make very difficult decisions on cutting back much needed academic programs in efforts to keep the heat and lights on.

Whereas healthy and high performance schools—designed to reduce energy and maintenance costs, provide cleaner air, improve lighting, and reduce exposures to toxic substances—provide a healthier and safer learning environment and improved academic achievement and well-being;

Whereas Congress has demonstrated its interest in this compelling issue by including the Healthy High-Performance Schools Program in the No Child Left Behind Act; and

Whereas our schools have the great responsibility of guiding the future of our children and Nations of people, therefore, be it.

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes April 30, 2007, as “National Healthy Schools Day”.

Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, today is National Healthy Schools Day. This day was established to build awareness and promote healthy school environments for our children and school personnel.

National Healthy Schools Day has been recognized for the past 5 years thanks to the joint efforts of the Healthy High-Performance Schools Network in New York. Many organizations have worked together over the years to raise awareness to the conditions that many of our children and teachers are subjected to on a daily basis. The ongoing work of these organizations is crucial in fostering the development and wellbeing of our Nation's children.

Each day, parents send their children to school with the assumption that their children will spend the day in a safe environment. Many parents do not realize that their children's classrooms could be the very thing that harms them. Alarminly, over half of our Nation's schools reported that they had at least one environmental hazard. These pollutants can have serious effects on health, such as respiratory problems, and can even interfere with cognitive functioning. Furthermore, children are more vulnerable to environmental hazards and are more likely to inhale more air than adults.

It is not surprising then that approximately 1 out of 13 school-age children has asthma, which is responsible for more than 500,000 children each year the poor indoor air quality in these schools exacerbates the effects of asthma. However, a recent study sponsored by the American Lung Association and the American Federation of Teachers estimates that a shift from an unhealthy to a healthy school could achieve a 25 percent reduction in cases of asthma among students.

It is imperative that we address these problems. That is why I was the proud sponsor of the Healthy, High-Performance Schools Program in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). By incorporating this legislation into NCLB, Congress acknowledged that environmental factors can be a barrier to academic success.

We must spread awareness of the health and learning effects that result from unhealthy schools and continue to fight on our children's behalf. I commend those across the nation who are using National Healthy Schools Day to do just that.

SENATE RESOLUTION 177—DESIGNATING APRIL 30, 2007, AS “DIA DE LOS NIÑOS: CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS,” AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Res. 177

Whereas many nations throughout the world, and especially within the Western hemisphere, celebrate “Día de los Niños”, or “Day of the Children” on the 30th of April, in recognition and celebration of their country’s future—their children;

Whereas children represent the hopes and dreams of the people of the United States;

Whereas children are the center of American families;

Whereas children should be nurtured and invested in to preserve and enhance economic prosperity, democracy, and the American spirit;

Whereas Hispanics in the United States, the youngest and fastest growing ethnic community, continue the tradition of honoring their children on this day, and wish to share this custom with the rest of the Nation;

Whereas it is projected that by the year 2050, 1 in 4 Americans will be of Hispanic descent, and currently approximately 12,300,000 Hispanic children live in the United States;

Whereas traditional Hispanic family life centers largely on children;

Whereas the primary teachers of family values, morality, and culture are parents and family members, and we rely on children to pass on these family values, morals, and culture to future generations;

Whereas more than 500,000 children drop out of school each year, 138,000 of whom are Hispanic, and these dropout rates are unacceptably high;

Whereas the importance of literacy and education are most often communicated to children through family members;

Whereas families should be encouraged to engage in family activities that include extended and elderly family members and encourage children to explore, develop confidence, and pursue their dreams;

Whereas the designation of a day to honor the children of the United States will help affirm for the people of the United States the significance of family, education, and community;

Whereas the designation of a day of special recognition for the children of the United States would provide an opportunity for children to reflect on their future, to articulate their dreams and aspirations, and to find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities;

Whereas the National Latino Children’s Institute, serving as a voice for children, has worked with cities throughout the country to declare April 30 as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans”—a day to bring together Hispanics and other communities nationwide to celebrate and uplift children; and

Whereas the children of a nation are the responsibility of all its people, and people are positive and uplifting and that help children express their hopes and dreams;

(C) provide opportunities for children of all backgrounds to learn about one another’s culture and to share theirs;

Whereas the Healthy Schools Day will provide opportunities for families and children to come together and share ideas to learn about one another’s culture and to share theirs;

Whereas many nations throughout the world, and especially within Latin America, celebrate Día de los Niños on the 30th of April, in recognition and celebration of their country’s future—their children.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce an important resolution designating April 30, 2007 as “Día de los Niños: Celebrating Young Americans.”

Nations throughout the world, and especially within Latin America, celebrate Día de los Niños on the 30th of April, in recognition and celebration of their country’s future—their children. Many American Hispanic families continue the tradition of honoring their children on this day by celebrating Día de los Niños in their homes.

The designation of a day to honor the children of the Nation will help us affirm the significance of family, education, and community. This special recognition of children will provide us with an opportunity to reflect on their future, articulate their hopes and aspirations, and find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities. This resolution calls on the American people to join with all children, families, organizations, communities, churches, cities, and states across the Nation to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

The past year in my state of Utah, there have been a number of events and special programs for Día de los Niños in schools, libraries, cultural centers, and even hospitals.

Joining me as original cosponsors of this Resolution are MEL MARTINEZ, JEFF BINGAMAN, KEN SALAZAR, ROBERT MENENDEZ, and BARBARA BOXER.

I urge my colleagues to join us in passing this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 982. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.
TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 982. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike subparagraphs (D) and (E) of section 402(a)(6).

NOTICES OF HEARINGS
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of Joseph Tim-othy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal En-ergy Regulatory Commission; and R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

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 two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washing-ton, DC 20510-6150, or by email to amanda_kelly@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Amanda Kelly at (202) 224-6836.

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

Mr. KERRY. I would like to inform the Members of the Committee that the Committee will hold a roundtable entitled “SBA Reauthorization: Small Business Loan Programs,” on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Sen-ate on Monday, April 30, 2007, at 2 p.m., in room 233 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to examine U.S. sanctions against Iran and the business dealings of American companies, including Halliburton, with Iran.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Gov-ernmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Monday, April 30, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing entitled, The Federal Govern-ment’s Role in Empowering Americans to Make Informed Financial Decisions. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask unanimous consent that the following members of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the Food and Drug Administration Re-vitalization Act of 2007: Nicky Bassford, David Dorsey, David Noll—and Nancy Hardt, with Senator BINGA-MAN.

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

Mr. ENZI. I also request unanimous consent, on behalf of one of my staff members, to have the privilege of the floor during discussion on this important bill. That will be David Schmickel.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 1332

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I un-derstand that H.R. 1332, has been received from the House and is at the desk, and I would ask for its first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 1332) to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Ad-ministration, and for other purposes.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading, and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The ob-ject is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Sen-ate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 1; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Jour-nal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders re-served for their use later in the day; that there be a period of morning busi-ness for 60 minutes, when Senator Per-mitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first half con-trolled by the Republicans and the final portion under the control of the majority; that at the close of morning business, the Senate then resume con-sideration of S. 1082; that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., for the regularly scheduled con-ference periods.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. KENNEDY. If there is no further business today, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in ad-journment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:08 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 30, 2007:

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

KRISTEN L. SVINSKI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2012, VICE J. SCOTT MEYER, TERM EXPIRING.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MAURICE S. PARKER, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNCILOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND.

JUNE CARTER PAYBY, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNCILOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JAMES RUSSELL DEDRICK, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE RUBY SANDLIN MATTHEY, TERM EXPIRING.

ESTEBAN SOTO III, OF MARYLAND, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE HERMAN WILSON RODRIGUEZ, TERM EXPIRING.

JOE W. STITCHER, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA, FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE MICHAEL G. HEAVISIDE, TERM EXPIRING.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade in-dicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, U.S.C. section 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DANIEL J. DARNELL, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade in-dicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, U.S.C. section 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. CARROLL R. CRANDLER, 0000