

ensure that the rights under this section apply to the employees of such agency.

“(2) The Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall, in consultation with the Office, prescribe procedures to ensure that the rights under this section apply to the employees of that agency.

“(f) In this section—

“(1) the terms ‘employee’, ‘Federal Government’, and ‘uniformed services’ have the same respective meanings as given them in section 4303 of title 38;

“(2) the term ‘employing agency’, as used with respect to an employee entitled to any payments under this section, means the agency or other entity of the Government (including an agency referred to in section 2302(a)(2)(C)(ii)) with respect to which such employee has reemployment rights under chapter 43 of title 38; and

“(3) the term ‘basic pay’ includes any amount payable under section 5304.”

(2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 55 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5537 the following:

“5538. Nonreduction in pay while serving in the uniformed services or National Guard.”

(3) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to pay periods (as described in section 5538(b) of title 5, United States Code, as amended by this section) beginning on or after the date of enactment of this section and ending September 30, 2004.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office building to conduct a hearing on S. 550, the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2003.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs committee at 224-2251.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 15, at 2:30 p.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 943, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into one or more contracts with the city of Cheyenne, WY, for the storage of water in the Kendrick Project; S. 1027 and H.R. 2040, bills to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska; S. 1058, a bill to provide a cost-sharing requirement for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit in the State of Colorado; S. 1071, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior,

through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on a water conservation project within the Arch Hurley Conservancy District in the State of New Mexico, and for other purposes; S. 1307, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to assist in the implementation of fish passage and screening facilities at non-Federal water projects, and for other purposes; S. 1308, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to pursue and complete actions related to the implementation of a U.S. District of a U.S. District Court consent Decree; S. 1355, a bill to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, and for other purposes; S. 1577, a bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Wyoming; H.R. 1284, a bill to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of the San Gabriel Basin demonstration project; and S. Res. 183, a resolution commemorating 50 years of adjudication under the McCarran Amendment of rights to the use of water. Contact: Shelly Randel 202-224-7933, Kellie Donnelly, 202-224-9360, Erik Webb 202-224-4756 or Meghan Beal at 202-224-7556.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150.

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, October 16, 2003 at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office building to conduct an Oversight Hearing on the Missouri River Master Manual.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. 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 October 14, 2003, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the nominations of the Honorable Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; the Honorable Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and the Honorable Paul S. Atkins, of Virginia, to

be a member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (T. Doc. 103-39).

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

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittees on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Terrorism: Radical Islamic Influence of Chaplaincy of the U.S. Military and Prisons.” on Tuesday, September 14, 2003, at 10 a.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

### Witness List

Panel I: Mr. John Pistole, Assistant Director of Counterterrorism, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, DC.

The Honorable Charles Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, Washington, DC.

The Honorable Harley Lappin, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Dr. Michael Waller, Annenberg Professor of International Communication, The Institute of World Politics, Washington, DC.

Mr. Paul Rogers, President, American Correctional Chaplains Association, Waupun, WI.

Mr. A.J. Sabree, Treasurer, American Correctional Chaplains Association, Atlanta, GA.

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

## PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Nora Carroll and Elizabeth Prescott, fellows in my HELP Committee, be granted floor privileges.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Dale Jones during the pendency of S. 1689.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—  
H.R. 7

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 7, the Charitable Choice bill.

Mr. REID. Objection.

Mr. McCONNELL. I know my friend from Nevada is going to object, but let me finish.

Mr. REID. I am sorry. I will let him finish.

Mr. McCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that all after the enacting clause be stricken; that the Snowe amendment and the Grassley-Baucus amendment which are at desk be agreed to en bloc; that the substitute amendment, which is the text of S. 476, the Senate-passed version of the Charitable Choice bill, as amended by the Snowe and Grassley-Baucus amendments, be agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; further, that the Senate insist on its amendments and request a conference with the House; and, lastly, that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees with a ratio of 3 to 2, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. On behalf of Senator HARKIN, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

COMMENDING THE INSPECTORS  
GENERAL

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 18 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 18) commending the Inspectors General for their efforts to prevent and detect waste, fraud and abuse, and mismanagement, and to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government during the past 25 years.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 18) was read the third time and passed.

The preamble was agreed to.

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

S.J. RES. 18

Whereas the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) was signed into law on October 12, 1978, with overwhelming bipartisan support;

Whereas Inspectors General now exist in the 29 largest executive branch agencies and in 28 other designated Federal entities;

Whereas Inspectors General work to serve the American taxpayer by promoting economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity in the administration of the programs and operations of the Federal Government;

Whereas Inspectors General conduct audits and investigations to both prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in the programs and operations of the Federal Government;

Whereas Inspectors General make Congress and agency heads aware, through semiannual reports and other communications, of problems and deficiencies in the administration of programs and operations of the Federal Government;

Whereas Congress and agency heads utilize the recommendations of Inspectors General in the development and implementation of policies that promote economy and efficiency in the administration of, or prevent and detect waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in, the programs and operations of the Federal Government;

Whereas Federal employees and other dedicated citizens report information to Inspectors General regarding the possible existence of an activity constituting a violation of law, rules, or regulations, or mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety;

Whereas Inspector General audits and investigations result in annual recommendations for more effective spending of billions of taxpayer dollars, thousands of successful criminal prosecutions, hundreds of millions of dollars returned to the United States Treasury through investigative recoveries, and the suspension and debarment of thousands of individuals or entities from doing business with the Government; and

Whereas for 25 years the Inspectors General have worked with Congress to facilitate effective oversight to improve the programs and operations of the Federal Government: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress—*

(1) recognizes the many accomplishments of the Inspectors General in preventing and detecting waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in the Federal Government;

(2) commends the Inspectors General and their employees for the dedication and professionalism displayed in the performance of their duties; and

(3) reaffirms the role of Inspectors General in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the administration of the programs and operations of the Federal Government.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 15, 2003

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 15. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be ap-

proved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes with the first 30 minutes under the control of the minority leader or his designee, and the second 30 minutes under the control of Senator HUTCHISON or her designee; provided that following morning business the Senate resume consideration of S. 1689, the Iraq-Afghanistan supplemental appropriations bill. I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, on Wednesday, following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Iraq-Afghanistan supplemental appropriations bill. Under a previous order, upon returning to the bill at approximately 10:40 a.m., the Senate will proceed to two back-to-back rollcalls. The first vote will be in relation to Corzine amendment No. 1811 relating to military retirement pay. That vote will be followed by a vote in relation to Reed amendment No. 1834 relating to end strength. The votes in relation to the Corzine and Reed amendments will be the first votes of the day.

As previously announced, the Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. Following the recess, the Senate will resume consideration of the Iraq-Afghanistan supplement appropriations bill. Amendments will be offered and debated throughout the day tomorrow.

Again, I encourage all Senators who have amendments to this vital measure to come over and visit with the managers and dispose of those amendments. Senators should expect rollcall votes throughout the day and into the evening tomorrow in relation to this bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:08 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

## NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 14, 2003:

## REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK)

ROBERT L. CRANDALL, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE REFORM BOARD (AMTRAK) FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE MICHAEL S. DUKAKIS, TERM EXPIRED.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MICHAEL D. GALLAGHER, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION, VICE NANCY VICTORY, RESIGNED.