

during the session of the Senate on April 20, 2005, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on “Regulatory Reform of the Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises.”

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing regarding the following nominations: Gregory B. Jaczko—Nominated by the President to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;

Peter B. Lyons—Nominated by the President to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. SD 406.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development, be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in SD 430.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled, “Solving the Small Business Health Care Crisis: Alternatives for Lowering Costs and Covering the Uninsured” on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 20, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a briefing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 20, 2005, at 2 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on the readiness of military units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2006.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND SPACE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science and Space be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 10 a.m., on International Space Station Research Benefits.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM, TECHNOLOGY, AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “A Review of the Material Support to Terrorism Prohibition Improvements Act” on Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., in Dirksen 226.

Witness List

Wednesday, April 20, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Mr. Barry Sabin, Chief of Counterterrorism Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and Mr. Dan Meron, Deputy Assistance Attorney General, Civil Division, Department of Justice.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Douglas Thompson, a Navy fellow in my office, be granted the privileges of the floor during consideration of H.R. 1268, the emergency supplemental.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, April 21, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on the calendar: No. 69, John Negroponte to be Director of National Intelligence.

I further ask unanimous consent that there be 4 hours of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, and that the Democratic time be equally divided between Senators ROCKEFELLER and WYDEN; provided further that at the expiration or yielding back of that time the Senate proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination with no intervening action or debate; provided further that immediately following the vote the President be notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 839, S. 844, S. 845, S. 846, S. 847, S. 848, S. 851, H.R. 8

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I understand that there are eight bills at the desk that are due for a second reading. I ask unanimous consent that they be read for a second time, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will read the bills for a second time by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 839) to repeal the law that gags doctors and denies women information and referrals concerning their reproductive health options.

A bill (S. 844) to expand access to preventive health care services that help reduce unintended pregnancies, reduce the number of abortions, and improve access to women's health care.

A bill (S. 845) to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired servicemen who have a service-connected disability to receive disability compensation and either retired pay or Combat-Related Special Compensation and to eliminate the phase-in period with respect to such concurrent receipt.

A bill (S. 846) to provide fair wages for America's workers.

A bill (S. 847) to lower the burden of gasoline prices on the economy of the United States and circumvent the efforts of OPEC to reap windfall profits.

A bill (S. 848) to improve education, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 851) to reduce budget deficits by restoring budget enforcement and strengthening fiscal responsibility.

A bill (H.R. 8) making repeal of the estate tax permanent.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the Calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceeding en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2005

Mr. INHOFE. I ask unanimous consent when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 21. 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, and there then be a period for morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the second 30 minutes under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee; provided that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of the Negroponte nomination as provided under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. INHOFE. Tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will consider the nomination of John

Negroponte to be Director of National Intelligence. Following that debate, the Senate will resume consideration of the emergency supplemental for the final two amendments. Therefore, Senators can expect a series of votes tomorrow on the two supplemental amendments, final passage, and the Negroponte nomination.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. INHOFE. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate

stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:11 p.m. adjourned until Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.