION AND VENUE CLARIFICATION ACT OF 2011

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House with respect to H.R. 394.

The Chair laid before the Senate the following message:

H.R. 394

*Resolved,* That the House agree to the amendment numbered 1 of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 394) entitled ''An Act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, and for other purposes.'' and be it further

*Resolved,* That the House agree to the amendment numbered 2 of the Senate to the aforementioned bill, with the following House Amendment to Senate Amendment:

Add at the end of the Senate engrossed amendment numbered 2 the following:

*Redesignate section 104 as section 105 and insert the following after section 103:*

***SEC. 104. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.***

*Section 1446(g) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking ''subsections (b) and (c)'' and inserting ''subsection (b) of this section and paragraph (1) of section 1455(b)''.*

*Amend the table of contents of the House engrossed bill by striking the item relating to section 104 and inserting the following:*

*Sec. 104. Technical amendment.*
*Sec. 105. Effective date.*

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

## NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE WEEK

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 341 submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 341) designating the first full week of December in 2011 as ''National Christmas Tree Week.''

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

Mr. DURBIN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any related statements be printed in the record as if read.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 341) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 341

Whereas Christmas trees are grown in all 50 States;

Whereas Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since about 1850;

Whereas Edward Johnson, assistant to Thomas Edison, came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees in 1882;

Whereas President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on the White House lawn in 1923;

Whereas there are close to 15,000 farms growing Christmas trees in the United States;

Whereas there are approximately 100,000 people employed full or part-time in the Christmas tree industry;

Whereas Christmas tree farms in the United States planted approximately 35,000,000 Christmas trees in 2011 to replace those harvested in 2010; and

Whereas growing Christmas trees preserves green space and small family-owned farms, provides habitats for wildlife, and sequesters carbon dioxide: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That the Senate—

(1) designates the first full week of December in 2011 as ''National Christmas Tree Week'';

(2) encourages the celebration of Christmas trees during that week;

(3) recognizes the role Christmas trees have played in the history of the United States;

(4) reaffirms the environmental benefits of Christmas tree farms and recycled Christmas trees;

(5) encourages the recycling of Christmas trees after the holiday season; and

(6) celebrates the joy Christmas trees bring to families across the United States.