(b) on a periodic basis, but not less frequently than once every 12 months.

(e) PRIORITIES.—In evaluating projects, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that have the following:

(1) maximizing reduction of local energy use;

(2) achieving overall energy savings or net energy production, including step 1: efficiency improvements in energy infrastructure to the impact of extreme weather events, power grid failures, and interruptions in supply of fossil fuels;

(3) demonstrating minimal environmental impact, including regulated air pollutants, greenhouse gas emissions, and use of ozone-depleting refrigerants;

(4) utilizing renewable energy sources;

(5) increasing industrial competitiveness; and

(6) maximizing local job creation.

(f) RULES AND PROCEDURES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall adopt rules and procedures for the administration of the program established under this section, consistent with the provisions of this title.

(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for fiscal years 2014 through 2018, to remain available until expended, an amount to implement subsection (a) of this section.

SEC. 247. STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLANS.

Section 422(f) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 1702(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” and inserting “, or” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (17) as paragraph (25);

(3) by inserting at the end the following:

“(25) programs to support the evaluation and implementation of local energy infrastructure (as defined in section 243 of the Local Energy Supply and Resiliency Act of 2014).”.

SEC. 248. LOCAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.

(a) ASSURANCE OF REPAYMENT.—Section 1703(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16513(d)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

“(11) Local energy infrastructure, as defined in section 243 of the Local Energy Supply and Resiliency Act of 2014.”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) DEFINITION OF INVESTMENT AREA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to a project described in subsection (b)(11) to the extent specifically provided for in advance by an appropriations Act enacted after the date of enactment of the Local Energy Supply and Resiliency Act of 2014.”.

SEC. 249. LOCAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.

(a) ASSURANCE OF REPAYMENT.—Section 1703(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16513(d)) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by inserting at the end the following:

“(12) programs to support the evaluation and implementation of local energy infrastructure (as defined in section 243 of the Local Energy Supply and Resiliency Act of 2014).”.

SEC. 250. OFFSET.

Section 422(f) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 1702(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end;

(2) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) $200,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;

“(5) $180,000,000 for fiscal year 2014;

“(6) $130,000,000 for fiscal year 2015; and

“(7) $80,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2018.”.

NOTICES 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 the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has scheduled a hearing entitled, “Online Advertising and Hidden Hazards to Consumer Security and Data Privacy.”

The Subcommittee will be examining consumer security and data privacy in the online advertising industry, an investigation led by Senator Mccain. Specifically, the Subcommittee is investigating data collection processes and security vulnerabilities that have inflicted significant costs on Internet users and American businesses. Witnesses will include representatives of the online advertising industry and an online self-regulatory organization, an online advertising expert, as well as a representative from the Federal Trade Commission.

A witness list will be available Monday, May 12, 2014. The Subcommittee hearing will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 342 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 HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet in executive session on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD–330 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Progress and Challenges: The State of Tobacco Use and Regulation in the U.S.”
The purpose of the hearing is to examine the steps the federal government can take to increase the economic benefits of the Toledo Bend Project to the Northwest Louisiana region.

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 email to Afton Zaunbrecher@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Dan Adamson at (202) 224-2871 or Afton Zaunbrecher at (202) 224-5479.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to announce the nominations of Cheryl A. LaFleur and Mr. Norman C. Bay, to be Members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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 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 COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 6, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD–215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing Venezuela’s Political Crisis: Human Rights Violations and Beyond."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. 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 May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SD–106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Hearing on the nomination of the Secretary of Health and Human Services-Designate, Sylvia Mathews Burwell."

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. 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 May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Identifying Critical Factors for Success in Information Technology Acquisitions."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 11:15 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 3 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Waste and Abuse in Sponsorship and Marketing Contracts."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sarah Groen, a State Department fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this day.

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

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an intern in my office, Kathryn Martucci, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the calendar year.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to Ron Faibish of my staff during the consideration of Calendar No. 358, S. 2197.

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

REPEALING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING OF SENATE STATIONERY CONTRACTS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 358, S. 2197.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 2197) to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (S. 2197) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows: S. 2197.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SENATE STATIONERY PROCEDURES.

(a) In General.—Sections 65, 66, 67, and 68 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 6569, 6570, 6571) are repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The fifth paragraph after the paragraph under the side heading "For Contingent Expenses, Namely," under the subheading "Senate," under the heading "Congress," of the Act of March 3, 1887 (24 Stat. 596, chapter 392; 2 U.S.C. 6572), is amended by striking "sections, sixty-five, sixty six, sixty-seven, sixty-eight, and sixty-nine," and inserting "section 69."