

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 4 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to hear the views of the five most recent U.S. Nobel Laureates on the state of the country's scientific enterprise and the importance of scientific investment.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider the nomination of Stephen J. Isakowitz to be the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, and the draft of an original bill, which is drawn from the text of the following bills:

S. 731—A bill to develop a methodology for, and complete, a national assessment of geological storage capacity for carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 962—A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy and for other purposes.

S. 987—A bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, and for other purposes.

S. 1115—A bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "The Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Monitoring Early Experiences."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security be authorized

to meet to conduct a hearing on "Interrupting Terrorist Travel: Strengthening the Security of International Travel Documents" for Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Panel I: Andrew Simkin, Director of Fraud Prevention Programs, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC; Patrick Donovan, Assistant Director for Domestic Operations and Acting Director of Diplomatic Security for Counter Measures, Diplomatic Security, Department of State, Washington, DC; Michael P. Everitt, Unit Chief, Forensic Documents Laboratory, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC; Paul Morris, Executive Director, Admissibility Requirements and Migration Control Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Washington, DC.

Panel II: The Honorable Ronald K. Noble, Secretary General of Interpol, Lyon, France; Clark Kent Ervin, Director of Homeland Security, Aspen Institute, Former Inspector General of Department of Homeland Defense and Author of "Open Target: Where America is Vulnerable to Attack," Washington, DC; Brian Zimmer, Senior Associate, Kelly, Anderson & Associates Inc., Former Senior Investigator, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a roundtable entitled "SBA Reauthorization: Small Business Loan Programs," on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing concerning Nursing Home Reform.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to receive testimony on Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Leigh Ann Ross, a fellow in the office of Senator THAD COCHRAN, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of Senate debate on the 2007 FDA reauthorization bill.

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Thomas Kraus, an intern on my staff, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the debate on the Food and Drug Administration Revitalization Act of 2007.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objecting it is so ordered.

COMMENDATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security/Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 150, and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 150) 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 7 through 13, 2007.

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, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without further intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 150) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 150

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize the important contributions of public servants and honor the diverse 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;

(5) fight disease and promote better health;

(6) protect the environment and the Nation's parks;

(7) enforce laws guaranteeing equal employment opportunities and healthy working conditions;

(8) defend and secure critical infrastructure;

(9) help the Nation recover from natural disasters and terrorist attacks;

(10) teach and work in our schools and libraries;

(11) develop new technologies and explore the earth, moon, and space to help improve our understanding of how our world changes;

(12) improve and secure our transportation systems;

(13) keep the Nation's economy stable; and

(14) defend our freedom and advance United States interests around the world;

Whereas members of the uniformed services and civilian employees at all levels of government make significant contributions to the general welfare of the United States, and are on the front lines in the fight against terrorism and in maintaining homeland security;

Whereas public servants work in a professional manner to build relationships with other countries and cultures in order to bet-

ter represent America's interests and promote American ideals;

Whereas public servants alert Congress and the public to government waste, fraud, abuse, and dangers to public health;

Whereas the men and women serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, as well as those skilled trade and craft Federal employees who provide support to their efforts, are committed to doing their jobs regardless of the circumstances, and contribute greatly to the security of the Nation and the world;

Whereas public servants have bravely fought in armed conflict in defense of this Nation and its ideals and deserve the care and benefits they have earned through their honorable service;

Whereas government workers have much to offer, as demonstrated by their expertise and innovative ideas, and serve as examples by passing on institutional knowledge to train the next generation of public servants;

Whereas May 7 through 13, 2007, has been designated Public Service Recognition Week to honor America's Federal, State, and local government employees; and

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week is celebrating its 23rd anniversary through job fairs, student activities, and agency exhibits: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends public servants for their outstanding contributions to this great Nation during Public Service Recognition Week and throughout the year;

(2) salutes their unyielding dedication and spirit for public service;

(3) honors those government employees who have given their lives in service to their country;

(4) calls upon a new generation to consider a career in public service as an honorable profession; and

(5) encourages efforts to promote public service careers at all levels of government.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2007

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 3; that on Thursday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1082 and there be an hour of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dorgan amendment No. 990, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senator DORGAN and the Republican leader or his designee; that upon the use or yielding back of the time, the Senate proceed to vote on that motion to invoke cloture; and that Members have until 10 a.m. to file any second-degree amendments.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, if there is no further business today, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:24 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.