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NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1899, the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Amendments of 2005. Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

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

The hearing will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1577, to facilitate the transfer of Spearfish Hydroelectric Plant Number 1 to the city of Spearfish, SD, and for other purposes; S. 1962 and H.R. 4000, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise certain repayment contracts with the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, the Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, and the Webster Irrigation District No. 4, all a part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and for other purposes; S. 2028, to provide for the reinstatement of a license for a certain Federal Energy Regulatory Commission project; S. 2035, to extend the time required for construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes; S. 2054, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of Vermont; S. 2205, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, James Division, SD, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands and the Department of Game, Fish, and Parks of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3812, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, and for other purposes.

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 Nate Gentry or Steve Waskiewicz. SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

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

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 5, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2005 wildfire season and the Federal land management agencies' preparations for the 2006 wildfire season.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, 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 or Sara Zecher.

AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 10 a.m. in SR-328A, Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss the following nominations: Dr. Gale Buchanan to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education and Economics; Mr. Marc Kesselman to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture; Mr. Boyd Rutherford to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; and Ms. Linda Strachan to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 14, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony from combatant commanders on their military strategy and operational requirements, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 14, 2006, at 1:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Joint Strike Fighter F136 alternate engine program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. TALENT. 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 March 14, 2006, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Mr. James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator of the Department of Transportation; and Mr. Robert M. Couch, of Alabama, to be president of the Government National Mortgage Association.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 10 a.m. on Wireless Issues and Spectrum Reform.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., on Wall Street Perspective on Telecommunications.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Monday, March 14, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Administrative Challenges Facing the Social Security Administration."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 2:15 p.m. to hold a business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Consolidation in the Oil and Gas Industry: Raising Prices?" on Tuesday, May 14, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

Panel I: Tom Miller, Attorney General for the State of Iowa, Des Moines, IA; David Boies, Chairman, Boies, Schiller and Flexner LLP, Armonk, NY; Joseph M. Alioto, Partner, Alioto Law Firm, San Francisco, CA; Severin Borenstein, E.T. Grether Professor of Business Administration and Public Policy, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, CA; and Tom Greene, Senior Assistant Attorney General for the State of California, Sacramento, CA.

Panel II: Mr. John Hofmeister, President, Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX; Mr. Ross Pillari, President and Chief Executive Officer, BP America, Inc., Chicago, IL; Mr. James Mulva, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ConocoPhillips, Houston, TX; Mr. Rex Tillerson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ExxonMobil Corp., Irving, TX; Mr. David O'Reilly, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Chevron Corp., San Ramon, CA; and Mr. Bill Klesse, Chief Executive Officer, Valero Energy Corp., San Antonio, TX.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Judicial and Executive Nominations on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 3 p.m. in Senate Dirksen Building Room 226.

Panel I: Members of Congress, TBA.

Panel II: Michael A. Chagares to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; Gary Hampton Miller to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas; Sharee M. Freeman to be Director, Community Relations Service, U.S. Department of Justice; Jeffrey L. Sedgwick to be Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, 9:30 a.m., for a hearing entitled "GSA Contractors Who Cheat On Their Taxes and What Should Be Done About It."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 14, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 14 at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to review the President's proposed budget for the National Parks Service for fiscal year 2007.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. TALENT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 14, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on health benefits and programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. TALENT. I ask unanimous consent that Dan Brintzinghoffer of my office be permitted the privilege of the floor during the duration of his service with my office.

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

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Merlyn Calderon, a legislative fellow with the Small Business Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor for the pendency of the consideration of the budget resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. I ask unanimous consent that Matt Duffy of my staff be granted floor privileges.

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

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR
RECOMMITTAL

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous

consent that Executive Calendar No. 428 be recommitted to the Commerce Committee.

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

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH
15, 2006

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9 a.m., Wednesday, March 15. 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 the Senate resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 83, the budget resolution, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, tomorrow morning we will continue to debate amendments to the budget resolution. In addition to the amendments debated this evening, on Wednesday, we will have an additional series of amendments ready for votes. We will announce the precise timing of the votes in the morning, but it is likely we will have one or two votes starting at 1 p.m.

At 1:40 p.m., the Senate will proceed to the House of Representatives in order to hear an address by the President of Liberia. That address begins at 2 p.m. Therefore, we will recess from 2 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m., we will likely then begin a lengthy series of votes to dispose of the remaining amendments under the order from earlier this evening.

As a reminder, the majority leader has announced that this week we will need to complete action on the budget, as well as the debt limit. Members can expect full days and late nights.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. VOINOVICH. 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 7:59 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 9 a.m.