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At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . INCREASE OF BARRELS PER DAY AND CUBIC FEET LIMITATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 613A(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to exemption for independent producers and royalty owners) is amended—

(1) by striking “1,000” in paragraph (3)(B) and inserting “1,500”, and

(2) by striking “6,000” in paragraph (4) and inserting “9,000”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.

**SA 1621.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation’s dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . INCREASED PHASEOUT THRESHOLD CREDIT FOR PRODUCING OIL AND GAS FROM MARGINAL WELLS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 45I(b)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to reduction as oil and gas prices increase) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) by striking “\$15” and inserting “\$22”, and

(B) by striking “\$1.67” and inserting “\$2.50”, and

(2) by striking “\$0.33” in clause (ii) and inserting “\$0.30”.

(b) AMENDMENT OF INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Subparagraph (B) of section 45I(b)(2) of such Code (relating to inflation adjustment) is amended—

(1) by striking “2005” and inserting “2008”, and

(2) by striking “2004” and inserting “2007”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.

**SA 1622.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 6, to reduce our Nation’s dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable, and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . INCREASE OF BARRELS PER DAY LIMITATION FOR THE SMALL REFINER EXCEPTION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 613A(d)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to ex-

clusion of certain refiners) is amended by striking “75,000” and inserting “100,000”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007.

**ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the record remain open today until 1 p.m., notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate, for the submission of statements, cosponsorships, and introduction of legislation.

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

**ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2007**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 18; that on Monday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business until 3:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each and with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees; that following morning business the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 6, the comprehensive energy legislation.

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

**ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order for adjournment and morning business, it be in order for Senator COLLINS to call up an amendment with respect to H.R. 6, and that the consideration of that amendment and her statement thereon be printed in the RECORD as if the measure was pending, and that at the conclusion of her remarks the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Maine.

Ms. COLLINS. I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

**H.R. 6—AMENDMENT NO. 1615**

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I call up amendment No. 1615, which is pending at the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS], for herself and Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. SNOWE, and Mrs. MURRAY, proposes an amendment numbered 1615 to amendment No. 1502.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

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

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for the development and coordination of a comprehensive and integrated United States research program that assists the people of the United States and the world to understand, assess, and predict human-induced and natural processes of abrupt climate change)

At the end of title III, insert the following:

**SEC. 305. ABRUPT CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH PROGRAM.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Commerce shall establish within the Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and shall carry out, a program of scientific research on abrupt climate change.

(b) PURPOSES OF PROGRAM.—The purposes of the program are as follows:

(1) To develop a global array of terrestrial and oceanographic indicators of paleoclimate in order to sufficiently identify and describe past instances of abrupt climate change.

(2) To improve understanding of thresholds and nonlinearities in geophysical systems related to the mechanisms of abrupt climate change.

(3) To incorporate such mechanisms into advanced geophysical models of climate change.

(4) To test the output of such models against an improved global array of records of past abrupt climate changes.

(c) ABRUPT CLIMATE CHANGE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “abrupt climate change” means a change in the climate that occurs so rapidly or unexpectedly that human or natural systems have difficulty adapting to the climate as changed.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Commerce for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2014, to remain available until expended, \$10,000,000 to carry out the research program required under this section.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today to propose an amendment that would authorize funding for abrupt climate change research. I am very pleased to be joined on this amendment by Senator CANTWELL, Senator SNOWE, and Senator MURRAY. Our amendment would authorize \$10 million per year for the next 6 years for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA, in partnership with universities across the Nation to conduct research into abrupt climate change.

I recognize the Senate has reached no consensus with regard to how best to respond to climate change. Nevertheless, I believe there is one issue on