

on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on the Hazards of Electronic Voting—Focus on the Machinery of Democracy.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee at 224-6352.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the nomination of Admiral William J. Fallon, USN, to be reappointed in the grade of Admiral and to be Commander, United States Central Command.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. REID. 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 Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the status of Federal land management agencies' efforts to contain the costs of their wildfire suppression activities and to consider recent independent reviews of and recommendations for those efforts.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. REID. 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 Tuesday, January 30, 2007, 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 transportation sector fuel efficiency, including challenges to and incentives for increased oil savings through technological innovation including plug-in hybrids.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet in Executive Session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 9 a.m. in room SD-406.

The Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a Business Meeting to consider the following agenda:

COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTION

The full Committee on Environment and Public Works will conduct a hear-

ing entitled, "Senators' Perspectives on Global Warming." The purpose of the hearing is to hear from each Senator about his or her views on global warming, and what the Senator believes the Nation's response should be to the issue.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, at 1 p.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Exercising Congress's Constitutional Power to End a War" for Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: David J. Barron, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA; Bradford Berenson, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP, Washington, DC.; Walter Dellinger, Douglas B. Maggs Professor of Law, Duke University School of Law, Former Acting Solicitor General of the United States, Durham, NC; Louis Fisher, Specialist in Constitutional Law, Law Library, Library of Congress, Washington, DC; Robert F. Turner, Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 30, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing and business meeting.

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

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 149

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 149 be star printed with the changes at the desk.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I said at a meeting with the press earlier today how much I appreciate the Republicans

supporting cloture on this minimum wage bill. I hope we are going to have a good bipartisan vote on this bill. There is no question in my mind we will. We have done ethics reform. We are going to do the minimum wage and then move on to something else. I hope we can work on a bipartisan basis.

Mr. President, as you know, we have debate on Iraq coming up when we finish this bill. We are trying to figure out exactly what we are going to be debating because it is a moving target on both sides. We hope to get that done.

I want the record to reflect that I think we are making good progress, and we are doing some legislating. That is very important to the Senate and the country.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until Wednesday, January 31, at 9:30 a.m.; that on Wednesday following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period for the transaction of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first 30 minutes under the control of the Republicans and the final 30 minutes under the control of Senator WYDEN; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 2, the minimum wage bill; that all time during the recess on Tuesday and during the adjournment count against the 30-hour postcloture rule.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, for the information of the Senate, we are now close to completing action on all germane amendments that are pending to H.R. 2. It is my understanding that Senator KYL will be here in the morning, and we will resume the bill to debate his amendments. Therefore, Members should be advised to expect roll-call votes tomorrow, and the votes could occur prior to noon.

Does the distinguished Republican leader have anything to say?

Mr. McCONNELL. No. Let me say to my friend, the majority leader, I think we have gotten off to a good start this year. We are close to accomplishing two important pieces of legislation with overwhelming bipartisan support. We look forward to moving ahead with a rather contentious debate next week but a debate we obviously ought to have. It is the most important issue in the country with a lot of passionate feelings on both sides of the issue, and

we will have a grand debate in the tradition of the United States Senate next week.

unanimous consent the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:49 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, January 31, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate Tuesday, January 30, 2007:

THE JUDICIARY

LISA GOBBEY WOOD, OF GEORGIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA.

PHILIP S. GUTIERREZ, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.