

of their educational experience. It is for that reason I have been committed to, and will continue to strive for, an improved educational system.

It is my strong belief that one of the clearest ways we can improve the quality of education in our schools is to encourage schools to focus on existing proven programs that meet the highest quality standards. The Proven Programs for the Future of Education Act would offer a competitive preference of 10 percent of the total number of points awarded to grant applicants who choose to use research-proven programs.

In addition, this legislation would also provide a ten-percent competitive preference for applicants who choose research-proven reading programs. I believe that the goals of the Reading First program are important in improving students' literacy levels. While I am very concerned that this program has been beleaguered by greed and partisanship, the program has shown to be effective, particularly in New Mexico, where according to reports from the U.S. Department of Education, in 2006–2007, 58 percent of New Mexico's third-grade students in Reading First programs scored proficient or above in reading. This is up from 39 percent in 2003–2004. That said, it is crucial that states such as New Mexico have the opportunity to consider and use research-proven reading programs to further advance educational opportunity.

I believe that stressing quality education programs fosters greater academic achievement and motivation in later years, particularly for children from low-income families. To this end, this legislation provides schools the incentive to advance research-proven programs, raising the bar for all educational programs both now and in the future.

As you know, title I-A provides supplemental services to low-achieving students attending schools with a relatively high concentration of students from low-income families. Title I-A is the largest Federal elementary and secondary education assistance program, with services provided to more than 90 percent of all local educational agencies; approximately 52,000—54 percent of all—public schools; and approximately 16.5 million—34 percent of all—pupils, including approximately 188,000 pupils attending private schools. If the national goal of leaving no child behind is to be met, attention and resources must also be invested in the research necessary to bring improved quality and increased innovation to core areas of title I.

The Education Research and Development to Improve Achievement Act would authorize at least \$100 million for rapid development and rigorous evaluation of practical programs for use in title I programs capable of increasing student achievement in such areas as School Improvement and Restructuring, Supplemental Educational Services, Reading First, and other

areas determined to be in need of further development.

I want to thank Senator LUGAR for his leadership and commitment to improving education in this country. Senator LUGAR remains a tireless advocate for our Nation's students, and I am pleased to be working with him on this legislation as we begin reauthorizing the No Child Left Behind Act.

This legislation represents a critical step forward in advancing research-proven programs for millions of students across the country, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 337—AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE A REVISED EDITION OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE AS A SENATE DOCUMENT

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. BENNETT) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 337

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PRINTING THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.

(a) AUTHORIZATIONS.—The Committee on Rules and Administration shall prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate and such standing rules shall be printed as a Senate document.

(b) ADDITIONAL COPIES.—In addition to the usual number, 2,500 additional copies shall be printed for use by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Friday, September 28, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The Role of Federal Executive Boards in Pandemic Preparedness."

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

ORDER FOR MEASURES TO BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following calendar items be indefinitely postponed: Calendar No. 296, S. 1539; Calendar No. 297, S. 1596; Calendar No. 298, S. 1732; Calendar No. 300, S. 1781.

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

ORDER FOR THE RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN

Mr. MENENDEZ. I ask unanimous consent that the RECORD remain open today until 2 p.m. for the submission of statements and cosponsorships.

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

RULES COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 337, submitted earlier today.

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

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 337) authorizing the Committee on Rules and Administration to prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate as a Senate document.

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 337) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 337

Resolved,

SECTION 1. PRINTING THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.

(a) AUTHORIZATIONS.—The Committee on Rules and Administration shall prepare a revised edition of the Standing Rules of the Senate and such standing rules shall be printed as a Senate document.

(b) ADDITIONAL COPIES.—In addition to the usual number, 2,500 additional copies shall be printed for use by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m., Monday, October 1; that on Monday, 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, and there then be a period of morning business until 3 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, and the time equally divided and controlled between the two sides; that at 3 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1585.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, if there is no further business to come

before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:56 p.m., adjourned until Monday, October 1, 2007, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Friday, September 28, 2007:
IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

GEN. KEVIN P. CHILTON, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 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. TED F. BOWLDS, 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

MAJ. GEN. THOMAS G. MILLER, 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 general

GEN. WILLIAM E. WARD, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DAVID N. BLACKLEDGE, 0000

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. KEITH D. JONES, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. CHRISTOPHER A. INGRAM, 0000

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be brigadier general

COL. OLIVER J. MASON, JR., 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF GENERAL IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. JAMES N. MATTIS, 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 admiral

VICE ADM. MARK P. FITZGERALD, 0000

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. CARL V. MAUNEY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY AND APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601 AND 5033:

To be admiral

ADM. GARY ROUGHEAD, 0000

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 admiral

VICE ADM. JONATHAN W. GREENERT, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. LAWRENCE S. RICE, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LAURA E. BARNES AND ENDING WITH KEVIN L. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 25, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANA M. ADAMS AND ENDING WITH MONICA L. WHEATON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JULY 25, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF WILLIAM H. SNEEDER, JR., 0000, TO BE COLONEL.
AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF FRANK W. SHAGETS, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARK W. DUFF AND ENDING WITH ANDREW STOY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.
AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF JOHN M. ALDEN, JR., 0000, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF FREDERICK M. ABRUZZO, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH WILLIAM W. DODSON AND ENDING WITH JOHN R. SHAW, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THOMAS E. MARCHIONDO AND ENDING WITH KYUNG L. BOEN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVID W. ASHLEY AND ENDING WITH MARC D. WILSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF DWAYNE S. TUPPER, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF SUZANNE R. TODD, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF RALPH C. BEATON, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF KRISTEN M. BAUER, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JOSE M. TORRES, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RICHARD D. ARES AND ENDING WITH YVETTE WOODS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 2, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KENNETH E. DESPAIN AND ENDING WITH THOMAS J. STEINBACH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 2, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARVELLA BAILEY AND ENDING WITH GAYLA W. WILSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 2, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CARA M. ALEXANDER AND ENDING WITH D060835, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 2, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATION OF SHIRLEY HAYNES, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ADAM R. LIBERMAN, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSEPH W. BROWN AND ENDING WITH CYNTHIA D. SANCHEZ, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATION OF PAMELA J. MEYERS, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JERRY D. MICHEL, 0000, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANTONIO MARINEZLUENGO AND ENDING WITH THOMAS R. ROESSEL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANIEL L. DÜCKER AND ENDING WITH PAUL J. WATKINS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATION OF SCOTT T. KRAWCZYK, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF ROLAND D. AUT, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF EILEEN G. MCGONAGLE, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF VAL L. PETERSON, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF JORDAN T. JONES, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF MARTIN E. WEISSE, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JEFFREY L. ANDERSON AND ENDING WITH DAVID S. LEE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL J. NORTON AND ENDING WITH WILLIAM J. THOMAS, JR., WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOHN J. GARCIA AND ENDING WITH KEITH E. KNOWLTON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANIEL C. DANAHER AND ENDING WITH JESSE D. WADE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TRACY R. NORRIS AND ENDING WITH GARY B. TOOLEY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DAVID M. RUFFIN, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF TODD A. WICHMAN, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DONALD S. ABBOTTMCCUNE AND ENDING WITH D070066, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MALIK A. ABDULSHAKOOR AND ENDING WITH D060714, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JESSE ABREU AND ENDING WITH D060773, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH HECTOR J. ACOSTAROBLES AND ENDING WITH D060704, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALBERT J. ABBADESSA AND ENDING WITH D070028, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DAVID W. ALLEY AND ENDING WITH X1966, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2007.

ARMY NOMINATION OF SHAWN D. SMITH, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH BRIAN D. ALLEN AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL R. CONNERS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

IN THE COAST GUARD

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF THOMAS T. PEQUIGNOT, 0000, TO BE LIEUTENANT.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSEPH E. VORBACH AND ENDING WITH THOMAS W. DENUCCI, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JEFFREY G. ANDERSON AND ENDING WITH CONRAD W. ZVARA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

COAST GUARD NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CHRISTOPHER D. ALEXANDER AND ENDING WITH STEVEN A. WEIDEN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2007.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JON B. LIVINGSTON, 0000, TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF ARTHUR E. VERDUGO, 0000, TO BE COLONEL.

IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATION OF RONNIE M. CITRO, 0000, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KATHLEEN M. BALDWIN AND ENDING WITH TANYA D. LEHMANN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 3, 2007.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL L. FARMER AND ENDING WITH THOMAS S. PRICE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 3, 2007.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH SUZANNA G. BRÜGLER AND ENDING WITH ERIK J. REYNOLDS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 3, 2007.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALDRITH L. BAKER AND ENDING WITH ENNIS E. WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 3, 2007.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH VICTOR ALLENDE AND ENDING WITH DARREN B. WRIGHT, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON AUGUST 3, 2007.