

added by subsection (a)(2)), is administered so as to apply the policies, procedures, and standards developed under paragraph (2) of such subsection (d) beginning not later than March 31, 2008.

SA 2108. Mr. VOINOVICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 436, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

SEC. 8 _____. The table contained in section 1702 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (Public Law 109-59; 119 Stat. 1144) is amended—

(1) in item number 1926, by striking “Grading, paving, roads for the transfer of rail to truck for the intermodal facility at Rickenbacker Airport” and inserting “Grading, paving, roads, and construction of an intermodal freight facility at Rickenbacker Airport, Columbus, Ohio”;

(2) in item number 2893, by striking “Grading, paving, roads for the transfer of rail to truck for the intermodal facility at Rickenbacker Airport” and inserting “Grading, paving, roads, and construction of an intermodal freight facility at Rickenbacker Airport, Columbus, Ohio”;

(3) in item number 4620, by striking “Grading, paving, roads, and the transfer of rail-to-truck for the intermodal facility at Rickenbacker Airport Columbus, OH” and inserting “Grading, paving, roads, and construction of an intermodal freight facility at Rickenbacker Airport, Columbus, Ohio”;

(4) in item number 4651, by striking “Grading, paving, roads for the transfer of rail to truck for the intermodal facility at Rickenbacker Airport” and inserting “Grading, paving, roads, and construction of an intermodal freight facility at Rickenbacker Airport, Columbus, Ohio”.

SA 2109. Mr. BOND proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; as follows:

Insert the following on page 356, after line 4, and renumber accordingly:

“SEC. 408. (a) Section 604 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding section (4) at the end of section “(g)”:

“(4) The Director is hereby authorized: (A) to enter into contracts for the acquisition of severable services for a period that begins in one fiscal year and ends in the next fiscal year to the same extent as the head of an executive agency under the authority of section 253 of 41 U.S.C.; and (B) to enter into contracts for multiple years for the acquisition of property and services to the same extent as executive agencies under the authority of section 254c of 41 U.S.C.; and (C) to make advance, partial, progress or other payments under contracts for property or services to the same extent as executive agencies under the authority of section 255 of 41 U.S.C.”

(b) Section 612 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking the current language in section (e)(2)(B) and inserting “such contract is in accordance with the Di-

rector’s authority in section 604(g) of 28 U.S.C.; and.”

(c) The authorities granted in this Section shall expire on September 30, 2010.

SA 2110. Mr. GRASSLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 356, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

SEC. 408.(a) The division of the court shall release to the Congress and to the public not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act all portions of the final report of the independent counsel of the investigation of Henry Cisneros made under section 594(h) of title 28, United States Code, except for any such portions that contain information of a personal nature that the division of the court determines the disclosure of which would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy that outweighs the public interest in a full accounting of this investigation.

(b) The office of the independent counsel established to investigate Henry Cisneros shall terminate on the date of the release of the report referred to in subsection (a).

SA 2111. Mr. PRYOR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 276, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 1 _____. Section 127(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(13) ARKANSAS.—During the harvesting season of cotton in the State of Arkansas, as determined by the Governor of the State, the State of Arkansas may allow the operation of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of up to 80,000 pounds for the hauling of cotton seed on—

“(A) United States Route 63 from Gilbert, Arkansas, at the Lake David interchange, to Jonesboro, Arkansas; and

“(B) Interstate Route 555, if that route is open to traffic.”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, at 10 a.m., in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the progress made on the development of interim and long-term plans for use of fire retardant aircraft in Federal wildfire suppression operations.

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 should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics (202-224-2878), Dick Bouts (202-224-7545), or Kristina Rolph (202-224-8276) of the Committee staff.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BOND. 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 18, 2005, at 10 a.m., to mark up S. 1562, “Safe and Fair Deposit Insurance Act of 2005,” and an original bill entitled “FHA Asset Disposition Act of 2005,” for purposes of reporting the text of both bills to the Senate Budget Committee as Title II for reconciliation purposes. Immediately following the markup, the Committee will conduct a hearing on “The Future of the National Flood Insurance Program.”

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BOND. 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 18, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on “Growth and Development of the Derivatives Market.”

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 18 at 10 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss the winter fuels outlook and the effect of high prices this coming winter.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 18 at 3 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to consider our national capacity for producing technological innovation and the importance of this innovation to our global economic competitiveness. The Committee will hear testimony describing the results of a recently released National Academy of Science report on this same topic.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a business meeting on October 18, 2005 at 2:30 p.m., to consider a bill, S. —, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, to make technical corrections.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on October 18, 2005 at 2:35 p.m., to conduct a legislative hearing on S. 1772, the Gas Petroleum Refiner Improvement and Community Empowerment Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of James S. Halpern, to be Judge of the United States Tax Court, The Judiciary; Susan C. Schwab, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, executive Office of the President; Karen K. Bhatia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President; Franklin L. Lavin, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Department of Commerce, and, Clay Lowery, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, U.S. Department of Treasury.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BOND. 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 18, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on Prospects for United Nations Reform.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Comprehensive Immigration Reform II" on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. in the

Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC; The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary of the Department of Labor, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Frank Sharry, Executive Director, National Immigration Forum, Washington, DC; Mark Krikorian, Executive Director, Center for Immigration Studies, Washington, DC; Douglas S. Massey, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Executive Nominations" on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: Members of Congress.

Panel II: James O'Gara to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Julie Myers to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Emilio Gonzales to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, to markup the following nominations:

1. William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, VA.
2. Robert J. Henke, Assistant Secretary for Management, VA.
3. John M. Molino, Assistant Secretary of Policy and Planning, VA.
4. Lisette M. Mondello, Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, VA.
5. George J. Opfer, Inspector General, VA.

The markup will take place in the Reception Room off the Senate Floor, the Capitol following the first rollcall vote of the Senate after 1 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kristen Averyt, a fellow in my office, be given the privilege of the floor during today's session.

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

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THUNE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 277 which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 277) supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. I rise today in support of a resolution that commemorates the annual "Red Ribbon Week." I am pleased to have Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMINICI, and Mr. CHAMBLISS join me in introducing this resolution. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to educate and advocate a commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week also remembers the contribution of one soldier in the war against drugs, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. I am honored to be here to seek the Senate's recognition and support again for the annual Red Ribbon Week Campaign.

In Alaska, Red Ribbon Week will be a statewide celebration involving thousands of school children and those people and organizations who care about the welfare of our children and communities. On October 24, the city of Anchorage will celebrate with a series of Red Ribbon events coordinated with the Anchorage School District, the Alaska National Guard, the Alaska State Troopers, the mayor of Anchorage, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Alaska, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the local U.S. Attorney's Office, many PTA groups and many others throughout the community.

Throughout the week, Alaskans will be encouraged to show gratitude for everyone who remains drug-free and pledges to live a safe and drug-free life and remember those we have lost in the fight against drugs.

The Red Ribbon Week Campaign was started in 1988 by the Federation of Parents. It was organized as an 8-day event and was then chaired by then-President and Mrs. Reagan. The event began as a tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. Those who advocate that drug addiction is a