

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Ms. STABENOW. 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 May 21, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “A Review of Criteria Used by the IRS to Identify 501(c)(4) Applications for Greater Scrutiny.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 2:15 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 2:45 p.m., to hold a Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs subcommittee hearing entitled, “Prospects for Afghanistan’s 2014 Elections.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., in SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to continue its executive business meeting.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION,
PRODUCT SAFETY, AND INSURANCE

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, “S. 921, The Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Care Act of 2013.”

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 21, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Offshore Profit Shifting and the U.S. Tax Code—Part 2.”

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST
TIME—S. 1003, S. 1004, H.R. 45

Mr. REID. Madam President, I am told that three bills are at the desk. I would ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bills by title for the first time en bloc.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1003) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans.

A bill (S. 1004) to permit voluntary economic activity.

A bill (H.R. 45) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I now ask for a second reading en bloc for each of these and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection having been heard, the bills will be read for a second time the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the majority leader, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 112-239, the appointment of the following individuals to be members of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: the Honorable Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, and the Honorable Larry Pressler of South Dakota.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF SRIKANTH
SRINIVASAN TO BE UNITED
STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CIRCUIT

Mr. REID. Madam President, I now move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 95.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to proceed.

Without objection, the motion is agreed to.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the clerk will report the motion.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Harry Reid, Patrick J. Leahy, Bill Nelson, Christopher A. Coons, Amy Klobuchar, Tim Kaine, Jack Reed, Barbara A. Mikulski, Mark R. Warner, Sheldon Whitehouse, Sherrod Brown, Benjamin L. Cardin, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Tom Harkin, Bernard Sanders, Al Franken, Robert Menendez.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, we are moving forward. This will be the sixth or seventh year we have tried to fill vacancies on the DC Circuit. There are four vacancies there. I hope the President sends us some more names. I understand that will be the case maybe before the end of this week.

It is outrageous we have been stopped procedurally from doing the work of this country in filling these nominations in this very important court. We are going to have a cloture vote on this on Thursday, as we should do, and hopefully finish by the end of the week. If we get cloture, we will finish by the end of the week if we have to stay over another day or so.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 22,
2013

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until Wednesday, May 22, 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 for 1 hour with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of S. 954, the farm bill.

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

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. We will continue to work through amendments on the farm bill

tomorrow. Additionally, there will be a rollcall vote on S. Res. 65, the Iran sanctions resolution, at 5 p.m. tomorrow. There will be 1 hour of debate on that matter.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Madam 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 6:35 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.