

of the Department (including any agency, element, or component of the Department).

(D) An assessment of "D" for an earmark that is not demonstrated to be cost-effective in advancing the primary goals of the Department (including any agency, element, or component of the Department).

(E) An assessment of "F" for an earmark that distracts from or otherwise impedes the capacity of the Department to meet the primary goals of the Department.

**SA 5164.** Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 175, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 758. Any limitation, directive, or earmark contained in the House of Representatives or Senate report accompanying this Act shall be included in the conference report or joint statement accompanying this Act in order to be considered as having been approved by both Houses of Congress.

**SA 5165.** Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 121, line 4, before the period insert "*Provided further*, That, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no loan guaranteed under this heading shall be used to construct, improve, renovate, expand, or otherwise develop a golf course".

**SA 5166.** Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. OBAMA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 175, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

SEC. 758. (a) Each report described in subsection (b) shall be posted on the Internet website of the Department of Agriculture for the public not later than 48 hours after the submission of the report to Congress.

(b) The reports described in this subsection are the following:

(1) Each report required by a provision of this Act to be submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

(2) Any report required to be submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture to Congress in support of the budget of the President for fiscal year 2008 (as submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code) for the Department of Agriculture, including any budget justification documents in support of such budget for the Department of Agriculture.

(c) In posting a report on the Internet website of the Department of Agriculture under subsection (a), the Secretary of Agri-

culture may redact any information the release of which to the public would, as determined by the Secretary, compromise the national security of the United States.

**SA 5167.** Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5384, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 97, line 10, before the semicolon insert ", of which not less than \$351,939 shall be for early disease identification, comprehensive composting for cull disposal, and potato late blight research activities in the State of Maine".

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 15, 2006, at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., to receive testimony on the current situation and U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. McDEMINT. 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, November 15 at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the December 2005 report from the President's Task Force on Puerto Rico's Status.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, following the first vote of the day, the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a business meeting to consider the following agenda: Alex Beehler to be Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 3 p.m. in SD-430.

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

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joel

Rubin, a congressional fellow in my office, be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of my comments.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, on behalf of Senator BINGAMAN, that Jonathan Epstein, a fellow from his office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the pendency of S. 3709, H.R. 5682, and any roll-call votes thereon.

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

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 5385

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, notwithstanding passage of H.R. 5385, I ask unanimous consent that the Akaka amendment No. 5128 and Reed amendment No. 5125 be further modified with the changes at the desk.

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

The amendments, as modified, are as follows:

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5125, AS MODIFIED

(Purpose: To provide that, of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps, \$3,410,000 shall be available for the replacement of a vehicle bridge at Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island, and to provide an offset)

On page 82, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

SEC. 126. (a) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS" and available for "Replacement Vehicle Bridge, Increment 2, Naval Station, Newport, Rhode Island" is hereby increased by \$3,410,000.

(b) The amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this title under the heading "MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS" and available for "Hazardous Material Storage Facility, Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island" is hereby reduced by \$3,410,000.

##### AMENDMENT NO. 5128, AS FURTHER MODIFIED

(Purpose: To propose a substitute)

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Of the amount appropriated by this title under the heading "VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION", up to \$1,000,000 shall be available for the Office of Inspector General.

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 109-236, appoints Thomas P. Mucho, of Pennsylvania, to serve as a member of the MINER Act Technical Study Panel.

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 4051

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due a second reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: