shall establish and utilize a transparent, reliable, and valid system for evaluating applications for PROMISE Assessment and Planning grants and for PROMISE Implementation grants, and shall determine which applicants meet the criteria for funding, based primarily on a determination of greatest need (in accordance with section 406), with due consideration to other enumerated factors and the indicated ability of the applicant to successfully implement the program described in the application.

SEC. 418. EVALUATION OF PROMISE GRANT PROGRAMS.

- (a) EVALUATION REQUIRED.—The Administrator shall, in consultation with the organization provided assistance under section 223(f)(1) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5633(f)(1)), provide for an evaluation of the programs and activities carried out with grants under this subtitle. In carrying out this section, the Administrator shall—
- (1) award grants to institutions of higher education (including institutions that are eligible to receive funds under part F of title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q et seq.), to facilitate the evaluation process and measurement of achieved outcomes:
- (2) identify evidence-based and promising practices used by PROMISE Coordinating Councils under PROMISE Implementation grants that have proven to be effective in preventing involvement in, or diverting further involvement in, juvenile delinquency or criminal street gang activity; and
- (3) ensure—
- (A) that such evaluation is based on the performance standards that are developed by the PROMISE Advisory Panel in accordance with section 223(g) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 (as added by section 405(b) of this title);
- (B) the development of longitudinal and clinical trial evaluation and performance measurements with regard to the evidence-based and promising practices funded under this subtitle: and
- (C) the dissemination of the practices identified in paragraph (2) to the National Research Center for Proven Juvenile Justice Practices (established under section 301), units of local government, and Indian tribes to promote the use of such practices by such units and tribes to prevent involvement in, or to divert further involvement in, juvenile delinquency or criminal street gang activity.
- (b) RESULTS TO THE NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER FOR PROVEN JUVENILE JUSTICE PRACTICES.—The Administrator shall provide the results of the evaluation under subsection (a) to the National Research Center for Proven Juvenile Justice Practices established under section 419.

Subtitle C—PROMISE Research Centers SEC. 419. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL RE-SEARCH CENTER FOR PROVEN JU-VENILE JUSTICE PRACTICES.

The Administrator shall award a grant to a nonprofit organization with a national reputation for expertise in operating or evaluating effective, evidence-based practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention or intervention to develop a National Research Center for Proven Juvenile Justice Practices. Such Center shall—

- (1) collaborate with institutions of higher education as regional partners to create a best practices juvenile justice informationsharing network to support the programs and activities carried out with grants under subtitle B:
- (2) collect, and disseminate to PROMISE Coordinating Councils, research and other information about evidence-based and prom-

ising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to inform the efforts of PROMISE Coordinating Councils and regional research partners and to support the programs and activities carried out with grants under title subtitle B:

- (3) increase the public's knowledge and understanding of effective juvenile justice practices to prevent crime and delinquency and reduce recidivism; and
- (4) develop, manage, and regularly update a site to disseminate proven practices for successful juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention.

SEC. 420. GRANTS FOR REGIONAL RESEARCH PROVEN PRACTICES PARTNER-SHIPS.

The Administrator shall establish a grant program to award grants to institutions of higher education to serve as regional research partners with PROMISE Coordinating Councils that are located in the same geographic region as an institution, in collaboration with the National Research Center for Proven Juvenile Justice Practices authorized under section 419. Regional research partners shall provide research support to such PROMISE Coordinating Councils, including—

- (1) assistance with preparing PROMISE grant applications under subtitle B, including collection of baseline data for such applications:
- (2) assistance with the needs and strengths assessments conducted under section 410: and
- (3) provision of support services to PROM-ISE grant recipients for data collection and analysis to assess progress under the PROM-ISE grant.

SA 739. Mr. WICKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 649, to ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

SEC. 307. AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMU-NITIES FUNDS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES.

Section 4121(a) of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (20 U.S.C. 7131(a)) is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (8), by striking "and" at the end;
- (2) by redesignating paragraph (9) as paragraph (10); and
- (3) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following:
- "(9) assistance in the acquisition and installation of physical measures, such as metal detectors, surveillance cameras, or other related security equipment and technologies, that are designed to prevent targeted firearms violence against students and school personnel; and".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public of an addition to a previously announced hearing before Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., in room

SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

In addition to the other measures previously announced, the Committee will also consider:

- S. 736, to establish a maximum amount for special use permit fees applicable to certain cabins on National Forest System land in the State of Alaska; and,
- S. 757, to provide for the implementation of the multispecies habitat conservation plan for the Virgin River, Nevada, and Lincoln County, Nevada, to extend the authority to purchase certain parcels of public land, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510–6150, or by e-mail to john_assini@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Meghan Conklin at (202) 224–8046, or John Assini at (202) 224–9313.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public of additions to a previously announced hearing before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

In addition to the other measures previously announced, the Committee will also consider H.R. 678, Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act; and S. 761, Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2013.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to lauren_goldschmidt @energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sara Tucker at (202) 224–6224, Dan Adamson at (202) 224–2871, or Lauren Goldschmidt at (202) 224–5488.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. 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 April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of Federal Housing Finance Agency: Evaluating FHFA as Regulator and Conservator."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 9:45 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 18, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "National Security and Foreign Policy Priorities in the FY 2014 International Affairs Budgett."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. 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, to conduct a hearing entitled "Hearing for Secretary of Labor-Designate Thomas E. Perez" on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 18, 2013, at 10 a.m., in SC-

226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct executive business meeting

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, April 18, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 52, 54, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, and 88, and all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, and Navy; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Frederick Vollrath, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Eric K. Fanning, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

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

Lt. Gen. John W. Hesterman, III

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

To be brigadier general

Col. Richard M. Murphy

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 8069:

To be major general

Colonel Dorothy A. Hogg

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. James M. Holmes

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 601.

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson

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. Philip M. Breedlove

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. Mark O. Schissler

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. Robert P. Otto

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

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Scott W. Jansson

IN THE ARMY

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 brigadier general

Col. Erik C. Peterson

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 brigadier general

Col. Brently F. White

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 brigadier general

Col. Christie L. Nixon

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

 $To\ be\ major\ general$

Brigadier General Jeffrey L. Bannister Brigadier General Scott D. Berrier Brigadier General Gwendolyn Bingham Brigadier General Joseph A. Brendler Brigadier General Clarence K. K. Chinn Brigadier General Edward F. Dorman, III Brigadier General Terry R. Ferrell Brigadier General George J. Franz, III Brigadier General Christopher K. Haas Brigadier General Thomas A. Horlander Brigadier General Thomas S. James, Jr. Brigadier General Ole A. Knudson Brigadier General Jonathan A. Maddux Brigadier General Theodore D. Martin Brigadier General Kevin G. O'Connell Brigadier General Barrye L. Price Brigadier General James M. Richardson Brigadier General Martin P. Schweitzer

Brigadier General Richard L. Stevens