to the bill H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2485. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3293, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2486. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1434, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2487. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1407, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2488. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1432, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2489. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2490. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2491. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2492. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL, of Colorado, Mr. BENNET, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2493. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. UDALL, of New Mexico, Mr. TESTER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. UDALL, of Colorado, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2494. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra.

SA 2495. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2496. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2497. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2498. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2996, supra.

SA 2499. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2500. Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2996, supra.

SA 2501. Mr. RISCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2502. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2503. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2504. Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra.

SA 2505. Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2506. Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2477 submitted by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BOND) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2507. Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2508. Mr. VITTER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2996, supra.

SA 2509. Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2510. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2477 submitted by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BOND) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2996, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2470. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. JOHANNS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. E15 FUEL.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term ''Administrator'' means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) E15 FUEL.—The term ''E15 fuel'' means transportation fuel that consists of—

(A) 85 percent gasoline; and

(B) 15 percent ethanol.

(3) TRANSPORTATION FUEL.—The term ''transportation fuel'' has the meaning given the term in section 211(o)(1) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)(1)).

(4) WAIVER.—The term ''waiver'' means a waiver from the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 211(f) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(f)).

(b) WAIVER.—Not later than December 1, 2009, the Administrator shall issue a waiver for E15 fuel.

(c) FAILURE TO ISSUE A WAIVER.—If the Administrator fails to issue a waiver for E15 fuel under subsection (b) by the date specified in that subsection, none of the funds made available under this or any Act may be used by the Administrator to enforce section 211(f) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(f)).

SA 2471. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. CRAPO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. PROHIBITION ON USE OF WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT STIMULUS FUNDS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 115) for wildland fire management shall be used in the District of Columbia.

SA 2472. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT AN ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to implement the order of the Secretary of the Interior relating to climate change numbered 3289 and dated September 14, 2009.

SA 2473. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT A CERTAIN GREENHOUSE GAS RULE UNTIL A PROCEEDING IS CONDUCTED.

None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to finalize or implement the proposed rule of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency entitled ''Proposed Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases Under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act'' (74 Fed. Reg. 18886 (April 24, 2009)) until the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency conducts the proceeding requested by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in the petition entitled ''Petition of the Chamber of

Comm. of the U.S.A. for EPA to Conduct Its Endangerment Finding Proceeding On The Record Using APA §§ 556 and 557'' (EPA Docket No. EPAHQ–OAR–2009–0171–3411.1 (June 23, 2009)).

SA 2474. Mr. BARRASSO submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT A GREENHOUSE GAS RULE UNTIL A CERTAIN INVESTIGATION IS CONDUCTED.

None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to finalize, implement, or issue regulations based on the proposed rule of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency entitled ''Proposed Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases Under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act'' (74 Fed. Reg. 18886 (April 24, 2009)) until the Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency conducts the investigation requested by Senator John Thune in the letter to Mr. Bill A. Roderick, Acting Inspector General, dated June 30, 2009, regarding the suppression by the Environmental Protection Agency of a report prepared by Dr. Carlin.

SA 2475. Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. ENZI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 121, strike lines 10 through 14 and insert the following:

to remain available until expended, and in addition,

SA 2476. Mr. LAUTENBERG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 127, strike lines 11 through 13 and insert the following:

resources, $1,245,786,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011, except as otherwise provided herein: *Provided*, That not less than $1,900,000 of that amount shall be for research on, and monitoring and prevention of, white nose bat syndrome: *Provided further*, That $2,500,000 is for high-priority projects, which

On page 128, line 24, strike ''$82,790,000'' and insert ''$81,390,000''.

On page 129, line 4, after ''2004'', insert '', and not more than $1,400,000 shall be for the Wallkill National Wildlife Refuge''.

SA 2477. Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BOND) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 192, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

GENERAL PROVISIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

RENEWABLE FUEL PROGRAM

SEC. 201. None of the funds made available for the Environmental Protection Agency under this title may be expended by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out any activities relating to the inclusion of international indirect land use change emissions in the implementation of the renewable fuel program established under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(o)): *Provided*, That nothing in this section prevents the Administrator from promulgating renewable fuel requirements for calendar year 2010 or any subsequent calendar year under section 211(o) of that Act.

SA 2478. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. SPECTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 129, line 2, strike ''not more than $1,500,000 shall be for land conservation partnerships authorized by the Highlands Conservation Act of 2004: *Provided*, That'' and insert ''not more than $4,000,000 shall be for land conservation partnerships authorized by the Highlands Conservation Act (Public Law 108-421; 118 Stat. 2375): *Provided*, That $2,500,000 of that amount shall be derived from amounts made available under this title for maintenance and facilities of the Department of the Interior: *Provided further*, That''.

SA 2479. Mr. ENSIGN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 120, line 22, strike ''$965,721,000'' and insert ''$970,721,000''.

On page 121, lines 15 through 17, strike ''$36,696,000 is for Mining Law Administration program operations, including the cost of administering the mining claim fee program'' and insert ''$41,696,000 is for Mining Law Administration program operations (including the cost of administering the mining claim fee program), of which $5,000,000, to be derived by transfer from unobligated amounts made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5), shall be made available to hire additional staff to address permitting delays of filed mining claims''.

On page 121, line 21, strike ''$965,721,000'' and insert ''$970,721,000''.

SA 2480. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____. In the matter under the heading ''NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'' under the heading ''DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'' of title I—

(1) reduce the overall amount made available under the heading ''NATIONAL RECREATION AND PRESERVATION'' by $1,000,000 by eliminating any funding for the Sewall-Belmont House; and

(2) increase the overall amount made available under the heading ''CONSTRUCTION'' by $1,000,000 to be used for maintenance, repair, or rehabilitation projects for constructed assets.

SA 2481. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2456 submitted by Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) In this section, the term ''conference'' means a meeting that—

(1) is held for consultation, education, awareness, or discussion;

(2) includes participants who are not all employees of the same Federal agency;

(3) is not held entirely at a facility of a Federal agency;

(4) involves costs associated with travel and lodging for some participants; and

(5) is sponsored by 1 or more Federal agencies, 1 or more organizations that are not Federal agencies, or a combination of such Federal agencies or organizations.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the aggregate amount made available under this Act for expenses of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to conferences in fiscal year 2010, including expenses relating to conference programs, staff, travel costs, and other conference matters, may not exceed $15,000,000.

SA 2482. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 173, strike line 1 and all that follows through page 174, line 5, and insert the following:

NORTHERN PLAINS HERITAGE AREA, AMENDMENT

SEC. 115. (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8004 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1240) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (g) through (i) as subsections (h) through (j), respectively;

(2) in subsection (h)(1) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking ''subsection (i)'' and inserting ''subsection (j)''; and

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

''(g) REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION AND REMOVAL OF PROPERTY IN A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.—

''(1) PRIVATE PROPERTY INCLUSION.—No privately owned property shall be included in a National Heritage Area unless the owner of the private property provides to the management entity a written request for the inclusion.

''(2) PROPERTY REMOVAL.—

''(A) PRIVATE PROPERTY.—At the request of an owner of private property included in a National Heritage Area pursuant to paragraph (1), the private property shall be immediately withdrawn from the National Heritage Area if the owner of the property provides to the management entity a written notice requesting removal.

''(B) PUBLIC PROPERTY.—

''(i) INCLUSION.—Only on written notice from the appropriate State or local government entity may public property be included in a National Heritage Area.

''(ii) WITHDRAWAL.—On written notice from the appropriate State or local government entity, public property shall be immediately withdrawn from a National Heritage Area.''.

(b) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—None of the funds made available by this Act shall be made available for a Heritage Area that does not comply with section 8004(g) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1240) (as amended by subsection (a)).

SA 2483. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. MAINTENANCE BACKLOG.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any funds provided from the land and water conservation fund established under section 2 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–5) to an agency under this Act for Federal land acquisition shall be used by the agency for maintenance, repair, or rehabilitation projects for constructed assets.

SA 2484. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 263, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 9____. None of the funds made available under this Act may be distributed to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries.

SA 2485. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3293, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 267, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

SEC. 4____. None of the funds made available under this Act may be distributed to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries.

SA 2486. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1434, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 217, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

GENERAL PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS

SEC. 70____. None of the funds made available under this Act may be distributed to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries.

SA 2487. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1407, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 60, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 6____. None of the funds made available under this Act may be distributed to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries.

SA 2488. Mr. JOHANNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1432, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 166, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

TITLE IX—ADDITIONAL GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 901. None of the funds made available under this Act may be distributed to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries.

SA 2489. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS

SEC. 4__. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to promulgate or implement any regulation of carbon dioxide emissions under title V of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7661 et seq.) that will result in significant job loss in manufacturing- or coal-dependent regions of the United States such as the Midwest, Great Plains or South.

SA 2490. Mr. BOND submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS

SEC. 4__. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to promulgate or implement any regulation of carbon dioxide emissions under title V of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7661 et seq.) that will result in an increase in retail prices of fertilizer or fuels used for agricultural production.

SA 2491. Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION.

(a) MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—Section 403(a) of the National Forest Foundation Act (16 U.S.C. 583j-1(a)) is amended, in the first sentence, by striking ''fifteen Directors'' and inserting ''not more than 30 Directors''.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—Section 405 of the National Forest Foundation Act (16 U.S.C. 583j-3) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking ''section 410(a)'' and inserting ''section 410''; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking ''section 410(b)'' and inserting ''section 410''.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 410 of the National Forest Foundation Act (16 U.S.C. 583j-8) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 410. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

''There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out this title $3,000,000 for fiscal year 2009 and each fiscal year thereafter, to be made available to the Foundation to match, on a 1-for-1 basis, private contributions that are made to the Foundation.''.

SA 2492. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. BENNET, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. TESTER, and Mrs. BOXER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 197, line 11, strike ''$2,586,637,000'' and insert ''$2,576,637,000''.

On page 198, line 10, strike ''$350,285,000'' and insert ''$340,285,000''.

On page 200, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

COLLABORATIVE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION FUND

For expenses authorized by section 4003(f) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (16 U.S.C. 7303(f)), $10,000,000, to remain available until expended.

SA 2493. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. BOXER, Mr.

WYDEN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. TESTER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. JOHNSON) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 159, line 25, strike ''$979,637,000'' and insert ''$904,637,000''.

On page 197, line 11, strike'' $2,586,637,000'' and insert ''$1,827,637,000''.

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. FLAME FUND FOR EMERGENCY WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FEDERAL LAND.—The term ''Federal land'' means—

(A) public land, as defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702);

(B) units of the National Park System;

(C) refuges of the National Wildlife Refuge System;

(D) land held in trust by the United States for the benefit of Indian tribes or members of an Indian tribe; and

(E) land in the National Forest System, as defined in section 11(a) of the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 1609(a)).

(2) FLAME FUND.—The term ''Flame Fund'' means the Federal Land Assistance, Management, and Enhancement Fund established by subsection (b).

(3) SECRETARIES.—The term ''Secretaries'' means the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, acting jointly.

(4) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term ''Secretary concerned'' means—

(A) the Secretary of the Interior, with respect to Federal land described in subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) of paragraph (1); and

(B) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to National Forest System land.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF FLAME FUND.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund to be known as the ''Federal Land Assistance, Management, and Enhancement Fund'', consisting of—

(1) such amounts as are appropriated to the Flame Fund; and

(2) such amounts as are transferred to the Flame Fund under subsection (d).

(c) FUNDING.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Flame Fund such amounts as are necessary to carry out this section.

(B) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—It is the intent of Congress that the amounts appropriated to the Flame Fund for each fiscal year should be not less than the combined average amount expended by each Secretary concerned for emergency wildfire suppression activities over the 5 fiscal years preceding the fiscal year for which amounts are appropriated.

(C) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated to the Flame Fund shall remain available until expended.

(2) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to the Flame Fund, out of funds of the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $834,000,000.

(3) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DESIGNATION OF FLAME FUND APPROPRIATIONS AS EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(A) further amounts appropriated to the Flame Fund should be designated as amounts necessary to meet emergency needs; and

(B) the new budget authority and outlays resulting from the appropriations should not be considered for the purposes of titles III and IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 631 et seq.).

(4) NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.—The Secretaries shall notify the congressional committees described in subsection (h)(2) if the Secretaries estimate that only 60 days worth of funding remains in the Flame Fund.

(d) TRANSFER OF EXCESS WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION AMOUNTS INTO FLAME FUND.—At the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary concerned shall transfer to the Flame Fund amounts that—

(1) are appropriated to the Secretary concerned for wildfire suppression activities for the fiscal year; but

(2) are not obligated for wildfire suppression activities before the end of the fiscal year.

(e) USE OF FLAME FUND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), amounts in the Flame Fund shall be available to the Secretary concerned to pay the costs of emergency wildfire suppression activities that are separate from amounts annually appropriated to the Secretary concerned for routine wildfire suppression activities.

(2) DECLARATION REQUIRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Amounts in the Flame Fund shall be made available to the Secretary concerned only after the Secretaries issue a declaration that a wildfire suppression activity is eligible for funding from the Flame Fund.

(B) DECLARATION CRITERIA.—A declaration by the Secretaries under subparagraph (A) may be issued only if—

(i) in the case of an individual wildfire incident—

(I) the fire covers 300 or more acres; and

(II) the Secretaries determine that the fire has required an emergency Federal response based on the significant complexity, severity, or threat posed by the fire to human life, property, or resources; or

(ii) the cumulative costs of wildfire suppression activities for the Secretary concerned have exceeded the amounts appropriated to the Secretary concerned for those activities (not including funds deposited in the Flame Fund).

(3) TRANSFER OF AMOUNTS TO SECRETARY CONCERNED.—After issuance of a declaration under paragraph (2) and on request of the Secretary concerned, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the Flame Fund to the Secretary concerned such amounts as the Secretaries determine are necessary for wildfire suppression activities associated with the declaration.

(4) STATE, PRIVATE, AND TRIBAL LAND.—Use of the Flame Fund for emergency wildfire suppression activities on State land, private land, and tribal land shall be consistent with any existing agreements in which the Secretary concerned has agreed to assume responsibility for wildfire suppression activities on the land.

(f) TREATMENT OF ANTICIPATED AND PREDICTED ACTIVITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (e)(2)(B)(ii), the Secretary concerned shall continue to fund routine wildfire suppression activities within the appropriate agency budget for each fiscal year.

(2) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—It is the intent of Congress that funding made available through the Flame Fund be used—

(A) to supplement the funding otherwise appropriated to the Secretary concerned; and

(B) only for purposes in, and instances consistent with, this section.

(g) PROHIBITION ON OTHER TRANSFERS.—Any amounts in the Flame Fund and any amounts appropriated for the purpose of wildfire suppression on Federal land shall be obligated before the Secretary concerned may transfer funds from non-fire accounts for wildfire suppression.

(h) ACCOUNTING AND REPORTS.—

(1) ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING SYSTEM.—The Secretaries shall establish an accounting and reporting system for the Flame Fund that is compatible with existing National Fire Plan reporting procedures.

(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Annually, the Secretaries shall submit to the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on Agriculture, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Indian Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and make available to the public a report that—

(A) describes the use of amounts from the Flame Fund; and

(B) includes any recommendations that the Secretaries may have to improve the administrative control and oversight of the Flame Fund.

(3) ESTIMATES OF WILDFIRE SUPPRESSION COSTS TO IMPROVE BUDGETING AND FUNDING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Consistent with the schedule provided in subparagraph (C), the Secretaries shall submit to the committees described in paragraph (2) an estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs for the applicable fiscal year and the subsequent fiscal year.

(B) PEER REVIEW.—The methodology for developing the estimates under subparagraph (A) shall be subject to periodic peer review to ensure compliance with subparagraph (D).

(C) SCHEDULE.—The Secretaries shall submit an estimate under subparagraph (A) during—

(i) the first week of February of each year;

(ii) the first week of April of each year;

(iii) the first week of July of each year; and

(iv) if a bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and the Forest Service for the following fiscal year has not been enacted by September 1, the first week of September of each year.

(D) REQUIREMENTS.—An estimate of anticipated wildfire suppression costs shall be developed using the best available—

(i) climate, weather, and other relevant data; and

(ii) models and other analytic tools.

(i) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority under this section shall terminate at the end of the third fiscal year in which no appropriations to or withdrawals from the Flame Fund have been made for a period of 3 consecutive fiscal years.

SEC. 424. COHESIVE WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY.

(a) STRATEGY REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, acting jointly, shall submit to Congress a report that contains a cohesive wildfire management strategy, consistent with the recommendations described in recent reports of the Government Accountability Office regarding management strategies.

(b) ELEMENTS OF STRATEGY.—The strategy required by subsection (a) shall provide for—

(1) the identification of the most cost-effective means for allocating fire management budget resources;

(2) the reinvestment in non-fire programs by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture;

(3) employing the appropriate management response to wildfires;

(4) assessing the level of risk to communities;

(5) the allocation of hazardous fuels reduction funds based on the priority of hazardous fuels reduction projects;

(6) assessing the impacts of climate change on the frequency and severity of wildfire; and

(7) studying the effects of invasive species on wildfire risk.

(c) REVISION.—At least once during each 5-year period beginning on the date of the submission of the cohesive wildfire management strategy under subsection (a), the Secretaries shall revise the strategy submitted under that subsection to address any changes affecting the strategy, including changes with respect to landscape, vegetation, climate, and weather.

SA 2494. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. JUNGO DISPOSAL SITE EVALUATION.

Using funds made available under this Act, the Director of the United States Geological Survey shall conduct an evaluation of the aquifers in the area of the Jungo Disposal Site in Humboldt County, Nevada (referred to in this section as the ''site''), to evaluate—

(1) how long it would take waste seepage (including asbestos, discarded tires, and sludge from water treatment plants) from the site to contaminate local underground water resources;

(2) the distance that contamination from the site would travel in each of—

(A) 95 years; and

(B) 190 years;

(3) the potential impact of expected waste seepage from the site on nearby surface water resources, including Rye Patch Reservoir and the Humboldt River;

(4) the size and elevation of the aquifers; and

(5) any impact that the waste seepage from the site would have on the municipal water resources of Winnemucca, Nevada.

SA 2495. Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 193, line 13, insert before '': *Provided*'' the following: ''and of which $2,000,000 may be made available to the Pest and Disease Revolving Loan Fund established by section 10205(b) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (16 U.S.C. 2104a(b))''.

SA 2496. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the National Endowment for the Arts.

SA 2497. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. _____. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER, NEVADA.

None of the funds made available under this Act may be used for the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center in the State of Nevada.

SA 2498. Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

FUNDING LIMITATION

SEC. ____. None of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act may be used for the administrative expenses of any official identified by the President to serve in a position without express statutory authorization and which is responsible for the interagency development or coordination of any rule, regulation, or policy unless—

(1) the President certifies to Congress that such official will respond to all reasonable requests to testify before, or provide information to, any congressional committee with jurisdiction over such matters; and

(2) such official submits a report biannually to each congressional committee with jurisdiction over such matters, describing the activities of the official and the office of such official, any rule, regulation, or policy that the official or the office of such official participated or assisted in the development of, or any rule, regulation, or policy that the official or the office of such official directed be developed by the department or agency with statutory responsibility for the matter.

SA 2499. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 209, line 21, before the period at the end, insert '': *Provided further*, That if the Indian Health Service has reserved unobligated funds for contract health services for fiscal year 2009, the Service shall pay, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Indian Health Service share of contract health service obligations that were approved for payment before October 1, 2009, and incurred after October 1, 1999, for contract health care provided to contract health service-eligible users in the Schurz Service Unit''.

SA 2500. Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Secretary of the Interior to restrict, reduce, or reallocate any water, as determined in—

(1) the biological opinion published by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and dated December 15, 2008; and

(2) the biological opinion published by the National Marine Fisheries Service and dated June 4, 2009.

SA 2501. Mr. RISCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 122, line 11, insert before the period at the end the following: '': *Provided*, That, notwithstanding the joint explanatory statement of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives accompanying Public Law 111–8 (123 Stat. 524), the amount of $2,000,000 made available for the Henry's Lake ACEC in the State of Idaho (as described in the table entitled ''Congressionally Designated Spending'' contained in section 430 of that joint explanatory statement) shall be made available for the Upper Snake/South Fork River ACEC/SRMA in the State of Idaho''.

SA 2502. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____. (a) The Senate finds that—

(1)(A) mercury was used in switches found in the convenience lighting and anti-lock brake systems of old cars, including models manufactured overseas before 1992 and models manufactured in the United States before 2003;

(B) if those switches are not removed from a car prior to crushing, the resulting scrap metal will contain mercury;

(C) every year, the steel industry melts down 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 used cars as valuable feedstock for steel;

(D) when the scrap is melted, mercury is released through the stacks of the furnaces and into the air people breathe;

(E) while each switch is small, the quantity of mercury found in the switches adds up quickly;

(F) in 2003, the cars recycled by the steel industry contained 8,500,000 switches and approximately 10 tons of mercury;

(G) steel is the fourth largest emitter of mercury in the United States; and

(H) vehicle switches are the largest source of mercury for the steel industry;

(2)(A) in August 2006, 9 organizations launched the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recovery Program (referred to in this section as the ''Program'') to increase the recovery of mercury-filled switches found in old cars, including—

(i) the American Iron and Steel Institute;

(ii) the Steel Manufacturers Association;

(iii) the Automotive Recyclers Association;

(iv) the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries;

(v) the End of Life Vehicles Corporation;

(vi) the Environmental Defense Fund;

(vii) the Ecology Center;

(viii) the Environmental Council of the States; and

(ix) the Environmental Protection Agency;

(B) the Program is operating through the End of Life Vehicles Corporation (referred to in this section as ''ELVS''), a nonprofit organization established and operated by automobile manufacturers and other founders of the national voluntary Program; and

(C) ELVS—

(i) educates scrappers on how to recover mercury switches;

(ii) provides sealed containers for the scrappers to use when shipping the switches to ELVS;

(iii) negotiates responsible disposal of the switches;

(iv) pays incentive bounties for each recovered switch; and

(v) handles the receipt and responsible disposal of switches from States with mandatory mercury switch recycling laws;

(3)(A) in February 2008, after 18 months of operation, the Program collected 1,000,000 switches; and

(B) collection has picked up since with more than 1,000,000 switches recovered during the 12 month-period beginning in August 2008; and

(4)(A) since August 2009, however, the bounty fund established by the auto and steel industry had been empty;

(B) funding for the operation of ELVS itself is in jeopardy; and

(C) the timing is particularly unfortunate in light of the success of the Cash for Clunkers Temporary Vehicle Trade-In Program, which has resulted in another 670,000 old cars being taken off the road and recycled.

(b) It the sense of the Senate that the Senate—

(1) supports the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recovery Program; and

(2) urges the founders of the effective Program find a way to fund the Program so that the successful efforts of the Program to prevent mercury pollution may continue.

SA 2503. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 144, strike line 11 and all that follows through page 146, line 23, and insert the following:

$2,334,322,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011 except as otherwise provided herein; of which not to exceed $8,500 may be for official reception and representation expenses; of which not to exceed $74,915,000 shall be for welfare assistance payments: *Provided*, That in cases of designated Federal disasters, the Secretary may exceed such cap, from the amounts provided herein, to provide for disaster relief to Indian communities affected by the disaster; of which, notwithstanding any other provision of law, including but not limited to the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975, as amended, not to exceed $154,794,000 shall be available for payments for contract support costs associated with ongoing contracts, grants, compacts, or annual funding agreements entered into with the Bureau prior to or during fiscal year 2010, as authorized by such Act, except that tribes and tribal organizations may use their tribal priority allocations for unmet contract support costs of ongoing contracts, grants, or compacts, or annual funding agreements and for unmet welfare assistance costs; of which not to exceed $566,702,000 for school operations costs of Bureau-funded schools and other education programs shall become available on July 1, 2010, and shall remain available until September 30, 2011; of which $50,000,000 is appropriated to the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health, established by section 601 of Public Law 110–293 (25 U.S.C. 443c); and of which not to exceed $60,958,000 shall remain available until expended for housing improvement, road maintenance, attorney fees, litigation support, the Indian Self-Determination Fund, land records improvement, and the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Program: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding any other provision of law, including but not limited to the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975, as amended, and 25 U.S.C. 2008, not to exceed $43,373,000 within and only from such amounts made available for school operations shall be available for administrative cost grants associated with ongoing grants entered into with the Bureau prior to or during fiscal year 2009 for the operation of Bureau-funded schools, and up to $500,000 within and only from such amounts made available for administrative cost grants shall be available for the transitional costs of initial administrative cost grants to grantees that assume operation on or after July 1, 2009, of Bureau-funded schools: *Provided further*, That any forestry funds allocated to a tribe which remain unobligated as of September 30, 2011, may be transferred during fiscal year 2012 to an Indian forest land assistance account established for the benefit of the holder of the funds within the holder's trust fund account: *Provided further*, That any such unobligated balances not so transferred shall expire on September 30, 2012: *Provided further*, That in order to enhance the safety of Bureau field employees, the Bureau may use funds to purchase uniforms or other identifying articles of clothing for personnel.

CONSTRUCTION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For construction, repair, improvement, and maintenance of irrigation and power systems, buildings, utilities, and other facilities, including architectural and engineering services by contract; acquisition of lands, and interests in lands; and preparation of lands for farming, and for construction of the Navajo Indian Irrigation Project pursuant to Public Law 87–483, $200,000,000, to remain available

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SA 2504. Mr. ISAKSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 219, line 5, before ''and including'', insert the following: ''of which $5,000,000 may be made available to the Secretary of the Interior to develop, in conjunction with Morehouse College, a program to catalogue,preserve, provide public access to and research on, develop curriculum and courses based on, provide public access to, and conduct scholarly forums on the important works and papers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to provide a better understanding of the message and teachings of Dr. Martine Luther King, Jr.;''.

SA 2505. Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 192, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

GENERAL PROVISIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BLACK CARBON

SEC. 201. (a) Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator, in consultation with other Federal agencies, may carry out and submit to Congress the results of a study to define black carbon, assess the impacts of black carbon on global and regional climate, and identify the most cost-effective ways to reduce black carbon emissions—

(1) to improve global and domestic public health; and

(2) to mitigate the climate impacts of black carbon.

(b) In carrying out the study, the Administrator shall—

(1) identify global and domestic black carbon sources, the quantities of emissions from those sources, and cost-effective mitigation technologies and strategies;

(2) evaluate the public health, climate, and economic impacts of black carbon;

(3) identify current and practicable future opportunities to provide financial, technical, and related assistance to reduce domestic and international black carbon emissions; and

(4) identify opportunities for future research and development to reduce black carbon emissions and protect public health in the United States and internationally.

(c) Of the amounts made available under this title under the heading ''ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT'' for operations and administration, up to $2,000,000 shall be—

(1) transferred to the account used to fund the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

(2) used by the Administrator to carry out this section.

SA 2506. Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2477 submitted by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BOND) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 1, strike line 6 and all that follows through page 2, line 5, and insert the following:

SEC. 201. The funds made available for the Environmental Protection Agency under this title may be expended by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate regulations for the renewable fuel program established under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act (42U.S.C. 7545(o)) only if the regulations take into consideration an appropriate characterization, as determined by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Energy, of the uncertainty in calculating the international indirect land use change emissions in the implementation of the renewable fuel program.

SA 2507. Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 193, line 9, strike ''$1,556,329,000'' and insert ''$1,552,429,000''.

On page 193, line 20, insert before the period at the end the following: '': *Provided further*, that $282,617,000 shall be made available for recreation, heritage, and wilderness''.

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. CABIN USER FEES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to increase the amount of cabin user fees under section 608 of the Cabin User Fee Fairness Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 6207) to an amount beyond the amount levied on December 31, 2009.

SA 2508. Mr. VITTER proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 240, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following:

SEC. 423. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUND TO DELAY DRAFT PROPOSED OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM 2010–2015.

None of the funds made available by this Act shall be used to delay the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2010–2015 issued by the Secretary of the Interior under section 18 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1344).

SA 2509. Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title IV, add the following:

BUYOUT AND RELOCATION

SEC. 4____. (a) As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (referred to in this section as the ''Administrator'') is encouraged to consider all appropriate criteria, including cost-effectiveness, relating to the buyout and relocation of residents of properties in Treece, Kansas, that are subject to risk relating to, and that may endanger the health of occupants as a result of risks posed by, chat (as defined in section 278.1(b) of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act)).

(b) For the purpose of the remedial action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) that includes permanent relocation of residents of Treece, Kansas, any such relocation shall not be subject to the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.).

(c) Nothing in this section shall in any way affect, impede, or change the relocation or remediation activities pursuant to the Record of Decision Operable Unit 4, Chat Piles, Other Mine and Mill Waste, and Smelter Waste, Tar Creek Superfund Site, Ottawa County, Oklahoma (OKD980629844) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 on February 20, 2008, or any other previous Record of Decision at the Tar Creek, Oklahoma, National Priority List Site, by any Federal agency or through any funding by any Federal agency.

SA 2510. Mr. CARPER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2477 submitted by Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. BOND) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 2996, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 1, strike line 6 and all that follows through page 2, line 5, and insert the following:

SEC. 201. The funds made available for the Environmental Protection Agency under this title may be expended by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate regulations for the renewable fuel program established under section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act (42U.S.C. 7545(o)) only if the regulations take into consideration an appropriate characterization of ranges, as determined by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Energy, of the uncertainty in calculating the international indirect land use change emissions in the implementation of the renewable fuel program.

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 previously announced for September 17, 2009, has been rescheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will now be held on Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on Energy and Related Economic Effects of Global Climate Change Legislation.

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 may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510–6150, or by e-mail to *Gina_Weinstock@energy.senate.gov*.

For further information, please contact Jonathan Black at (202) 224–6722 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224–5684.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2009, at 9 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2009, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled ''World at Risk: The Weapons of Mass Destruction Prevention and Preparedness Act of 2009.''

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 22, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on September 22, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD–226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled ''Strengthening Security and Oversight at Biological Research Laboratories.''

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

MAKING MINORITY PARTY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 279, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 279) making minority party appointments for certain committees for the 111th Congress.