

SEC. ____ ENGRAVINGS IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER.

(a) ENGRAVING REQUIRED.—The Architect of the Capitol shall engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God We Trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center, in accordance with the engraving plan described in subsection (b).

(b) ENGRAVING PLAN.—The engraving plan described in this subsection is a plan setting forth the design and location of the engraving required under subsection (a) which is prepared by the Architect of the Capitol and approved by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 2 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nominations of Wilma A. Lewis, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Richard G. Newell, to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, and Robert V. Abbey, to be Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

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 may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Amanda_Kelly@energy.senate.gov.

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 2 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SCHUMER. 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 Thursday, June 25, 2009.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environmental and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 11 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room 325 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 25, 2009, at 2:15 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 25, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “The Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2009.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on June 25, 2009, at 12 p.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.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environmental and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday,

June 25, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, on behalf of Senator BINGAMAN, I ask unanimous consent that Caroline McNeill, Sierra Spence, Nathan Keffer, and Stephanie Louis be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the nomination of Dean Koh to be Legal Adviser to the State Department.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that three individuals from my staff, Caitlin Baalke, Hanna Kim, and Kimberly Stone, be granted the privilege of the floor during debate on this appropriations bill.

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2918

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 6, the Senate proceed to vote in relation to the McCain amendment No. 1366; that prior to the vote, there be 10 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between Senators NELSON of Nebraska and McCAIN or their designees.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, for the information of the Senate, following the disposition of the McCain amendment, the Senate is expected to then vote on final passage of the Legislative Branch appropriations bill, so it is the McCain amendment and then final passage of the Legislative Branch appropriations bill.

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2892

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, July 7, following a period of morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2892, the Homeland Security appropriations bill, and that once the bill is reported, Senator MURRAY or her designee be recognized to offer a substitute amendment; provided further that this order is only applicable if the bill is available.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, let me say, even though he is not here, I wish to extend my appreciation to the distinguished Republican leader for working for several days to help us get to what we have just announced. I was patient, he was patient, and as a result of that we were able to get this done, and I acknowledge his good work on behalf of the Senate.