

“(D) TREATMENT AS CHILD HEALTH ASSISTANCE.—Expenditures for the provision of premium assistance subsidies under this paragraph shall be considered child health assistance described in paragraph (1)(C) of subsection (a) for purposes of making payments under that subsection.”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to consider pending nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing on the nominations of Gregory Jacob, of New Jersey, to be Solicitor of Labor for the U.S. Department of Labor, and the nomination of Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor for the U.S. Department of Labor. The hearing will commence on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct an oversight hearing on the Impact of the Flood Control Act of 1944 on Indian Tribes along the Missouri River.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct an Executive Business Meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Agenda

I. Bills: S. 1946, Public Corruption Prosecution Improvements Act (Leahy, Cornyn, Sessions); S. 2168, Identity Theft Enforcement and Restitution Act (Leahy, Specter, Durbin, Grassley); and S. 352, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2007 (Grassley, Schumer, Leahy, Specter, Graham, Feingold, Cornyn, Durbin).

II. Nominations: John Daniel Tinder, to be United States Circuit Judge for

the Seventh Circuit and Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in order to hold a closed hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 2 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Small Business Administration: Is the 7 (a) Program Achieving Measurable Outcomes?”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PRIVATE SECTOR AND CONSUMER SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 9 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to hold a business meeting to consider the America’s Climate Security Act of 2007, S. 2191.

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

Mr. REID. I note 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 (Mr. SANDERS). Without objection, it is so ordered.

APOLOGIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, first of all, let me apologize to everyone for having a little downtime. I have been in a meeting for a couple hours with the Speaker and other Members and it was fairly intense and I could not break away to do this. I apologize for keeping everyone waiting.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2419

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, No-

vember 5, following the period of morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 339, H.R. 2419, the farm bill.

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

EVENT FOR SENATORS AND SPOUSES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be no vote on Monday. I remind everyone we do have an event—and people have spent a lot of time on this event—for Senators and their spouses Monday night. I would hope people would be considerate and keep that in mind. People have gone to a lot of trouble for that event, and I hope people will not let this no-vote day that is relatively new on the horizon stand in the way of attending this event and disappointing a lot of people who have worked hard to make this event for the spouses of Members. We do not get together that often. It will be a very nice evening for all of us.

CHARLES GEORGE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2546 and the Senate proceed to its consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2546) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Asheville, North Carolina, as the “Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.”

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 2546) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 2293 AND S. 2294

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding there are two bills at the desk, and I ask unanimous consent for their first reading en bloc.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2293) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the individual alternative minimum tax, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2294) to strengthen immigration enforcement and border security and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bills on the calendar under rule XIV of the Senate, I object to my own request, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I note 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider calendar Nos. 152, 357 through 370, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed with the exception of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration nominations; the motions to reconsider be laid on 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:

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Edward A. Rice, Jr., 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. Glenn F. Spears, 0000

IN THE ARMY

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett, 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. Benjamin R. Mixon, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of im-

portance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. David H. Huntoon, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment as the Surgeon General, United States Army, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., sections 601 and 3036:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Eric B. Schoomaker, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. David A. Rubenstein, 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment to the grade of lieutenant 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 lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Samuel T. Helland, 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. Bernard J. McCullough, III, 0000

MOETROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY

Robert Clarke Brown, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

IN THE COAST GUARD

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

To be rear admiral

Capt. Steven E. Day, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

To be rear admiral

Capt. Kevin S. Cook, 0000

Capt. Daniel A. Neptun, 0000

Capt. Thomas P. Ostebo, 0000

Capt. Steven H. Ratti, 0000

Capt. Keith A. Taylor, 0000

Capt. James A. Watson, 0000

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

IN THE AIR FORCE

PN965 AIR FORCE nomination of Ernest Valdez, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2007.

PN966 AIR FORCE nominations (3) beginning LAURA M. HUNTER, and ending GEORGE W. RYAN JR., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2007.

PN999 AIR FORCE nomination of Cheryl A. Kearney, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 18, 2007.

PN1000 AIR FORCE nomination of Noel P. Kornett, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 18, 2007.

PN1001 AIR FORCE nomination of Michael Maine Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 18, 2007.

PN1002 AIR FORCE nominations (2) beginning MICHAEL P. BUTLER, and ending ROBERT CANNON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 18, 2007.

IN THE ARMY

PN967 ARMY nomination of Max B. Bullen, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2007.

PN969 ARMY nominations (4) beginning JOHN A. MCHENRY, and ending ALAN S. WALLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2007.

PN970 ARMY nominations (2) beginning EDWARD F. FREDERICK, and ending GREGORY CHARLTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2007.

IN THE COAST GUARD

PN981 COAST GUARD nominations (158) beginning ALBERT R. AGNICH, and ending Michael B. Zumperini, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 16, 2007.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN393-2 MARINE CORPS nomination of KEVIN M. GONZALEZ, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of March 22, 2007.

PN957 MARINE CORPS nomination of Thomas J. Keating, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 20, 2007.

PN971 MARINE CORPS nomination of Gerald R. Brown, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 27, 2007.

IN THE NAVY

PN974 NAVY nomination of Stephen T. Vargo, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 1, 2007.

PN1003 NAVY nominations (4) beginning GARY TABACH, and ending KELVIN L. REED which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 18, 2007.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.; that on Friday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that