

Disability System, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 9, line 16, add at the end the following: "Such funds shall remain available until September 30, 2005."

On page 19, strike lines 7 through 15 and insert the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may establish and administer a nonofficial cover employee retirement system for designated employees (and the spouse, former spouses, and survivors of such designated employees). A des-

On page 21, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 22, line 1, and insert the following:

"(iii) in the case of a designated employee who participated in an employee investment retirement system established under paragraph (1) and is converted to coverage under subchapter III of chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, the Director may transmit any or all amounts of that designated employee in that employee investment retirement system (or similar

On page 22, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 23, line 5, and insert the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may establish and administer a nonofficial cover employee health insurance program for designated employees (and the family of such designated employees). A designated employee

On page 25, strike lines 6 through 12 and insert the following:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may establish and administer a nonofficial cover employee life insurance program for designated employees (and the family of such designated employees). A designated employee may not

On page 27, line 8, strike "(B)(iii)" and insert "(B)(iv)".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in closed session to receive a briefing regarding ICRC reports on U.S. military detainee operations in Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DEWINE. 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 Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Regulation of the Hedge Fund Industry."

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DEWINE. 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 Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Mr. Stuart Levey, of Maryland, to be

Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement; Mr. Juan Carlos Zarate, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes; and Ms. Carin M. Barth, of Texas, to be the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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, July 15, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on North Korea.

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, July 15, 2004, at 1 p.m., to hold a hearing on the Gulf of Guinea and U.S. Strategic Energy Policy.

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, July 15, 2004, at 3 p.m., to hold a Members Briefing on Iraq.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 9 a.m., for a hearing entitled "Money Laundering and Foreign Corruption: Enforcement and Effectiveness of the Patriot Act."

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 authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 15, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet Thursday, July 15, 2004, from 2 p.m.–5 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor,

and Pensions, Subcommittee on Children and Families, be authorized to meet for a hearing on Pell Grants for Kids: It Worked for Colleges, Why Not K-12? during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 10 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Communications be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. on Implementation of Nielsen Local People Meter TV Rating System.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 15, at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearings is to receive testimony on S. 1852, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, PA, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin; S. 2142, to authorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes; S. 2181, to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado; S. 2374, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to the United States and to revise the boundary of Chickasaw National Recreation Area, OK, and for other purposes; S. 2397 and H.R. 3706, to adjust the boundary of the John Muir National Historic Site, and for other purposes; S. 2432, to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, and for other purposes; S. 2567, to adjust the boundary of Redwood National Park in the State of California; and H.R. 1113, to authorize an exchange of land at Fort Frederica National Monument, and for other purposes.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to my assistant Dara Pittard for the duration of the debate of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Julie Huen of my staff be granted floor privileges during the remainder of the day.

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Stephen

Kosack, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the FSC/ETI JOBS bill.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator LIEBERMAN, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to Sara Hagigh during the consideration of the Australia Free Trade Agreement.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BAUCUS, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to the following fellows and interns during consideration of the Australia Free Trade Agreement:

Molly Bell, Tony Cerise, Jessica Cronnelly, and Ashley Griffith.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dan Shepherdson, Nic Prenger, Julia Ehrgood, Casey August, and Peter Jordan be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on S. 2610, the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the privilege of the floor be granted to the following fellows and interns, Ade Ifelayo, Kellen Moriarty, Scott Richardson, Alex Robles, and Ben Gather, during consideration of the Australia Free Trade Agreement.

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

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my staff member, Nancy Mitchell, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of this legislation.

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

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 70-770, appoints the Senator from Arkansas, Mrs. LINCOLN, to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, vice the Senator from Louisiana, Mr. BREAUX.

AMENDING THE E-GOVERNMENT ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1303, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1303) to amend the E-Government Act of 2002 with respect to rulemaking authority of the Judicial Conference.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 1303) was read the third time and passed.

REQUESTING RETURN OF PAPERS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate request the House to return the papers with respect to S. 2589.

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

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2652

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2652) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the Medicare program.

Mr. FRIST. I object to further proceedings on the measure at this time in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Friday, July 16.

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 the Senate then begin a period of morning business for statements only with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will be in a period of morning business throughout the day. There will be no rollcall votes during tomorrow's session. During tomorrow's session, I will have more to say about next week's schedule. However, there will be no votes during Monday's session as well. Senators can expect the next vote at approximately 2:15 on Tuesday.

We had a productive day today. We will be closing in just a few moments. I just had the opportunity a few moments ago to talk to the Prime Minister of Australia, who expressed his gratitude to the American people and to this body for the vote we took about an hour ago with regard to the Australia trade bill. We expedited consideration of that bill, brought it to the floor in a very quick fashion, but had a very good debate over the course of the day. There was broad support for that bill as reflected in the vote, with 80 people voting for that piece of legislation.

In addition, we made real progress considering an amendment with regard to tobacco and the FDA. Unusual in the fact that those two bills were put together in one bill, but by considering that bill with an overwhelming vote, we are able to go to conference on the FSC/ETI bill, an important bill to jobs and manufacturing in this country.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10:00 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. 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 7:49 p.m., adjourned until Friday, July 16, 2004, at 10 a.m.