Whereas, the development of a broad spectrum of renewable energy resources, including wind energy, biofuels, methane digesters, ethanol, and solar, benefit the environment and will have a direct economic benefit to agricultural landowners and rural communities; and

Whereas, rural communities and agriculture will experience multiple benefits, including establishing additional markets for America's farms and ranches producing 25% of America's energy supply by the year 2025 while continuing to produce abundant, safe, and affordable food; and

Whereas, agriculture's role as an energy producer will have a positive effect on national security and trade imbalances and will serve as a rural development initiative in Montana and the United States; and

Whereas, Governor Brian Schweitzer (D-MT), Governor Mitch Daniels (R-IN), Governor Ed Rendell (D-PA), former Governor Jeb Bush (R-FL), and Governor Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS), former Governor Mitt Romney (D-MA), former Governor George Pataki (R-NY), former Governor Robert Ehrlich (R-MD), Governor Jennifer Granholm (D-MI), Governor Jim Doyle (D-WI), Governor Tim Pawlenty (R-MN), Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R-CA), and Governor Rod Blagojevich (D-IL) have endorsed "25 x 25"; and

Whereas, state legislatures from Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, and Vermont have endorsed "25 x 25": Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein, That we urge the United States Congress to enact revisions to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Federal Poultry Inspection Act to allow the interstate shipment and marketing of meat products by state inspected meat processing facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be directed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and each member of the Kansas State Legislature.

POM-57. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of the State of Michigan memorializing Congress to reform K-12 Education and Quality Child Care; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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Whereas, Head Start and high-quality child care prepare children for school success by narrowing the educational achievement gap between lower- and upper-income kids, increasing high school graduation rates, and reducing crime; and

Whereas, studies show that at-risk children who attend Head Start and high-quality child care are better prepared for school. For example, Head Start narrows the literacy skills gap by nearly half between children in poverty and all children. The research indicates that high-quality education programs work to prevent crime. In Ypsilanti, Michigan, three- and four-year-olds from low-income families who were randomly assigned to a group that did not receive preschool preparation were five times more likely to have become chronic lawbreakers by age 27 than those who were assigned to the Head Start and Research Foundation's Perry Preschool program; and
Resolved by the House of Representatives of North Dakota, the Senate Concurring Therein, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly acknowledges the actions of the 44th Legislature of North Dakota in its sponsorship of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007 affirming the equal application of the United States Constitution to all citizens throughout the State of North Dakota and Equal Rights Amendment; and be it further
Resolved, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly declares Friday, March 9, 2007, North Dakota Equal Rights Amendment Recognition Day; and be it further
Resolved, That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly encourages a recommittment to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment in all states and final passage in Congress; and be it further
Resolved, That the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

POM-59. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Mexico memorializing Congress to fully fund medical care and aid and attendant care services for Vietnam veterans by unanimous consent; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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Reports of Committees

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 12, 2007, the following reports of committees were submitted on April 13, 2007:

By Mr. BAYH.
S. 1109. A bill to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health to carry out breast cancer research and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

Introduction of Bills and Joint Resolutions

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BAYH.
S. 1110. A bill to increase funding for the National Institutes of Health to carry out breast cancer research and to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

By Mr. HATCH
S. 1110. A bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah, to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WYDEN
S. 1111. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make the Federal income tax system simpler, fairer, and more fiscally responsible, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. PEINSTEIN
S. 1112. A bill to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAYH
S. 1112. A bill to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.