

1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623(a)) that are made in such a manner as to ensure that each State's allotment percentage is the percentage the State would receive of funds allotted under such section 2604(a) if the total amount appropriated for fiscal year 2008 and available to carry out such section 2604(a) had been less than \$1,975,000,000.

(b) **RELEASE OF FUNDS.**—Funds appropriated under subsection (a)(2), and funds appropriated (but not obligated) prior to the date of enactment of this Act for making payments under section 2604(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 8623(e)), shall be released to States not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

TITLE —EMERGENCY DESIGNATION

SEC. 501. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.

For purposes of Senate enforcement, all provisions of this Act are designated as emergency requirements and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to section 204 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008.

SA 3984. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3983 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits; as follows:

At the end of the amendment, add the following:

This section shall take effect 4 days after enactment.

SA 3985. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 5140, to provide economic stimulus through recovery rebates to individuals, incentives for business investment, and an increase in conforming and FHA loan limits; as follows:

At the end insert the following:

This section shall become effective 3 days after enactment of the bill.

SA 3986. Mr. REID submitted an amendment which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On line 2, strike 3 and insert 2.

SA 3987. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 3986 proposed by Mr. REID to the bill; as follows:

On line 1, strike 2 and insert 1.

SA 3988. Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2457, to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

(c) **PROHIBITION ON GAMING ACTIVITIES.**—No entity may conduct any gaming activity (within the meaning of section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)) pursuant to a claim of inherent authority or any Federal law (including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) and any regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior or the National Indian Gaming Commission pursuant to that Act) on any land that is leased with an option to renew the lease in accordance with this section.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m., in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Robert G. McSwain to be Director of the Indian Health Service.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, there will be a meeting of the Committee on Rules and Administration on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 10 a.m. in SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building, in order to hear testimony on Protecting Voters at Home and at the Polls: Limiting Abusive Robocalls and Vote Caging Practices.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to hear testimony on the President's fiscal year 2009 budget proposal.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, in order to conduct an oversight hearing entitled: Review of Veterans' Disability Compensation: Rehabilitating Veterans." The Committee will meet in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 5, 2008, at 10 a.m. in order to hold an open hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 5, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in order to hold a closed hearing.

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

PROVIDING FOR EXTENSIONS OF LEASES FOR CERTAIN LAND BY MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT (WESTERN) TRIBE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on

Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2457 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2457) to provide for extensions of leases of certain land by Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read the third time and passed, a motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 3988) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To prohibit gaming activities on certain land)

At the end, add the following:

(c) **PROHIBITION ON GAMING ACTIVITIES.**—No entity may conduct any gaming activity (within the meaning of section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)) pursuant to a claim of inherent authority or any Federal law (including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) and any regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior or the National Indian Gaming Commission pursuant to that Act) on any land that is leased with an option to renew the lease in accordance with this section.

The bill (S. 2457), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2457

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSIONS OF LEASES OF CERTAIN LAND BY MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT (WESTERN) TRIBE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Any lease of restricted land of the Mashantucket Pequot (Western) Tribe (referred to in this section as the "Tribe") entered into on behalf of the Tribe by the tribal corporation of the Tribe chartered pursuant to section 17 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 477), may include an option to renew the lease for not more than 2 additional terms, each of which shall not exceed 25 years, subject only to the approval of the tribal council of the Tribe.

(b) **LIABILITY OF UNITED STATES.**—The United States shall not be liable to any party for any loss resulting from a renewal of a lease entered into pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) **PROHIBITION ON GAMING ACTIVITIES.**—No entity may conduct any gaming activity (within the meaning of section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)) pursuant to a claim of inherent authority or any Federal law (including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) and any regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior or the National Indian Gaming Commission pursuant to that Act) on any land that is leased with an option to renew the lease in accordance with this section.