

On page 27, line 17, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000.

On page 27, line 21, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000.

SA 4148. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 19, line 16, increase the amount by \$71,000,000.

On page 19, line 17, increase the amount by \$54,000,000.

On page 19, line 21, increase the amount by \$12,000,000.

On page 19, line 25, increase the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 20, line 4, increase the amount by \$1,000,000.

On page 27, line 16, decrease the amount by \$71,000,000.

On page 27, line 17, decrease the amount by \$54,000,000.

On page 27, line 21, decrease the amount by \$12,000,000.

On page 27, line 25, decrease the amount by \$3,000,000.

On page 28, line 4, decrease the amount by \$1,000,000.

SA 4149. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 178, expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes; as follows:

On page 5, strike line 7 through line 11, and insert the following:

(4) urges the Government of Guatemala to strengthen laws with respect to domestic violence and sexual harassment, to improve the integrity of the prosecutorial and judicial systems, and to provide the resources and commitment necessary to adequately enforce justice for crimes against women;

On page 5, insert "continue to" before "incorporate" in line 13.

On page 5, insert "continue to" after "encourages the Secretary of State to" in line 18.

On page 7, beginning in line 7, strike "all instances of improper investigatory methods" and insert "instances of failure to investigate and prosecute crimes".

SA 4150. Mr. REID (for Mr. BINGAMAN) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 178, expressing the sympathy of the Senate to the families of women and girls murdered in Guatemala, and encouraging the United States to work with Guatemala to bring an end to these crimes; as follows:

Strike the third whereas clause of the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas, while the overall murder rate in Guatemala has increased substantially, the rate at which women have been murdered in Guatemala has increased at an alarming rate, almost doubling from 2001 to 2006;

SA 4151. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S.

Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 55, line 18, after the word "program" insert "or increasing Federal student loan limits".

SA 4152. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the concurrent resolution S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 55, line 18, after the word "program" insert "or increasing Federal student loan limits".

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Lindsey Miller of my office be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on the budget resolution.

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

COMMEMORATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND THAILAND

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 66.

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

The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 66) commemorating the 175th anniversary of the commencement of the special relationship between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, that there be no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 66) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 66

Whereas 2008 marks the 175th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Amity and Commerce between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand in 1833, during President Andrew Jackson's administration

and the reign of King Rama III, and the commencement of the relationship between the two countries;

Whereas Thailand was the first treaty ally of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region and remains a steadfast friend with shared values of freedom, democracy, and liberty;

Whereas, in December 2003, the United States designated Thailand as a major ally outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which improved the security of both countries, particularly by facilitating joint counterterrorism efforts;

Whereas, for more than a quarter century, Thailand has been the host country of Cobra Gold, the United States Pacific Command's annual multinational military training exercise, designed to ensure regional peace and promote regional security cooperation;

Whereas, in the wake of the tragic 2004 tsunami, the United States and Thailand launched joint relief operations from Utapao, Thailand, strengthening the overall capacity of the forces involved in providing relief and setting the model for effective humanitarian operations throughout the entire region affected by the deadly tsunami;

Whereas Thailand is a key partner of the United States in Southeast Asia and has supported closer relations between the United States and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

Whereas, on June 22, 2006, Congress agreed to House Concurrent Resolution 409, 109th Congress, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the ascension to the throne of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand;

Whereas, on December 5, 2007, the people of Thailand celebrated the 80th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the world's longest-serving monarch, who is loved and respected for his lifelong dedication to the social and economic development of the people of Thailand;

Whereas, on December 23, 2007, the Royal Thai Government held nationwide parliamentary elections that are paving the way for a successful return of democracy to Thailand;

Whereas approximately 500,000 people of Thai descent live in the United States, joining in the pursuit of the American Dream;

Whereas Thailand is the 20th largest trading partner of the United States, with bilateral trade totaling approximately \$30,600,000,000 per year; and

Whereas the bonds of friendship and mutual respect between the United States and Thailand are strong; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) commemorates the 175th anniversary of relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Thailand;

(2) offers sincere congratulations to the Kingdom of Thailand and the people of Thailand for the democratic, free, and fair elections held on December 23, 2007;

(3) commemorates the 80th birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand and offers sincere congratulations and best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Kingdom of Thailand; and

(4) looks forward to continued, enduring ties of friendship between the peoples of Thailand and the United States.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2738 AND S. 2739

Mr. REID. It is my understanding there are two bills at the desk due for their first reading.

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