

Budget Request, as this investment manifests the Senate's belief that the Federal government should have a robust program of research across all disciplines of scientific endeavor.

(2) For fiscal years 2001-2008, the science and technology (6.1, 6.2 and 6.3) accounts for the Department of Defense, including all of the Armed Services, in Function 050 (National Defense), shall increase annually and at a minimum achieve the levels called for in Section 214 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999.

(3) Congressional authorizers and appropriators should continue their efforts to support merit-based and peer-reviewed R&D programs as a priority in the federal science investment portfolio.

**REED (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT
NO. 2964**

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BYRD, Mr. KERRY, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. L. CHAFEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the concurrent resolution, (S. Con. Res. 101), supra; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:
SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE NEED TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds the following:

(1) On average, 12 children die from gun fire everyday in America.

(2) On May 20, 1999, the Senate passed the Violent and Repeat Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act, by a vote of 73 to 25, in part, to stem gun-related violence in the United States.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in function 750 of this resolution assume that Congress should—

(1) pass the conference report to accompany H.R. 1501, the Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act, including Senate-passed provisions, with the purpose of limiting access to firearms by juveniles, convicted felons, and other persons prohibited by law from purchasing or possessing firearms; and

(2) consider H.R. 1501 not later than April 20, 2000.

**ROBB (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT
NO. 2965**

Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. GRAHAM) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 101, supra; as follows:

On page 4, line 4, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 4, line 5, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 4, line 6, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 4, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 4, line 8, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 4, line 13, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 4, line 14, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 4, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 4, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 4, line 17, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 4, line 22, increase the amount by \$1,300,000,000.

On page 4, line 23, increase the amount by \$1,322,100,000.

On page 4, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,344,600,000.

On page 4, line 25, increase the amount by \$1,367,400,000.

On page 5, line 1, increase the amount by \$1,390,700,000.

On page 5, line 7, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 5, line 8, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 5, line 9, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 5, line 10, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 5, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 18, line 7, increase the amount by \$1,300,000,000.

On page 18, line 8, increase the amount by \$78,000,000.

On page 18, line 11, increase the amount by \$1,322,100,000.

On page 18, line 12, increase the amount by \$521,300,000.

On page 18, line 15, increase the amount by \$1,344,600,000.

On page 18, line 16, increase the amount by \$1,011,200,000.

On page 18, line 19, increase the amount by \$1,367,400,000.

On page 18, line 20, increase the amount by \$1,223,400,000.

On page 18, line 23, increase the amount by \$1,390,700,000.

On page 18, line 24, increase the amount by \$1,361,200,000.

On page 29, line 3, decrease the amount by \$97,000,000.

On page 29, line 4, decrease the amount by \$5,938,100,000.

On page 29, after line 5, insert the following:

“Not later than September 29, 2000, the Senate Committee on Finance shall report to the Senate a reconciliation bill proposing changes in laws within its jurisdiction necessary to reduce revenues by not more than \$19,000,000 in fiscal year 2001 and \$1,743,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2001 through 2005.”

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on April 6, 2000 in SR-328A at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss interstate shipment of state inspected meat.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. 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 Wednesday, April 5, immediately following the business meeting for a hearing. The committee will examine the energy potential of the 1002 area of the Arctic Coastal Plain; the role this energy could play in national security; the role this energy could play in reducing U.S. dependence on imported oil; and the legislative provisions of S. 2214, the Arctic Coastal Plain Domestic Energy Security Act of 2000.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, for hearings on Medicaid in the Schools: A Pattern of Improper Payments.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. to hold two hearings.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. to markup the nomination of Thomas N. Slonaker, to be Special Trustee for American Indians within the Department of the Interior, and to conduct a hearing on S. 612, “the Indian Needs Assessment and Program Evaluation Act of 1999.” The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on political parties in America.

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