

(D) For each contract described in subparagraph (C), the number of such vehicles delivered under such contract as of the date of such report.

(E) A description of the obstacles or problems, if any, faced by current contractors for the delivery of such vehicles and by the program for procurement and deployment of such vehicles in general.

(F) Any recommendations for legislative or administrative action that the Secretary considers appropriate to accelerate procurement and deployment of such vehicles.

(G) Any recommendations, including recommendations for additional legislative or administrative action, that the Secretary considers appropriate to enhance non-vehicle protection against improvised explosive devices for members of the Armed Forces.

(2) The status of current efforts to procure and deploy explosively formed penetrator protection for vehicles, including the following:

(A) The amount of such protection procured, and the amount of such protection deployed, as of the date of such report.

(B) Current plans for increasing the procurement and deployment of such protection.

(C) For each on-going contract for the procurement of such protection, the contract delivery target for such contract.

(D) For each contract described in subparagraph (C), the amount of such protection delivered under such contract as of the date of such report.

(E) A description of the obstacles or problems, if any, faced by current contractors for the delivery of such protection and by the program for procurement and deployment of such protection in general.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. 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 September 26, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled on "The Role and Impact of Credit Rating Agencies on the Subprime Credit Markets."

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S.1543, a bill to establish a national geothermal initiative to encourage increased production of energy from geothermal resources by creating a program of geothermal research, development, demonstration and commercial application to support the achievement of a national geothermal energy goal.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "An Examination of the Impacts of Global Warming on the Chesapeake Bay."

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on the "Offshore Tax Issues: Reinsurance and Hedge Funds".

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

##### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 10 a.m. for a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

#### Agenda

##### Nomination

The Honorable Julie L. Myers to be Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

##### Postal Naming Bills

H.R. 2654, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 202 South Dumont Avenue in Woonsocket, South Dakota, as the "Eleanor McGovern Post Office Building;"

H.R. 2467, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 69 Montgomery Street in Jersey City, New Jersey, as the "Frank J. Guarini Post Office Building;"

H.R. 2587, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 555 South 3rd Street Lobby in Memphis, Tennessee, as the "Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building;"

H.R. 2778, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station;"

H.R. 2825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 326 South Main Street in Princeton, Illinois, as the "Owen Lovejoy Princeton Post Office Building;"

H.R. 3052, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 954 Wheeling Avenue in Cambridge, Ohio, as the "John Herschel Glenn Jr. Post Office Building;"

H.R. 3106/S. 2023, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Serv-

ice located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office;"

H.R. 2765, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 44 North Main Street in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, as the "Master Sergeant Sean Michael Thomas Post Office."

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet in order to conduct an Executive Nomination hearing on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

##### Witness list:

Michael J. Sullivan to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

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

##### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct an executive business meeting to consider on the Nomination of Robert C. Tapella of Virginia, to be Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and the nominations of Steven T. Walther of Nevada, David M. Mason of Virginia, Robert D. Lenhard of Maryland, and Hans von Spakovsky of Georgia to be members of the Federal Election Commission.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Improving Internet Access to Help Small Business Compete in a Global Economy," on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

#### ORDER FOR STAR PRINT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senate report 110-184 be star printed with the changes at the desk.

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

#### AUTHORIZATION FOR DOCUMENT PRODUCTION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 333.

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

A resolution (S. Res. 333) to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating there be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 333) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 333

Whereas, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs conducted an investigation in 2003 and 2004 into abusive practices by the credit counseling industry;

Whereas, the Subcommittee has received a request from a federal law enforcement agency for access to records of the Subcommittee's investigation;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate can, by administrative or judicial process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate is needed for the promotion of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, acting jointly, are authorized to provide to federal or state law enforcement or regulatory agencies and officials records of the Subcommittee's investigation into abusive practices by the credit counseling industry.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that tomorrow following the time for the two leaders, there be 2 hours for debate, equally divided be-

tween the two leaders, prior to the cloture vote on the Kennedy amendment No. 3035; that upon the completion of that time, the Senate vote on the cloture motion relative to that amendment; that if cloture is invoked there be 2 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form, followed by a vote on the amendment; that if cloture is not invoked the amendment be withdrawn; that there then be 2 minutes for debate prior to the cloture vote on the Hatch amendment No. 3047; that if cloture is invoked, there be 2 minutes for debate prior to the vote on the amendment; that if cloture is not invoked the amendment be withdrawn; that following the disposition of these amendments there then be 2 minutes for debate prior to the cloture vote on the motion to concur in House amendments to H.R. 976, the Children's Health Insurance bill; further, that the live quorums in each case under rule XXII be waived.

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I appreciate everyone's cooperation. I will say we have a lot to do. It is all up to us when we get it done. I hope it does not spill over into the weekend. If things work out right, we could finish everything tomorrow. We will have to see. But we are going to try to. I know that may be wishful thinking on my part. But we are going to try to get as much done as we can.

Mr. McCONNELL. Will the leader yield?

Mr. REID. Yes.

Mr. McCONNELL. It strikes me that there is no good reason why we should not wrap this up tomorrow. I think virtually all of the items left to be dealt with, there is broad agreement on on a bipartisan basis that we ought to pass.

I will be working with the majority leader to complete our work for the week at the earliest possible time.

Mr. REID. I say to my friend, I wish to be able to complete, prior to a week from Friday, the Defense appropriations bill.

I would also like to have a run at Commerce-State-Justice, which deals with the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration. I would like to be able to do those two appropriations bills before we leave. We have a tremendous burden to do the rest of the appropriations bills. The House has passed them. It is easier for them to do than us. I have requested that we start our conferences. I want real conferences like we used to have around here when the distinguished Republican leader and I were a little bit younger, when we actually had conferences where people sat down and

talked about different issues. We are going to try to do that and get a number of these done so we can send them to the President. I think that is what will get this program moving along.

I have spoken to the head of the Office of Management and Budget. Even though he may not be able to agree with what I want, I have found him a person who is agreeable. I talk to him anytime I call him.

Maybe we can work our way through this. But we can't do it unless we have bills that are completed that we can send to the President. It is not just going to happen by magic. I personally believe it is not good for this country to have long-standing continuing resolutions. We need to do our job. That is why I hope we can complete our work so next week we can do the appropriations bills.

Mr. McCONNELL. If the majority leader will yield once again, I concur with the goal of completing those two appropriations bills next week. I will be encouraging everyone on this side to work in a cooperative spirit to achieve the result the majority leader has laid out. It is good for the Senate and good for the country to get this work done. We will be cooperating in every way possible toward that end.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow morning, September 27; that on September 27, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 1585 as provided under the previous order; that Members have until 10:30 a.m. to file any germane second-degree amendments.

I would say, because of the request of a number of Members, I will not use any leader time in the morning. We will move immediately to the legislation before this body and have the full 2 hours. I will not use any leader time in the morning.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If the Republican leader has nothing further, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:47 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 9 a.m.