

(1) reaffirms the importance of freedom of the press to efforts by the United States Government to support democracy, mitigate conflict, and promote good governance domestically and around the world;

(2) expresses concern about the threats to freedom of the press and expression in the People's Republic of China;

(3) condemns actions taken by the Government of the People's Republic of China to suppress freedom of the press, including the increased harassment of Chinese and international journalists through denial of visas, harassment of sources, physical threats, and other methods; and

(4) urges the President to use all appropriate instruments of United States influence to support, promote, and strengthen principles, practices, and values that promote the free flow of information to the people of China without interference or discrimination, including through the Internet and other electronic media.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has scheduled a hearing entitled, "Offshore Tax Evasion: The Effort to Collect Billions in Unpaid Taxes on Hidden Offshore Accounts." The hearing will continue the Subcommittee's examination of tax haven bank facilitation of U.S. tax evasion, focusing on the status of efforts to hold Swiss banks and their U.S. clients accountable for billions of dollars in unpaid U.S. taxes. Witnesses will include representatives from a Swiss bank and the U.S. Department of Justice. A witness list will be available Monday, February 24, 2014.

The Subcommittee hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in room G-50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at (202) 224-9505.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct an oversight hearing to receive testimony on "Early Childhood Development and Education in Indian Country: Building a Foundation for Academic Success."

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at (202) 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet in executive session on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at a time to be determined, in room 216 of the Capitol Building to mark up the nominations of Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of

Massachusetts, to serve as Surgeon General of the Public Health Service; Portia Y. Wu, of the District of Columbia, to serve as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training; Nomination of Christopher P. Lu, of Virginia, to serve as Deputy Secretary of Labor; Heather Lynn MacDougall, of Florida, to serve as a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; and Massie Ritsch, of the District of Columbia, to serve as Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach, Department of Education; as well as any additional nominations cleared for action.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the Committee at (202) 224-5375.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on February 27, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Promoting College Access and Success For Students With Disabilities."

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Alyssa Mowitz of the committee staff on (202) 228-3453.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing will be to hear testimony on the following measures:

S. 1419, the Marine and Hydrokinetic Renewable Energy Act of 2013;

S. 1771, the Crooked River Collaborative Water Security Act of 2013;

S. 1800, the Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act;

S. 1946, a bill to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to modify the authorization of appropriations;

S. 1965, a bill to amend the East Bench Irrigation District Water Contract Extension Act to permit the Secretary of the Interior to extend the contract for certain water services;

S. 2010 and H.R. 1963, the Bureau of Reclamation Conduit Hydropower Development Equity and Jobs Act;

S. 2019, SECURE Water Amendments Act of 2014; and,

S. 2034, the Reclamation Title Transfer Act of 2014.

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 should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to John_Assini@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sara Tucker at (202) 224-6224 or John Assini at (202) 224-9313.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Lauren Sarkesian and Bruno DiMascio, interns with my personal staff, be granted floor privileges for today's session.

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

AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY

Mr. PRYOR. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 360, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 360) to authorize testimony and representation in United States v. Onstad.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, this resolution concerns a request for testimony and representation in a Federal criminal action pending in Montana Federal district court. The defendant is charged with, among other offenses, conspiring to defraud the United States by making fraudulent statements in connection with a grant of Federal money for a project serving disadvantaged youth.

The prosecution has requested the production of testimony from Senator TESTER's chief of staff, who has information relevant to the charged offenses, which include the charge that the defendant conspired to represent falsely to Federal authorities that employees of the Senator's office were contributing in-kind services to the youth project at issue. Senator TESTER would like to cooperate with this request by providing relevant employee testimony from his office.

The enclosed resolution would authorize the production of testimony from the Senator's chief of staff and any other current or former employee of the Senator's office from whom relevant testimony may be had, with representation by the Senate legal counsel.

Mr. PRYOR. 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, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 360) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014

Mr. PRYOR. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2014; 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 11:05 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final half; that at 11:05 a.m., the Senate resume executive session to consider the nomination of James M. Moody to be U.S. District Judge in Arkansas, with the time until 11:15 a.m. equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that following disposition of the Freeman nomination and the resumption of legislative session, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus meetings; that at 2:15 p.m. there be up to 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees prior to the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to S. 1982, the veterans' benefits bill.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, there will be five votes at 11:15 a.m. tomorrow and a sixth vote at 3:15 p.m.

 ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:57 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 10 a.m.

 NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

TODD SUNHWAE KIM, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE AN ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE KATHRYN A. OBERLY, RETIRED.

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

MAJ. GEN. ANTHONY J. ROCK

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS

TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be brigadier general

COL. ROBERT D. TENHET

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be brigadier general

COL. BERTRAM C. PROVIDENCE

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 5046:

To be major general

COL. JOHN R. EWERS, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. BRIAN D. BEAUDREAU
BRIG. GEN. VINCENT A. COGLIANESE
BRIG. GEN. JAMES W. LUKEMAN
BRIG. GEN. CARL E. MUNDY III
BRIG. GEN. DANIEL J. O'DONOHUE
BRIG. GEN. RICHARD L. SIMCOCK II
BRIG. GEN. GARY L. THOMAS

 CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate February 24, 2014:

THE JUDICIARY

JEFFREY ALKER MEYER, OF CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT.