

14. S. 1632—a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to extend the deadline for submission of State recommendations of local governments to receive assistance for predisaster hazard mitigation and to authorize the President to provide additional repair assistance to individuals and households.

15. S. 1637—a bill to waive certain limitations on the use of the emergency fund for repair or reconstruction of highways, roads, and trails that suffered serious damage as a result of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center;

16. H.R. 643—African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001;

17. H.R. 645—Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001;

18. H.R. 700—Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001;

19. S. Con. Res. 80—Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the 30th Anniversary of the Enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

20. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Study Resolution for Tybee Island, Georgia; and

21. Several GSA Building and Lease Committee Resolutions.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in open executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2001.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2001, at 10 a.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

Agenda

Nominees: Eric Javits, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament; Christopher Burnham, of Connecticut, to be Chief Financial Officer and an Assistant Secretary of State (Resource Management); Sichan Siv, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and an Alternate Representative to the Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations; and Richard Williamson, of Illinois, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2001, after the next rollcall vote to hold a business meeting.

The Committee will consider and vote on the following nominees: Sichan Siv, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and an Alternate Representative to the Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and Richard Williamson, of Illinois, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations and to be the Alternate U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, November 8, 2001, at 10 a.m., in Dirksen Room 226.

Tentative Agenda

I. Nominations: Terry L. Wooten to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of South Carolina and John P. Walters to be Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

II. Bills: S. 1630, a bill to extend for 6 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11, United States Code, is reenacted [Carnahan/Grassley/Leahy/Bond/Harkin/Sessions/Brownback] and S. 986, a bill to allow media coverage of court proceedings [Grassley/Schumer/Leahy/Smith/Allard/Feingold/Specter].

III. Resolution: S. Res. 23, A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should award the Presidential Medal of Freedom posthumously to Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays in honor of his distinguished career as an educator, civil and human rights leader, and public theologian [Cleland/Miller/Hollings].

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following list of staff members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of S. 1428: Jim Barnett, Randy Bookout, Steven Cash, Thomas Corcoran, Paula DeSutter, Vicki Divoll, F.F., Peter Dorn, Melvin Dube, Christopher Ford, Lorenzo Goco, Christopher Jackson, Ken Johnson, Mary Pat Lawrence, Mark Magee,

Kathleen McGhee, Don Mitchell, Ken Myers, Don Stone, Linda Taylor, Tracye Winfrey, James Wolfe, and Amanda Krohn.

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

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joel Widder, a detailee to the Appropriations Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the VA-HUD conference report.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nominations reported out earlier today by the Armed Services Committee, that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. STABENOW). Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Dale Klein, of Texas, to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs.

Mary L. Walker, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

R. L. Brownlee, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Marvin R. Sambur, of Indiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Sandra L. Pack, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

NOMINATION OF R.L. BROWNLEE

Mr. REID. Madam President, present today is Senator WARNER, former chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Also momentarily will be here the present chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Senator LEVIN. They wish to speak in just a short time on the nomination of Mr. Brownlee to be Under Secretary of the Army.

I had the pleasure of working with him during the time Senator WARNER was chairman and Senator LEVIN was chairman on the matters of this bill. He has been an integral part of moving these armed services bills.

I, as a Democrat, depended on him, he representing the Republican leader on the Armed Services Committee. I just can't say enough nice things about him. I know Senator WARNER and Senator LEVIN will say more at the appropriate time.

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar No. 436, that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of