

except that the base period shall be calendar year 2000.”.

SEC. ____ . EXPEDITED REFERRALS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Section 309(a)(5) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(5)) is amended by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

“(C) The Commission may at any time, by an affirmative vote of at least 4 of its members, refer a possible violation of this Act or chapter 95 or 96 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to the Attorney General of the United States, without regard to any limitation set forth in this section.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001. The purpose of this hearing will be to review environmental trading opportunities for agriculture.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001 to hear testimony on Debt Reduction.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the Session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001, to consider the nominations of Kenneth W. Dam of Illinois to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury; David D. Aufhauser to be General Counsel of the Department of the Treasury; Michele A. Davis, of Virginia to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; and, Faryar Shirzad to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001 at 10:30 am to hold a hearing.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 29, 2001 from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on Aviation of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 29, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. on Aviation Delay Prevention Legislation.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on the Administration's National Fire Plan.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing. The subcommittee will review the National Park Service's implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Title I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Government Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 29, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing entitled, “The National Security Implications of the Human Capital Crisis.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES AND INVESTMENT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Securities and Investment of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 29, 2001, to conduct a hearing on “S. 206, The Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2001.”

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that William Lyons, a legislative assistant in my office, be afforded privileges of the floor during the proceedings.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Title 46, Section 1295(b), of the U.S. Code, as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: The Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN), ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE), Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), as amended by Public Law 101–595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy: The Senator from Arizona (Mr. McCAIN), ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD), Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9 a.m. on Friday, March 30. I further ask consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 27, the campaign finance reform bill, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume consideration of the campaign finance reform bill at 9 a.m. Amendments will be offered throughout the morning, with stacked votes to begin at 11 a.m. All amendments to the bill will be disposed of during tomorrow's session, with a vote on final passage to occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW AT 9 A.M.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:30 p.m., adjourned until Friday, March 30, 2001, at 9 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 29, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

CHARLES S. ABELL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE ALPHONSO MALDON, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GRANT D. ALDONAS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE, VICE ROBERT S. LARUSSA.

BRENDA L. BECKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VICE DEBORAH K. KILMER, RESIGNED.

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To Be Admiral

REAR ADM. KEITH W. LIPPERT, 0000