

of 2002: *Provided further*, That the amount provided under this heading is designated as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 402 of H. Con. Res. 95 (109th Congress), the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 10 a.m., in closed session, to receive an operations and intelligence briefing.

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

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Dirksen Office Building Room 226.

### Agenda

I. Nominations: Norman Randy Smith, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Brett Kavanaugh, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the DC Circuit; Michael Ryan Barrett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio; Brian M. Cogan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; Thomas M. Golden, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Timothy Anthony Junker, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa; Patrick Smith, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina.

II. Bills: S. 2257, Oil and Gas Industry Antitrust Act of 2006, Specter, Kohl, DeWine, Leahy, Feinstein, Durbin; S. 2453, National Security Surveillance Act of 2006, Specter; S. 2455, Terrorist Surveillance Act of 2006, DeWine, Graham; S. 2468, A bill to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, and for other purposes, Schumer; S. 2292, A bill to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, Specter, Leahy, Cornyn, Feinstein, Biden; S. 489, Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act, Alexander, Kyl, Cornyn, Graham, Hatch.

III. Matters: S.J. Res. 1, Marriage Protection Amendment, Allard, Sessions, Kyl, Hatch, Cornyn, Coburn, Brownback, DeWine.

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

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Renewing the Temporary Provisions of the Voting Rights Act: An Introduc-

tion to the Evidence" on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

### Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., United States House of Representatives, R-5th District-WI, Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary; The Honorable John Conyers, Jr., United States House of Representatives, D-14th District-MI, Ranking Member, House Committee on the Judiciary.

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

### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 27, 2006, to markup the nomination of Daniel L. Cooper to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and to hold a hearing titled "VA Research: Investing Today to Guide Tomorrow's Treatment." The meeting will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 10 a.m.

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 27, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed business meeting.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER PREVENTION AND PREDICTION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Disaster Prevention and Prediction be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 10 a.m., on Drought.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, PEACE CORPS, AND NARCOTICS AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, and Narcotics Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Implementing the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative.

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kevin Howard, a defense fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the year.

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

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow in my office, Jason Schneider, be granted the

privilege of the floor for the duration of my remarks.

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

Mr. CHAMBLISS. I ask that a member of my staff, Mr. Justin Golshir, be granted the privileges of the floor during the consideration of this amendment.

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

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I yield the floor.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 605 through 612, 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 en bloc are as follows:

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

#### To be major general

Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Loftus, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

#### To be major general

Brigadier General Chris T. Anzalone, 0000  
Brigadier General Kurt A. Cichowski, 0000  
Brigadier General Thomas F. Deppe, 0000  
Brigadier General Paul A. Dettmer, 0000  
Brigadier General William L. Holland, 0000  
Brigadier General Ronald R. Ladnier, 0000  
Brigadier General Erwin F. Lessel, III, 0000  
Brigadier General John W. Maluda, 0000  
Brigadier General Mark T. Matthews, 0000  
Brigadier General Gary T. McCoy, 0000  
Brigadier General Stephen J. Miller, 0000  
Brigadier General Thomas J. Owen, 0000  
Brigadier General Richard E. Perraut, Jr., 0000

Brigadier General Polly A. Peyer, 0000  
Brigadier General Douglas L. Raaberg, 0000  
Brigadier General Jeffrey A. Remington, 0000  
Brigadier General Robertus C.N. Remkes, 0000

Brigadier General Frederick F. Roggero, 0000  
Brigadier General Marshall K. Sabol, 0000  
Brigadier General Paul J. Selva, 0000  
Brigadier General Richard E. Webber, 0000  
Brigadier General Thomas B. Wright, 0000  
Brigadier General Mark R. Zamzow, 0000

The following Air National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Steven Westgate, 0000

## IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Michael D. Rochelle, 0000

The following named officer for appointment as Assistant Surgeon General/Chief of the Dental Corps, United States Army and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 3036 and 3039:

*To be major general*

Col. Russell J. Czerw, 0000

## IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Frances C. Wilson, 0000

## IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Nancy E. Brown, 0000

## NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

## IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1393 Air Force nominations beginning KRISTINE M. UTORINO, and ending TIWANA L. WRIGHT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 13, 2006.

PN1410 Air Force nomination of Rex R. Kiziah, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1411 Air Force nomination of Maureen McCarthy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1412 Air Force nomination of Joseph A. Weber Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1413 Air Force nomination of Daniel J. McGraw, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1414 Air Force nominations (2) beginning CONSTANCE C. McNABB, and ending AMY L. WALKER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1415 Air Force nominations (2) beginning KENNETH R. FRANKLIN, and ending MICHAEL S. PETERS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1416 Air Force nominations (9) beginning PETER L. BARRENECHEA, and ending RALPH M. SUTHERLIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1417 Air Force nominations (78) beginning DAVID G. ALLEN, and ending DAVID D. ZWART, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1437 Air Force nominations (1830) beginning THOMAS E. BALDWIN, and ending

MICHELLE K. ZIMMERMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2006.

## IN THE ARMY

PN1418 ARMY nomination of David M. Lind, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1419 ARMY nominations (2) beginning MARY M. SUNSHINE, and ending DEBRA CHAPPEL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1420 ARMY nomination of Jacqueline P. Allen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1421 ARMY nominations (7) beginning VALERIE McDAVID, and ending CATHLEEN STERLING, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1422 ARMY nomination of Charles C. Dodd, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1423 ARMY nominations (2) beginning ALVIS DUNSON, and ending FRANCIS WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 27, 2006.

PN1432 ARMY nominations (13) beginning SOONJA CHOI, and ending MEHDY ZARANDY, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 30, 2006.

PN1438 ARMY nomination of E. N. Steely III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 5, 2006.

## IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1244 MARINE CORPS nomination of Sanford P. Pike, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 31, 2006.

PN1266 MARINE CORPS nomination of Jayson A. Brayall, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 1, 2006.

## IN THE NAVY

PN1226 NAVY nomination of Paul W. Marquis, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 27, 2006.

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

## MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5020

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk and I ask for its first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5020) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2007 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## FILING OF FIRST-DEGREE AMENDMENTS H.R. 4939

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that first-degree amendments to the supplemental be filed at the desk in accordance with rule XXII no later than 2:30 p.m. on Monday.

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

## COMMENDING PUBLIC SERVANTS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration and that the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 412.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 412) expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week May 1 through 7, 2006.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 412) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

## S. RES. 412

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize the important contributions of public servants and honor the men and women who meet the needs of the Nation through work at all levels of government;

Whereas millions of individuals work in government service in every city, county, and State across America and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions;

Whereas Federal, State, and local governments are responsive, innovative, and effective because of the outstanding work of public servants;

Whereas the United States of America is a great and prosperous Nation, and public service employees contribute significantly to that greatness and prosperity;

Whereas the Nation benefits daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained individuals;

Whereas public servants—

(1) provide vital strategic support functions to our military and serve in the National Guard and Reserves;

(2) fight crime and fire;

(3) ensure equal access to secure, efficient, and affordable mail service;

(4) deliver social security and medicare benefits;