

“(6) Protecting the constitutional right of all firefighters, law enforcement officers and public safety employees who risk their lives on a daily basis to protect our property, freedoms and loved ones in exercising their right to follow their conscience in whether or not to join a labor organization in connection with their decision to pursue a career dedicated to service and sacrifice in defense of the innocent in order to provide for their own families.”

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will conduct a business meeting on October 31, 2001, in SR-328A at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this business meeting will be to confirm the organization of the Agriculture Committee Subcommittee membership, mark up the credit title of the new Federal farm bill, and consider S. 1519, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide farm credit assistance for activated reservists.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to conduct a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2001. The purpose of this business meeting will be to confirm the organization of the Agriculture Committee subcommittee membership, mark up the credit title of the new Federal farm bill, and consider S. 1519, a bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide farm credit assistance for activated reservists.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, October 31, 2001, at 2 p.m. to hold a nomination hearing.

#### Agenda

Nominees: Mr. George Argyros, Sr., of California, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra; Mr. Robert Becroft, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of Mission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Mr. Lyons Brown, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria; to be introduced by: the Honorable MITCH MCCONNELL.

Mr. Stephan Minikes, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative

to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador, to be introduced by: the Honorable ARLEN SPECTER.

Mr. William Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; Mr. Melvin Sembler, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Italy; and Mr. Ronald Weiser, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, to be introduced by: the Honorable CARL LEVIN.

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters on Wednesday, October 31, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in room S-407 in the Capitol.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, AND WATER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 31, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on innovative financing mechanisms related to the drinking water and clean water State revolving fund. The hearing will be held in the room SD-406.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs and the Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services be authorized to meet on Wednesday, October 31, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a joint hearing entitled “Terrorism Through the Mail: Protecting Postal Workers and the Public.”

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

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 3061

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning, Thursday, November 1, when the Senate resumes consideration of H.R. 3061, the Labor-HHS Appropriations Act, Senator GREGG be recognized to offer an amendment regarding school construction; that there be 60 minutes for debate prior to a vote in relation to the amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Gregg amendment be laid aside and Senator LANDRIEU be recognized to offer an amendment regarding Title I targeting on which there will be 60 minutes for debate prior to a vote in relation to the amendment, with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form;

that no second-degree amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote, nor to the language which may be stricken; that upon the use of time, the Senate resume consideration of the Gregg amendment, and then proceed to vote in relation to the Gregg amendment; that regardless of the outcome of the vote, there be 2 minutes for debate that in relation to the Landrieu amendment; that upon the use of that time, the Senate proceed to vote in relation to the Landrieu amendment, with no further intervening action.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, having had that consent agreement entered, I reiterate what the majority leader said a couple of hours ago that we are going to finish this bill this week, hopefully tomorrow. It would be really good if we could. Otherwise, we will have to work until Friday.

The leader is also extremely interested in completing the DC appropriations bill. The manager of that bill, the chairman of the subcommittee, Senator LANDRIEU, has indicated she is in conversations with the Senator on the other side regarding bringing the bill forward. Hopefully, that can be done and disposed of in a relatively short period of time.

Even though there were no recorded votes today, nor were there recorded votes yesterday, significant progress has been made on this bill. The managers have accepted six or eight amendments. A couple have been accepted by voice vote. The staff committee has been working with a number of Senators during the day, making progress on some very significant amendments. Hopefully, when these amendments are completed tomorrow, the Gregg and Landrieu amendments, we will be ready to complete work on this bill tomorrow afternoon.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 504 through 510; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements thereon appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

##### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

##### *To be major general*

Brigadier General James P. Czekaniski, 0000