Whereas the Endowment and the affiliated institutes have supported grassroots programs to build democratic institutions, spread democratic values, encourage free market institutions, and promote political parties, worker rights, independent media, human rights, the rule of law, civic education, conflict resolution, political participation by women, and many other essential components of civil society and democratic governance in emerging and transitional democracies, nondemocracies, and war-torn societies;

Whereas the programs carried out or funded by the Endowment have made significant contributions to the efforts of democratic activists to achieve freedom and self-governance around the world;

Whereas the Endowment, through the Journal of Democracy, the International Forum for Democratic Studies, the Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program, and the World Movement for Democracy, has served as a key center of democratic research, exchange, and networking, bringing together thousands of democracy activists, scholars, and practitioners from around the world; and

Whereas the spread of democracy throughout the world, to which the work of the Endowment has contributed significantly, has enhanced the national security interests of the United States and advanced democratic ideals and values throughout the world: Now, therefore, be it

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

(1) commends the National Endowment for Democracy for its major contributions to the strengthening of democracy around the world on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Endowment; and

(2) endeavors to continue to support the vital work of the National Endowment for Democracy.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1590. Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1591. Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1592. Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1593. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1594. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1595. Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1596. Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1597. Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1598. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1599. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2660, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1600. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1601. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1602. Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. REID) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

SA 1603. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1590. Mr. ALLEN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, insert the following:

SEC. ___. Effective as if included in the enactment of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–66, 107 Stat. 312), section 1923(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–4(g)(1)(A)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting ''(or by a related organization of the hospital treating hospital patients)'' after ''by the hospital''; and

(2) by striking the second sentence and inserting the following: ''For purposes of this subparagraph—

''(i) payments made to a hospital for services provided to indigent patients made by a State or a unit of local government within a State shall not be considered to be a source of third party payment; and

''(ii) costs incurred during the year of furnishing hospital services shall include the costs to the hospital or a related organization, including a faculty practice plan that is affiliated with an academic medical center, of physicians' services provided at the hospital.''.

SA 1591. Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 for the prevention, treatment, and control of, and research on HIV/AIDS, in addition to funds appropriated in this Act and under the heading ''Global AIDS Initiative'' in the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2004, $939,700,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided,* That funds appropriated under this section that are made available for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria shall be made available in accordance with sections 202(d)(1) and 202(d)(4) of the United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–25): *Provided further,* That if the President certifies to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives that the funds provided under this section can not be effectively used to implement HIV/AIDS prevention or treatment programs or programs that improve health care infrastructure to more effectively deal with the HIV/AIDS pandemic, then the funds provided by this section shall be returned to the Treasury: *Provided further,* That the amount $6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $7,834,899,000: *Provided further,* That the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $5,843,601,000: *Provided further,* That of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $330,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004.

SA 1592. Mr. REED (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. ___. In addition to any amounts otherwise appropriated under this Act to carry out immunization programs under section 317 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247b), there are appropriated an additional $50,000,000 to carry out such programs: *Provided,* That such amount shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004: *Provided further,* That the amount

$6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,945,199,000: *Provided further,* That the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,733,301,000.

SA 1593. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study concerning the long-term impact of competitive outsourcing at the Department of Health and Human Services on both cost savings as well as performance and efficiency. In conducting such study, the Comptroller General shall examine—

(1) the monetary value of the cost of paying and providing benefits for Federal employees as compared to the cost of contracting out such positions to non-Federal individuals and private entities, including the cost of conducting outsourcing studies, managing contracting out, and monitoring contractor compliance;

(2) the effects of outsourcing on Federal efficiency, specifically the benefits of a stable, integrated workforce on internal Departmental communications, institutional memory, workforce diversity, consistent application of policy (both internal and external), institutional relations with clients (including hospitals, researchers, nonprofit entities, and the general public), and the ability to recruit and retain the highest levels of expertise within crucial health agencies; and

(3) performance and accountability in outsourced work compared to work conducted by Federal Government agencies, specifically, whether or not there are adequate measurements in contracts to ensure performance levels, and if there exists a comprehensive means for determining accountability in the carrying out of Federal Government contracts.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report concerning the study conducted under subsection (a).

SA 1594. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS.—In addition to any amounts otherwise appropriated under this Act for health professions programs and activities under title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 292 et seq.), there are appropriated an additional $257,000,000 for the Health Resources and Services Administration to fund such programs and activities.

(b) OFFSET.—Of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $480,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004. The amount $6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $7,152,199,000, and the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,526,301,000.

SA 1595. Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DURBIN, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC.____. In addition to any amounts otherwise appropriated under this Act for additional home energy assistance needs of one or more States arising from a natural disaster or other emergency, under section 2602(e) of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621(e)), there are appropriated an additional $300,000,000 for such needs: *Provided,* That of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $264,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004: *Provided further,* That the amount $6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $7,195,199,000: *Provided further,* That the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,483,301,000.

SA 1596. Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SARBANES, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 306. (a) In addition to any amounts otherwise appropriated under this Act, there are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

(1) an additional $15,081,000 to carry out subpart 4 of part B of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965;

(2) an additional $24,100,000 to carry out the Library Services and Technology Act; and

(3) an additional $5,182,000 to carry out the Museum Services Act.

(b) Of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $20,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004.

(c) The amount $6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,939,562,000, and the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,738,938,000.

SA 1597. Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. REED, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. KERRY, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mrs. BOXER) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) HEAD START FUNDING.—In addition to any amounts otherwise appropriated under this Act to carry out programs and activities under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9801 et seq.), there are appropriated an additional $350,000,000 for such programs and activities.

(b) OFFSET.—Of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $700,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004. The amount $6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $7,245,199,000, and the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,433,301,000.

SA 1598. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Ms. CANTWELL) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. ____. In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated under this Act to carry out programs and activities under title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300ff-11 et seq.), there are appropriated an additional—

(1) $74,010,000 to carry out part A of such title XXVI (42 U.S.C. 300ff-11 et seq.);

(2) $50,000,000 to carry out part B of such title XXVI (42 U.S.C. 300ff-21 et seq.);

(3) $214,800,000 to carry out State AIDS Drug Assistance Programs under section 2616 of such title XXVI (42 U.S.C. 300ff–26);

(4) $21,130,000 to carry out part C of such title XXVI (42 U.S.C. 300ff-51 et seq.);

(5) $25,450,000 to carry out part D of such title XXVI (42 U.S.C. 300ff-71 et seq.);

(6) $10,450,000 to carry out section 2692(a) of such title XXVI (42 U.S.C. 300ff-111(a)); and

(7) $5,590,000 to carry out section 2692(b) of such title XXVI (42 U.S.C. 300ff-111(b)).

Provided, That of the funds appropriated under this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $750,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004: *Provided further,* That the amount $6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $7,296,629,000: *Provided further,* That the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,381,871,000.

SA 1599. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services,

and Education, and for related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) HEALTH WORKFORCE DIVERSITY PROGRAMS.—In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated to enable the Bureau of Health Professions to carry out the programs described in paragraphs (1) through (4), there are appropriated an additional $109,000,000 to the Bureau of Health Professions to support health workforce diversity programs, including—

(1) Centers of Excellence;

(2) Health Career Opportunities Programs;

(3) Disadvantaged Faculty Loan Repayment;

(4) Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students; and

(5) Health Professions Education in Health Disparities and Cultural Competency.

(b) OFFSET.—Of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $150,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004. The amount $6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $7,004,199,000, and the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,653,301,000.

SA 1600. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and for related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) MOTHER-TO-CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION PREVENTION.—In addition to any amounts otherwise made available under this Act to carry out mother-to-child HIV transmission prevention activities, there shall be made available an additional $60,000,000 to carry out such activities.

(b) REDUCTION IN AMOUNTS.—Amounts made available under this Act for the administrative and related expenses for departmental management for the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, and related agencies shall be reduced on a pro rata basis by $60,000,000.

SA 1601. Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and for related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 61, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) MOTHER-TO-CHILD HIV TRANSMISSION PREVENTION.—In addition to any amounts otherwise made available under this Act to carry out mother-to-child HIV transmission prevention activities, there shall be made available an additional $60,000,000 to carry out such activities.

(b) REDUCTION IN AMOUNTS.—Each amount appropriated under this Act (other than amounts appropriated for mother-to-child HIV transmission prevention activities) that is not required to be appropriated by a provision of law shall be reduced on a pro rata basis by $60,000,000.

SA 1602. Mr. CORZINE (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. REID) proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and for related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title III add the following:

SEC. 306. None of the funds provided under this Act shall be used to implement or enforce the annual updates to the allowance for State and other taxes in the tables used in the Federal Needs Analysis Methodology to determine a student's expected family contribution for the award year 2004-2005 under part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087kk et seq.) published in the Federal Register on Friday, May 30, 2003 (68 Fed. Reg. 32473), to the extent that such implementation or enforcement of the updates will reduce the amount of Federal student financial assistance for which a student is eligible: *Provided,* That of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $200,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004.

SA 1603. Mr. REID proposed an amendment to amendment SA 1542 proposed by Mr. SPECTER to the bill H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and for related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of title III, insert the following:

SEC. 306. (a) In addition to any amounts otherwise appropriated under this Act, there are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

(1) an additional $85,000,000 to carry out title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (language instruction);

(2) an additional $6,449,000 to carry out part A of title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Hispanic-serving institutions);

(3) an additional $4,587,000 to carry out part C of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (migrant education);

(4) an additional $11,000,000 to carry out high school equivalency program activities under section 418A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEP);

(5) an additional $1,000,000 to carry out college assistance migrant program activities under section 418A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (CAMP);

(6) an additional $12,776,000 to carry out subpart 16 of part D of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (parental assistance and local family information centers); and

(7) an additional $69,000,000 to carry out migrant and seasonal Head Start programs: *Provided,* That such sum shall be in addition to funds reserved for migrant, seasonal, and other Head Start programs under section 640(a)(2) of the Head Start Act.

(b) Of the funds appropriated in this Act for the National Institutes of Health, $146,000,000 shall not be available for obligation until September 30, 2004.

(c) The amount $6,895,199,000 in section 305(a)(1) of this Act shall be deemed to be $7,085,011,000 and the amount $6,783,301,000 in section 305(a)(2) of this Act shall be deemed to be $6,593,489,000.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 10 a.m., to receive testimony on U.S. military commitments and ongoing military operations abroad.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 9, 2003, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on ''The Implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Restoring Investor Confidence.''

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. on oversight of transportation security.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 9 at 10 a.m. to consider the nominations of Suedeen G. Kelly to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Rick A. Dearborn to be Assistant Secretary of Energy, Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on ''The Alias Among Us; The Homeland Security and Terrorism Threat from Document Fraud, Identity Theft and Social Security Number Misuse.''

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at 9:45 a.m. to hold an all-Member briefing on North Korea.

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