

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Monday, November 13, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to consider the nomination of Susan E. Dudley to be Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Rose Fabia, a detailee to the Appropriations Committee from the Department of Veterans Affairs and a staff member on our committee, be granted floor privileges for the duration of debate on H.R. 5385.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3994 AND S. 4041

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title for a second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3994) to extend the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act of 1996.

A bill (S. 4041) to protect children and their parents from being coerced into administering a controlled substance in order to attend school, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 4047

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 4047) to prohibit the issuance of transportation security cards to individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

PUEBLO OF ISLETA SETTLEMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES RESTORATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to proceed to the

immediate consideration of H.R. 5842, which is at the desk.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5842) to compromise and settle all claims in the case of Pueblo of Isleta v. United States, to restore, improve, and develop the valuable on-reservation land and natural resources of the Pueblo, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 5842) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THE REVERSIONARY INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN LANDS TO THE CLINT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 860 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 860) to provide for the conveyance of the reversionary interest of the United States in certain lands to the Clint Independent School District, El Paso County, Texas.

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

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 860) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

AMENDING THE SHIVWITS BAND OF THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT ACT

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 531, S. 3501.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3501) to amend the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act to establish an acqui-

sition fund for the water rights and habitat acquisition program.

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

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I am pleased that today the Senate has agreed to pass S. 3501, a bill to amend the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act to establish an acquisition fund for the water rights and habitat acquisition program, with an amendment that I have also offered. This bill amends the Shivwits Band of Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act, enacted in 2000, which ratified a negotiated settlement of the Shivwits Band of Paiute Indian Tribe's water entitlement to flow from the Santa Clara River in UT.

S. 3501 was introduced to address a deficiency in the original statutory language of the Shivwits Water Rights Settlement Act. Section 10 of that Act authorized a water rights and habitat acquisition program. Congress appropriated \$3 million that was authorized by Section 10. When the Department of the Interior attempted to implement the law, the Treasury Department advised that the language in Section 10 was insufficient for this purpose. The Treasury Department and Department of the Interior developed technical correction language to address this deficiency in the original statutory language. S. 3501 facilitates this correction in the Shivwits Water Rights Settlement Act.

However, subsequent to approval of this measure by the Indian Affairs Committee, the Congressional Budget Office determined that the language developed by Treasury and Interior, as reflected in S. 3501, could be interpreted to authorize an additional \$3 million to the Acquisition Fund and thereby increase direct spending.

Therefore, I have offered an amendment with the bill in an effort to avoid any ambiguity in S. 3501 concerning prior appropriations for the Acquisition Fund. The amendment strikes the potentially ambiguous language in the bill, and inserts new language, to the affect, that funds transferred to the Acquisition Fund are funds made available but not expended. The technical amendment therefore avoids the possibility of any redundant appropriations, keeping S. 3501 budget neutral, as was originally intended, and fully implements Section 10 of the Shivwits Band of Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act of 2000.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 5133) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To modify a provision relating to transfers to the Acquisition Fund)

On page 2, strike lines 19 through 22 and insert the following: