

to meet to conduct a hearing on "Executive Nominations" on Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: Members of Congress.

Panel II: Wan Kim to be an Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division; Steven G. Bradbury to be an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel; Sue Ellen Wooldridge to be an Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division; and Thomas O. Barnett to be an Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 6, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed briefing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing regarding "How Does the Federal Government Lease Needed Space?"

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, October 6, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing entitled, "From Factory to Foxhole: Improving DoD Logistics."

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, first, I would like to request unanimous consent to grant floor privileges for the remainder of this Congress for Tovah Calderon, a detailee from the Department of Justice, who is currently serving on my Judiciary Committee staff.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, reserving the right to object—for the rest of this Congress? Did the Senator say for the remainder of this Congress?

Mr. SCHUMER. I believe she is going to be here for the next year and a half. I could ask for the next year.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I am obligated to object, and I suggest the Senator get clearance on that.

Mr. SCHUMER. Let me amend my request, with the permission of my friend

from Alaska, to grant floor privileges for the remainder of this session of Congress for Tovah Calderon, a detailee from the Department of Justice.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, may I again inquire of the Senator? Is this person on your staff?

Mr. SCHUMER. Yes. She is a detailee from the Department of Justice. We have detailees on the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. STEVENS. This is floor privileges. It is not necessarily continuous access. Does she have to go through the normal process of obtaining access the way any other staff would?

Mr. SCHUMER. Yes. She would have to go through the normal process.

Mr. STEVENS. I will not object.

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

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess until 8:15 a.m. on Friday, October 7. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of H.R. 2863, the Defense appropriations bill. I further ask consent that following the leader's remarks, Senator LANDRIEU be recognized to speak until 9:15. I further ask consent that immediately following her remarks, and with no intervening action or debate, all time under cloture then be considered expired, the bill be read a third time, and the Senate proceed to a vote on passage of the bill, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Before we recess, I will yield to the Senator from Louisiana for 5 minutes before we close.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I thank the Senator from Alaska.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I thank the Chair.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, it has been a very long day. I am hoping, as this day continues into the evening hours, as we continue to work on the underlying bill, which is the Defense appropriations bill, to have an amendment dealing with Hurricane Katrina in a way this Congress might respond to this urgent need. I thank the Senator from Alaska for his patience through this day because the issue that is before us really is not an amendment on the Defense bill. It is a separate issue but needs to be handled before we leave, in my opinion.

That is why I have stayed here throughout the day and have been

here, of course, throughout the week, in many meetings and phone calls, and now in time on the floor throughout the day, to try to find a way to get some immediate help to our cities and parishes and counties along the gulf coast. It looks like there is a possibility that still might be the case.

But because of the lateness of the hour, really for the staff that has been here so long, I am going to agree to continue to work through the night, allow the staff to take a recess, and spend some time on this, as I have throughout the last few hours, working with my colleagues, particularly Senator LEVIN from Michigan, who has put in a tremendous amount of time, other Senators, Senator CARPER from Delaware, Senator CLINTON, Senator DURBIN, Senator REID. And Senator FRIST has been here for a while. Of course, Senator VITTER was here earlier trying to get through this process, with the specific focus of mine being to try to get our State in the same situation that other States have been put in when they needed help.

We are not quite there yet, but we may yet get there by the time we close the debate in just a few hours. But, really, the staff has done more than they should be asked, to stay this late.

We have tried four or five different compromises in the last 8 hours, and we are not quite there yet. But we may be there in the morning when the Senate comes out of recess.

I am going to continue to work through the evening to see if we can find some sort of solution so that our four States—Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas—can be treated in the same way with the same respect as other States have in disasters in the past.

I thank the Senator for his patience throughout the evening.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Alaska.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I thank the Senator from Louisiana.

PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we will reconvene at 8:15 tomorrow morning. Following additional remarks by Senator LANDRIEU in the morning, we will vote on passage of the Defense appropriations bill. That vote will occur concerning at 9:15. Following that vote, we will proceed to the Homeland Security appropriations conference report. It is my understanding that we will be able to consider that conference report under a 30-minute time agreement and that a vote would not be necessary. We have not locked in that agreement. We will turn to that conference report in the morning after voting on the DOD appropriations bill.

RECESS UNTIL 8:15 A.M.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess in accordance with the previous order.