

SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE

Mr. FEINGOLD. 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 March 18, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a Securities, Insurance and Investment Subcommittee hearing entitled "Lessons Learned in Risk Management Oversight at Federal Financial Regulators."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Health Care of the Committee on Finance will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Personnel of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 2:45 p.m.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT
AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as if in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, March 19, at 2 p.m., the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 22, the nomination of Elena Kagan to be Solicitor General of the United States; that there be 6 hours of debate with respect to the nomination, with the time equally divided and controlled between Senators LEAHY and SPECTOR or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote on confirmation of the nomination; that upon confirmation, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, no further motions be in order, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
EXTENSION ACT OF 2009

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1512.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1512) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read three times and passed; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 1512) was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL REHABILITATION
COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 78.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 78) designating March 22, 2009, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day."

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 78) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 78

Whereas rehabilitation counselors conduct assessments, provide counseling, support families, and plan and implement rehabilitation programs for those in need of rehabilitation;

Whereas the purpose of professional organizations for rehabilitation counseling and education is to promote the improvement of rehabilitation services available to individuals with disabilities through quality education for counselors and rehabilitation research;

Whereas various professional organizations, including the National Rehabilitation Association, Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association, the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association, the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification, the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Council on Rehabilitation Education, have vigorously advocated up-to-date education and training and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education;

Whereas on March 22, 1983, Martha Walker of Kent State University, who was President of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, testified before the Subcommittee on Select Education of the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives, and was instrumental in bringing the need for qualified rehabilitation counselors to the attention of Congress; and

Whereas the efforts of Martha Walker led to the enactment of laws that require rehabilitation counselors to have proper credentials, in order to provide a higher quality of service to those in need of rehabilitation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 22, 2009, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day"; and

(2) commends—

(A) rehabilitation counselors, for their dedication and the hard work they provide to individuals in need of rehabilitation; and

(B) professional organizations, for the efforts they have made to assist those who require rehabilitation.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH
19, 2009

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, March 19; that 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 be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for up to 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the second half; further, that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 146, under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, under the previous order, at approximately 11 a.m., there will be up to three votes in relation to the remaining Coburn amendments, with a vote on passage of the bill shortly thereafter. This evening we were able to reach an agreement to consider the nomination of the Solicitor General to be of the United States, Elena Kagan. Senators should expect a vote on confirmation tomorrow afternoon or evening, depending on how much debate time is used.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:07 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 19, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

JAMES W. MILLER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR FARM AND FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICES, VICE MARK EVERETT KEENUM, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ASHTON B. CARTER, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, AND LOGISTICS, VICE JOHN J. YOUNG, JR.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUSAN FLOOD BURK, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE, TO BE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

RUSSLYNN ALI, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE STEPHANIE JOHNSON MONROE, RESIGNED.

CARMEL MARTIN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, EVALUATION, AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE WILLIAMSON EVERS, RESIGNED.

CHARLES P. ROSE, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE KENT D. TALBERT, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RONALD H. WEICH, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE WILLIAM EMIL MOSCHELLA.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate, Wednesday, March 18, 2009:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

RONALD KIRK, OF TEXAS, TO BE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WITH THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY.

THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.