

Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2004, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "The Administration's Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the Federal Transit Administration."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND  
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., on Cable Rates.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Employment, Safety, and Training be authorized to meet for a hearing on Hazard Communication in the Workplace during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DEWINE. 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 25, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on AGOA III: the United States Africa Partnership Act of 2003.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DEWINE. 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 25, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 25, 2004, for a joint hearing with the House of Representatives' Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hear the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Military Officers Association of America.

The hearing will take place in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building at 10 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be author-

ized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Economic Policy of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on "National Flood Insurance Repetitive Losses."

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

COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on National security space programs, and management, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 25 at 2:30 p.m. to receive testimony regarding the following bills: S. 1085, a bill to provide for a bureau of reclamation program to assist states and local communities in evaluating and developing rural and small community water supply systems, and for other purposes; S. 1732, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the reclamation states to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents; S. 2218, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the reclamation states to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents and establish guidelines for projects and for other purposes; S. 1727, a bill to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; and S. 1791, a bill to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund, and for other purposes.

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

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 2201

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 2201 be star printed with the change which is at the desk.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 339, H.R. 3717, and S. 2236, EN BLOC

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are three bills at the desk, and I ask that they be read for the first time en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the clerk will read the titles of the bills for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 339) to prevent legislative and regulatory functions from being usurped by civil liability actions brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for claims of injury relating to a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition associated with weight gain or obesity.

A bill (H.R. 3717) to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmissions of obscene, indecent, and profane material, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2236) to enhance the reliability of the electric system.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now ask for their second reading, and in order to place the bills on the calendar under rule XIV, I object to further proceedings on these matters en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be read a second time on the next legislative day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PROTOCOL AMENDING TAX CONVENTION WITH SRI LANKA—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 108-9

INCOME TAX CONVENTION WITH SRI LANKA—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 99-10

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following treaties on today's Executive Calendar: Nos. 14 and 15. I further ask unanimous consent that the treaties be considered as having passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification; that any statements relating to the treaties be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD as if read; and that the Senate take one vote on the resolutions of ratification, to be considered as separate votes; further, that when the resolutions of ratification are voted on, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be notified of the Senate's action, and that following the disposition of the treaties, the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The treaties will be considered to have passed through their various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification.

The resolutions of ratification are as follows:

[Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Sri Lanka (Treaty Doc. 108-9) and Income Tax Convention with Sri Lanka (Treaty Doc. 99-10)]

*Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein)* That the Senate advise and consent to the ratification of the Convention between the Government of the United States of America, and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Colombo on March 14, 1985 (Treaty Doc. 99-10), and the Protocol amending the Convention, together with an Exchange of Notes, signed at Washington on September 20, 2002 (Treaty Doc. 180-9), subject to the understanding that the authorities to which information may be disclosed under Article 27 include appropriate congressional committees and the General Accounting Office.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask for a division vote on the resolutions of ratification.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A division vote is requested. Senators in favor of the resolutions of ratification will rise and stand until counted.

Those opposed will rise and stand until counted.

On a division vote, two-thirds of the Senators present and voting having

voted in the affirmative, the resolutions of ratification are agreed to.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 26. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period for morning business with Senators to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. The Senate will be in session tomorrow. However, no rollcall votes will occur. On Monday, the Sen-

ate will begin consideration of the welfare authorization bill. The chairman and ranking member of the Finance Committee will be here on Monday to begin the amendment process on the bill. I do encourage all Senators who have amendments to contact the bill managers as soon as possible.

As announced earlier, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday, but Senators are encouraged to come to the floor on Monday in order to make progress on the bill.

I again want to congratulate Senators DEWINE and GRAHAM of South Carolina and all of the Members who participated in today's debate on the Unborn Victims of Violence bill. I congratulate all of them on the passage of the bill which will go to the President's desk for his signature.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:31 p.m., adjourned until Friday, March 26, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.