

SEC. 810. BUS REPLACEMENT.

(a) REQUIREMENT FOR STUDY.—The Secretary of Transportation shall carry out a study to determine how best to provide for converting the composition of the fleets of buses in metropolitan areas and school systems from buses utilizing current diesel technology to—

- (1) buses that draw propulsion from on-board fuel cells;
- (2) buses that are hybrid electric vehicles;
- (3) buses that are fueled by clean-burning fuels, such as renewable fuels (including agriculture-based biodiesel fuels), natural gas, and ultra-low sulphur diesel;
- (4) buses that are powered by clean diesel engines; or
- (5) an assortment of buses described in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4).

(b) REPORT.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall submit a report on the results of the study on bus fleet conversions under subsection (a) to Congress.

(2) CONTENT.—The report on bus fleet conversions shall include the following:

- (A) An assessment of effectuating conversions by the following means:
 - (i) Replacement of buses.
 - (ii) Replacement of power and propulsion systems in buses utilizing current diesel technology.
 - (iii) Other means.
- (B) Feasible schedules for carrying out the conversions.
- (C) Estimated costs of carrying out the conversions.
- (D) An assessment of the benefits of the conversions in terms of emissions control and reduction of fuel consumption.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, March 14, 2002, at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on the President's budget request for Indian programs for fiscal year 2003.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in closed session to receive a classified briefing on current military operations.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. 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 Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 10 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on "The U.S. Economic Outlook."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing to receive testimony on the proposed First Responder Initiative in President Bush's FY03 budget. The hearing will be held in SD-406.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 10 a.m. to hear testimony on "Welfare Reform: What Have We Learned?"

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 immediately following the first roll call vote of the day for a business meeting to consider the nominations of: (1) Louis Kincannon to be Director of the Census, and (2) Jeanette Clark to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a vote regarding the Nomination of Melanie R. Sabelhaus to be Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, immediately following the first vote of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., in open and possibly closed session to receive testimony on special operations capabilities, operational requirements, and technology acquisition, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2003.

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' Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at

2:30 p.m. for a hearing regarding "Critical Skills for National Security and the The Homeland Security Federal Workforce Act (S. 1800)."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Subcommittee on Public Health, be authorized to meet for a hearing on The Health Care Crisis of the Uninsured: What are the Solutions during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND, TOXICS, RISK, AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, Risk, and Waste Management be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing to receive testimony on environmental enforcement. The hearing will be held in SD-406.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94-201, as amended by Public Law 105-275, appoints Dennis Holub, of South Dakota, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002

Mr. LEVIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9 a.m., Wednesday, March, 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there be a period of morning business until 9:30 a.m., with the time under the control of Senator ALLEN; further, at 9:30 a.m., the Senate resume consideration of the energy reform bill, for debate only in relation to ethanol until 11:30 a.m., with the time equally divided between Senators NELSON of Nebraska and BOND or their designees; further, that at 11:30 a.m., the Senate proceed under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. LEVIN. The next rollcall vote will occur at approximately 11:50 a.m. in relation to the Levin CAFE amendment.