

communities and giving teachers and parents more freedom, flexibility, and choices.

I will have more to say about this on Monday in a floor speech, but I wanted to call it to the attention of our colleagues.

While it is being offered by Republican Senators, we do not see it as a Republican bill. We see it as a piece of legislation that will attract the support of classroom teachers, principals, Governors, legislators, and others who have been working for 30 years to set high standards, create better tests, create accountability systems, and pioneering in developing teacher evaluation systems.

We believe it is the proper role of the Federal Government to create an environment for better schools, but not to issue orders from Washington. The combination of No Child Left Behind mandates, Race to the Top mandates, and mandates as a result of the Secretary of Education's waivers have created such congestion in the U.S. Department of Education that it has become, in effect, a national school board.

We want to head in the other direction. We want to give back to States and local governments the responsibility for deciding whether schools and teachers are succeeding or failing. I hope all of our colleagues will read the Every Child Ready for College or Career Act.

Senator HARKIN and I look forward to the markup next Tuesday in the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. We will offer competing versions. His is more than 1,100 pages, and ours is 220 pages. This is a symbol of the differences in our approaches. We will begin a debate which I hope goes through the committee, moves to the Senate floor, combines with the House in conference, and produces a result that reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act this year.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1174. Mr. COCHRAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 956 submitted by Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COBURN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KIRK, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1175. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1176. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1177. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1178. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment

SA 1171 submitted by Mr. SCHATZ and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1179. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1051 submitted by Mr. SESSIONS and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1180. Mr. DONNELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1122 submitted by Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. COATS) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

##### SEC. 12. FOOD SAFETY INSPECTION.

###### (a) REGULATIONS.—

(1) DEADLINE.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue final regulations to carry out the amendments made by paragraph (1) of section 11016(b) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; 122 Stat. 2130).

(2) REQUIREMENT.—In promulgating the regulations described in paragraph (1), the Secretary, in consultation with the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, shall ensure that there is no duplication in inspection activities for meat food products derived from catfish, including the cessation of any existing inspection function for meat food products derived from catfish carried out by the Food and Drug Administration or any related agency.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION STATUS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Agriculture and Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and Appropriations of the Senate a report on the status of the implementation of the program established by the amendments made by section 11016(b) of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-246; 122 Stat. 2130).

SA 1175. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 1 day after enactment.

SA 1176. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 2 days after enactment.

SA 1177. Mr. REID submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

This Act shall become effective 3 days after enactment.

SA 1178. Mr. SCHATZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1171 submitted by Mr. SCHATZ and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1, line 3, strike “RESEARCH AND”.

On page 2, line 20, strike “silviculture” and insert “silvicultural practices for restoration purposes”.

SA 1179. Mr. SESSIONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1051 submitted by Mr. SESSIONS and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On Page 1, Strike line 1 through and including Page 5, Line 2, and insert the following:

“On Page 390, after Line 17, add the following:

##### SEC. 4019. NO FUNDS FOR MARKETING SNAP BENEFITS.

No funds authorized under this title shall be used to implement any program designed to promote enrollment and use of SNAP benefits by foreign nationals residing in the United States.”

SA 1180. Mr. DONNELLY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1122 submitted by Mr. DONNELLY (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. COATS) and intended to be proposed to the bill S. 954, to reauthorize agricultural programs through 2018; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be added, add the following:

##### SEC. 122. STAY AND STUDY ON PROPOSED ACTIONS RELATING TO SULFURYL FLUORIDE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall delay taking final action on the objections addressed in the proposed order entitled “Sulfuryl Fluoride; Proposed Order Granting Objections to Tolerances and Denying Request for a Stay” (76 Fed. Reg. 3422 (January 19, 2011)) as that proposed order relates to tolerances under chapter IV of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 341 et seq.) until the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall, after providing notice and opportunity to comment to all stakeholders, submit to the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce of

the House of Representatives and the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report on—

(1) the potential public health, economic, environmental, food supply, and public right-to-know effects that may result from finalization of the proposed order described in subsection (a);

(2) any alternatives to the use of sulfuric fluoride in the agricultural sector, including alternatives available through the National Organic Certification Program of the Department of Agriculture and alternatives used in other countries; and

(3) actions that Federal agencies can take to help address public health threats, including to the health of infants and children, by reducing fluoride exposures below levels that have been determined to be safe.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I wish 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 Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

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 BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. STABENOW. 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 June 6, 2013, at 11 a.m.

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

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Gulf Restoration: A Progress Report 3 years After the Deepwater Horizon Disaster."

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

### 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 June 6, 2013, at 9:15 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen 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 June 6, 2013, at 11 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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 June 6, 2013, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Labor Issues in Bangladesh."

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 June 6, 2013, at 10 a.m., in S-216 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an 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 June 6, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Policy be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 6, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "State of the American Dream: Economic Policy and the Future of the Middle Class?"

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

## ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 7, THROUGH TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that following any leader remarks on Friday, June 7, tomorrow, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 80, S. 744; that the time until 1:30 p.m. be divided as follows: Senator SESSIONS or designee controlling 3 hours, and the majority leader or designee controlling the remaining time; further, following any leader remarks on Monday, June 10, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 744; that the time until 5 p.m. be divided as follows: Senator SESSIONS or designee controlling 2 hours, and Senator LEAHY or designee controlling the remaining time; further, that at 5 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of S. 954, the farm bill, with the time until 5:30 p.m. equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; that at

5:30 p.m., all postcloture time be considered expired and the Senate proceed to vote in relation to the Leahy amendment, with no amendments in order to the amendment prior to the vote; and upon disposition of the Leahy amendment, the Senate proceed to vote on passage of S. 954, as amended; that upon disposition of S. 954, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 744, with Senator SESSIONS or designee controlling 1 hour of debate on Monday evening; that following any leader remarks on Tuesday, June 11, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 744, with the time until 12:30 p.m. equally divided between the proponents and opponents; further, Senator SESSIONS or designee controlling up to 1 hour of that time; that at 2:15 p.m., on Tuesday, June 11, the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 744; finally, if cloture is invoked on the motion to proceed, the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided between the proponents and opponents; and at 4 p.m., the Senate proceed to vote on the adoption of the motion to proceed to S. 744.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the request?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 141, 142, and 143; that the nominations be confirmed, en bloc; the motions to reconsider be considered 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 any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today the Senate will confirm Judge Charles Breyer, Rachel Barkow, and Judge William Pryor to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. While it is good that the Senate is acting to confirm Judge Pryor and Rachel Barkow following their unanimous approval by the Judiciary Committee 2 weeks ago, it is wrong that Senate Republicans forced Judge Breyer to wait so long for confirmation. Judge Breyer was first reported unanimously last July, nearly 11 months ago. Despite that unanimous support, Senate Republicans, as they have done so many times, refused to act on his nomination on the floor and forced the President to renominate him this year for no good reason.

Judge Breyer has an outstanding record in public service, and has served as a U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California since 1998, assuming senior status last year. He has