

(1) AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL.—The term “authorized individual” means an individual that possesses—

(A) a valid resident big-game hunting license issued by the appropriate State agency; and

(B) any other qualification that the Secretary, in consultation with the appropriate State agency, may require.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) WILDLIFE REDUCTION.—Nothing in section 4 of the Act of March 2, 1929 (16 U.S.C. 198c), or any other provision of law, prohibits the Secretary from permitting an authorized individual—

(1) to use lethal means to reduce the population of wildlife at a unit of the National Park System that the Secretary determines is causing habitat or culture resources damage; or

(2) to remove the full animal harvested under paragraph (1) from the unit of the National Park System.

SA 3241. Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2363, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 41, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

SEC. 109. MITIGATION FISHERY ACTIVITIES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FEDERAL WATER DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.—The term “Federal water development agency” means—

(A) the Bureau of Reclamation;

(B) the Corps of Engineers; and

(C) the Tennessee Valley Authority.

(2) MITIGATION HATCHERY.—The term “mitigation hatchery” means a facility owned and operated by the Secretary through the National Fish Hatchery System, a purpose of which is the rearing and stocking of native and nonnative fish to replace or maintain fishery resources or harvest levels lost as a result of a Federal water resource development project.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service).

(b) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—Annually, the Secretary, in consultation with affected States, Indian tribes, and other relevant Federal agencies, shall—

(1) determine the needs of the National Fish Hatchery System; and

(2) for purposes of the determination under paragraph (1), give equal priority consideration to—

(A) the rearing and stocking of native and nonnative fish; and

(B) the propagation of species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

(c) REIMBURSEMENT.—Consistent with the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a et seq.) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), the heads of Federal water development agencies shall fully reimburse the Secretary, on an annual basis, for the operation and maintenance of mitigation hatcheries.

SA 3242. Mr. HATCH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2450, to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

TITLE —HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

SEC. —01. INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR VETERANS BENEFITS FOR A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 223(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN VETERANS BENEFITS.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii), an individual shall not be treated as covered under a health plan described in such subparagraph merely because the individual receives periodic hospital care or medical services for a service-connected disability under any law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs but only if the individual is not eligible to receive such care or services for any condition other than a service-connected disability.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 3243. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle H of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1087. SINGLE STANDARD MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

(a) INCORPORATION OF IRS RATE AS SINGLE STANDARD MILEAGE RATE APPLICABLE TO AUTOMOBILES.—Section 5704(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “established by the Administrator shall not exceed” in the last sentence and inserting “shall be”.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES.—

(1) ELIMINATION OF AUTOMOBILES FROM PERIODIC INVESTIGATIONS OF COST OF TRAVEL.—Paragraph (1)(A) of section 5707(b) of such title is amended—

(A) by striking “, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Defense, and representatives of organizations of employees of the Government.”; and

(B) by striking “vehicles to” and inserting “airplanes and privately owned motorcycles by”.

(2) REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR AUTOMOBILES.—Paragraph (2)(A)(i) of such section is amended by striking “prescribe a mileage reimbursement rate which reflects the current costs as determined by the Administrator of operating privately owned automobiles, and which shall not exceed,” and inserting “provide that the mileage reimbursement rate for privately owned automobiles.”.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. LANDRIEU. 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 Committee on En-

ergy and Natural Resources. The business meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider the five nominations and eight bills listed on the attached agenda.

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

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Sallie Derr at (202) 224-6836.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SR-328A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “A National Priority: The Importance of Child Nutrition Programs to our Nation’s Health, Economy and National Security.”

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Regional Implications of a Nuclear Deal with Iran.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 3 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled “Thailand’s Political Crisis.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to

meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Securing Raiological Materials: Examining the Threat Next Door."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 12, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Elizabeth Larson, Casey Brynn DiNino, and Jackson O'Brien, interns in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of today's session.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I request that the following interns from my office be given privileges of the floor for the balance of the day: Emily Hartley, Alfonso Sitenga, Rachel Tougas, Michaela Spaulding, Deirdre Creed, Maria Villa, Lyndsey Brollini, Nicole Eldred, Austin Ramsay, McKenzie Stepovic, Kendall Eilo, Ben Gilman, Gabrielle Gilbertson, and Luke Hopkins.

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

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Casey Scott, a detailee, and Douglas Wiitala, Grant Loftesnes, Betsy Silverstein, and Julia Sferlazzo, interns for the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, be granted privileges of the floor for the session today, June 12, 2014.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by me, in consultation with the Republican leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 538, 770, 766, and 712; that there be 2 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on each nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of that time the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on the nominations in the order listed; that all rollcall votes after the first be 10 minutes in length; 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; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; 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.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration en bloc of the following resolution, which were submitted earlier today: S. Res. 473; S. Res. 474; S. Res. 475; and S. Res. 476.

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

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

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

The resolutions en bloc were agreed to.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 2 p.m. on Monday, June 16,

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 will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that at 5:30 p.m. the Senate proceed to executive session as provided for under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Madam President, there will be three rollcall votes at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

Mr. REID. Madam 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 5:47 p.m., adjourned until Monday, June 16, 2014, at 2 p.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 12, 2014:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CRYSTAL NIX-HINES, OF CALIFORNIA, FOR THE RANK OF AMBASSADOR DURING HER TENURE OF SERVICE AS THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MICHAEL J. MCCORD, OF OHIO, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER).

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

STANLEY FISCHER, OF NEW YORK, TO BE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

LAEL BRAINARD, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2012.

JEROME H. POWELL, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TODD A. BATTA, OF IOWA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

R. JANE CHU, OF MISSOURI, TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.