

conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RESTORATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS.**

For all major disasters declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act on or after August 27, 2011, the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall consider eligible the costs necessary to comply with any State stream or river alteration permit required for the repair or replacement of otherwise eligible damaged infrastructure, such as culverts and bridges, including any design standards required to be met as a condition of permit issuance.

### NOTICES OF HEARINGS

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has been scheduled to discuss natural gas issues. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum to explore what the next applications are for natural gas and how this new demand will be met. Pipeline infrastructure and increased use of natural gas in the transportation sector will be specific points of interest.

Because of the limited time available for the forum, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to [lauren\\_goldschmidt@energy.senate.gov](mailto:lauren_goldschmidt@energy.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact Todd Wooten at (202) 224-4971 or Lauren Goldschmidt at (202) 224-5488.

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a business meeting has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The business meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

Because of the limited time available for the business meeting, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the business meeting record may do so by sending it to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to [Abigail\\_campbell@energy.senate.gov](mailto:Abigail_campbell@energy.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Abigail Campbell at (202) 224-4905.

### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

#### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. LEVIN. 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 "Pharmaceutical Compounding: Proposed Legislative Solution" on May 9, 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. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

#### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate office building.

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

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

### FLOOD INSURANCE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to speak for a few minutes in morning business to thank the leader for the remarks he has made and thank him and his staff for working with us throughout today, this afternoon, to try to mitigate against some of the difficulties that are being imposed not only on people in Louisiana but in many coastal States as these insurance rates rise because of new requirements

in a bill this body never got to vote on because it never came to the Senate.

I wish to correct something I said in the RECORD earlier.

I am sorry. If the leader needs to finish his business, I will yield.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if the Senator would be kind enough, we can move through this in about 2 or 3 minutes and then we will put it on automatic pilot for as long as the Senator cares to speak.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Of course. I thank the leader.

Mr. REID. I appreciate the courtesy of my friend.

### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENTS—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by me, in consultation with Senator McCONNELL, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 40; that there be 1 hour for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time the Senate proceed to vote, without intervening action or debate on the nomination; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by me, in consultation with Senator McCONNELL, the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 91; that there be 3 hours of debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on the nomination; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

### AWARDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 360.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 360) to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, and Cynthia Wesley to commemorate the lives they lost 50 years ago in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where these 4 little Black girls' ultimate sacrifice served as a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement.

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 that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 360) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following resolutions which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 136, S. Res. 137, and S. Res. 138.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

S. RES. 137

Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, today I rise in recognition of May as Older Americans Month. I am pleased to be submitting a resolution commemorating the month with my colleagues, Senator COLLINS and Senator SANDERS. The 2010 Census estimated that 40 million adults in the United States are over the age of 65. By 2030, there may be as many as 72 million seniors, or almost 20 percent of the entire U.S. population.

President John Kennedy recognized the first Older Americans Month 50 years ago. By continuing to observe the month of May as Older Americans Month, we are not only reminding ourselves of our duty to provide for the needs of this population, we are showing our respect for the numerous valuable contributions and lessons these individuals give to us every day.

Let me give one motivating example out of many from my home State of Florida. Cecil Daniels, a 70-year-old Miami resident, was recently recognized in a nationwide competition as the 2012 Richard L. Swanson Inspiration Award from the Healthways SilverSneakers Fitness Program. Mr. Daniels has successfully changed his lifestyle to better manage his diabetes and high blood pressure. Thanks to changing his diet and joining friends in fitness classes, he now receives encouraging reports from his physicians about his health.

Mr. President, in honor of Cecil Daniels and all older Americans, I am pleased to recognize May as Older Americans Month and celebrate the contributions and achievements of seniors nationwide.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

#### APPOINTMENT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Chair, on behalf of the Republican leader, pursuant to Public Law 112-275, appoints the following individual to be a member of the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Dr. Wade F. Horn of Maryland.

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2013; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that following any leader remarks, the Senate be in a period of morning business until 5 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; further, that the filing deadline for all first-degree amendments to S. 601, the Water Resources Development Act, be 4 p.m. on Monday.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes on Monday. The next rollcall vote will be on Tuesday prior to the caucus meetings.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it adjourn following the remarks of the Senator from Louisiana, Ms. LANDRIEU.

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

The Senator from Louisiana.

#### WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to continue and again thank the majority leader for his kind comments

and assure him I am working with the Republican leadership as well to try to find a way forward to minimize the impact on many businesses and homeowners who will be negatively affected by the new requirements of the Federal flood insurance program.

I have an amendment which has been filed. It is amendment No. 888. I will be offering it for myself and Senator VITTER. Senator SCHUMER and Senator LAUTENBERG are also cosponsors of this amendment. Hopefully we can get a vote. I do not mind trying to meet the 60-vote threshold. I understand that would be a requirement should we be able to move to a vote next week on this amendment.

We will be working very hard over the weekend to get additional cosponsors on the first amendment I filed, which had a multimillion-dollar cost to it. We had 62 people who had committed to vote. So we have a strong network of Senators, Republicans and Democrats, who are very supportive of the effort Senator VITTER and I are leading to try to mitigate some of the harshest provisions of this bill that passed last year. The bill never was voted on in this Chamber. It came out of the Banking Committee. A separate bill came out of the House with a strong bipartisan vote. Then what happened was both bills never went to a formal conference. It got pushed inside of a larger bill. A few things did not get pushed in the correct way, at least from the perspective of those of us who believe that, yes, our flood insurance program should be cost-effective, should be affordable, and should not run at deficit levels any longer. But there are certain ways to do that that are more equitable and fair than others. So my amendment now—we have worked all throughout the day. I thank Senator CRAPO. Senator JOHNSON's staff has been helpful as well. We are not quite there yet, but we are working on a fix to delay the implementation of some of these rate increases to give our communities—this is not just for Louisiana. Texas is affected, Florida is affected, the east coast is affected. California is No. 3 in terms of policies that are related to flood insurance.

It will give us some time to give our people a little bit more breathing room until we can get our levees constructed, until this new mapping can be put into place, as not to shock homeowners and owners of commercial real estate with these very high premiums we hope to be able to avoid.

Again, it is amendment No. 888. There is no score attached to it. We will accept a 60-vote threshold. I hope my colleagues will look at this. I thank Senator VITTER for his leadership. It is a Landrieu-Vitter amendment, again with Senator SCHUMER and Senator LAUTENBERG and their staffs giving us plenty of help and assistance throughout the day.

We will work on it over the weekend. Hopefully, we can come to a final resolution early next week, and then get to