

reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1009, after line 11, add the following:

SEC. 12207. FARM AND RANCH LAND LINK COORDINATORS.

Section 226B(e)(2) of the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 6934(e)(2)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

“(D) FARM AND RANCH LAND LINK COORDINATOR.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall designate 1 farm and ranch land link coordinator for each State from among the State office employees of any of the following agencies in that State:

“(I) The Farm Service Agency.

“(II) The Natural Resources Conservation Service.

“(III) The Risk Management Agency.

“(IV) The Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

“(V) The Rural Utilities Service.

“(ii) TRAINING.—The Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group shall coordinate the development of a training plan so that each State coordinator receives sufficient training to have a general working knowledge of the programs and services available from each agency of the Department to assist small and beginning farmers and ranchers in the transition of land from retiring farmers and ranchers.

“(iii) DUTIES.—The coordinator shall—

“(I) coordinate technical assistance at the State level to assist small and beginning farmers and ranchers, and retiring farmers and ranchers, interested in, or in process of, the transition of land, with the goal of keeping land in agricultural production;

“(II) develop, in consultation with appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies and nongovernmental organizations, and submit a State plan for approval by the Small Farms and Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Group or as directed by the Secretary to provide coordination to ensure adequate services to small and beginning farmers and ranchers at all county and area offices throughout the State that support linking small and beginning farmers and ranchers with retiring farmers and ranchers, including, at a minimum, facilitating the transition of land;

“(III) oversee implementation of the approved State plan; and

“(IV) work with outreach coordinators in the State offices of the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Risk Management Agency, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, the Rural Utilities Service, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and appropriate nongovernmental organizations to ensure appropriate information about technical assistance is available at outreach events and activities.”

SA 2402. Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 831, strike lines 20 and 21 and insert the following:

38, United States Code.”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i);

(3) by inserting after subsection (g) the following:

“(h) STATE GRANTS.—

“(1) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—In this subsection, the term ‘eligible entity’ means—

“(A) an agency of a State or political subdivision of a State;

“(B) a national, State, or regional organization of agricultural producers; and

“(C) any other entity determined appropriate by the Secretary.

“(2) GRANTS.—The Secretary shall use not less than 4 percent of funds made available to carry out this section for each fiscal year under subsection (i) to make grants to States, on a competitive basis, which States shall use the grants to make grants to eligible entities to establish and improve farm safety programs at the local level.”; and

(4) in subsection (i) (as redesignated by paragraph (2))—

SA 2403. Mr. MORAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3240, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2017, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 291, lines 20 and 21, strike “15 percent” and insert “20”.

NOTICE OF HEARING

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 a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the potential for induced seismicity from energy technologies, including carbon capture and storage, enhanced geothermal systems, production from gas shales, and enhanced oil recovery.

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 it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Meagan_Gins@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Kevin Rennert at 202-224-7826, Kelly Kryc at 202-224-0537, or Meagan Gins at 202-224-0883.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Tax Reform: Impact on U.S. Energy Policy.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled “Equality At Work: The Employment Non-Discrimination Act” on June 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 12, 2012, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Justice.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2012, at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Justin Posey, an intern in Senator PAUL’s office, be granted the privilege of the floor during today’s session of the Senate.

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

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Tejal Shah, a fellow in Senator MARK UDALL’s office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the Senate’s session this week on June 13 and June 14, 2012.

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

COMMENDING THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 44TH INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 491, submitted earlier today by Senators COONS and BOOZMAN. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 491) commending the participants in the 44th International Chemistry Olympiad and recognizing the importance of education in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to the future of the United States.

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