

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. STEVENS. 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 Wednesday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m. to consider pending calendar business.

Agenda Item 1: To consider the nomination of Jeffrey Clay Sell, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Agenda Item 2: To consider the nomination of Patricia Lynn Scarlett, to be the Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

In addition, the Committee may turn to any other measures that are ready for consideration.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 9:15 a.m. to conduct a hearing regarding S. 606 The Reliable Fuels Act and The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005.

The hearing will be in SD 406.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., to hear testimony on "Expiring Tax Provisions: Live or Let Die."

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 on Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. to hold hearing on EU Arms to China.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 16, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 16, 2005 at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on army transformation and the future combat system in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2006.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

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

committee on Strategic Forces be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 16, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in open session to receive testimony on national security space policy and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2006.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL
RIGHTS, AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Obscenity Prosecution and the Constitution" on Wednesday, March 16, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. in SD226. The tentative witness list is attached.

Panel I: Robert Destro, Professor of Law, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; Patrick Trueman, Senior Legal Counsel, Family Research Council, Former Chief, Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC; Frederick Schauer, Frank Stanton Professor of the First Amendment, Shorenstein Center, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Paul Brand and Karen Pavese my staff be given floor privileges during the debate on the budget resolution.

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

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Rachel Nuzum, a fellow in Senator BINGAMAN's office, and Jose Vito and Kent Ames, fellows in my office, during consideration of S. Con. Res. 18.

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

STAR PRINT—S. 428

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 428 be star printed with the changes that are at the desk.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 24 and 25, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk. I further

ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Raymond Thomas Wagner, Jr., of Missouri, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term expiring September 14, 2009.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

Ronald Rosenfeld, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for the remainder of the term expiring February 27, 2009.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN66 Coast Guard nomination of Vincent M. Weber, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2005.

PH67 Coast Guard nominations (212) beginning John C. Adams, and ending Andrew H. Zuckerman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 6, 2005.

PN123 Coast Guard nominations (2) beginning Robert M. Keith, and ending Daniel E. Ward, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE

PN120-1 Foreign Service nominations (32) beginning Walter E. North, and ending Robert J. Wilson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 24, 2005.

PN121 Foreign Service nominations (10) beginning Peter Fernandez, and ending Ross G. Kreamer, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 24, 2005.

PN137-1 Foreign Service nominations (9) beginning George Ruffner, and ending William Zarit, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 8, 2005.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC
ADMINISTRATION

PN138 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations (2) beginning James D. Rathbun, and ending Andrew P. Seaman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 8, 2005.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH
17, 2005

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 17. I further ask unanimous consent 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, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 18, the

Senate budget resolution; provided further that the Senate then resume debate on the Smith amendment under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, tomorrow it is my expectation that the Senate will complete action on the budget resolution. We will continue the amendment process tomorrow morning. Under the previous order, we will conclude debate on all remaining amendments during tomorrow morning's session. All time has been allocated for tomorrow. It is anticipated that we will begin voting on the remaining amendments around 1:20 or 1:30 tomorrow afternoon, and we will keep Senators posted as to the timing of this vote-arama. We are working through the list of filed and offered amendments so we can minimize the number of votes we will need to have during tomorrow's session. But Senators should be expected to stay on the floor throughout the afternoon and into the evening. These will be 10-

minute votes, and Senators should plan their schedules around being on the floor in order not to miss any of these crucial votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. GREGG. 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 9:48 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 17, 2005, at 9 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate: Wednesday, March 16, 2005.

FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD

RONALD ROSENFELD, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE A DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY 27, 2009.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

RAYMOND THOMAS WAGNER, JR., OF MISSOURI, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OVER-

SIGHT BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 14, 2009.

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF VINCENT M. WEBER TO BE CAPTAIN.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOHN C. ADAMS AND ENDING WITH ANDREW H. ZUCKERMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 6, 2005.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ROBERT M. KEITH AND ENDING WITH DANIEL E. WARD, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 31, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH WALTER E. NORTH AND ENDING WITH ROBERT J. WILSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 24, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH PETER FERNANDEZ AND ENDING WITH ROSS G. KEAMER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 24, 2005.

FOREIGN SERVICE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH GEORGE RUFFNER AND ENDING WITH WILLIAM ZARIT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2005.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERE ADMINISTRATION NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES D. RATHBUN AND ENDING WITH ANDREW P. SEAMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2005.