

“(ii) which individuals may compete for Corps positions; and

“(iii) any employment preferences an individual participating in the Corps may have when returning to the employing agency of that individual; and

“(E) any other issues relevant to the establishment and continued operation of the Corps; and

“(6) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, submit a report to the Office of Personnel Management on all findings and relevant information on the establishment of the Corps.

“(d) CORPS.—

“(1) PROPOSED REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the report is submitted under subsection (c)(6), the Board shall publish in the Federal Register, proposed regulations describing the purpose, and providing for the establishment and operation of the Corps.

“(2) COMMENT PERIOD.—The Board shall provide for—

“(A) a period of 60 days for comments from all stakeholders on the proposed regulations; and

“(B) a period of 180 days following the comment period for making modifications to the regulations.

“(3) FINAL REGULATIONS.—After the 180-day period described under paragraph (2)(B), the Board shall promulgate final regulations that—

“(A) establish the Corps;

“(B) provide guidance to agencies to designate Corps positions;

“(C) provide for individuals to perform periods of service of not more than 2 years at a Corps position within agencies on a rotational basis;

“(D) establish eligibility for individuals to participate in the Corps;

“(E) enhance career opportunities for individuals participating in the Corps;

“(F) provide for the Corps to develop a group of policy experts with broad-based experience throughout the executive branch; and

“(G) provide for greater interaction among agencies with traditional national security functions.

“(4) ACTIONS BY AGENCIES.—Not later than 180 days after the promulgation of final regulations under paragraph (3), each agency shall—

“(A) designate Corps positions;

“(B) establish procedures for implementing this section; and

“(C) begin active participation in the operation of the Corps.

“(e) CONSULTATION WITH CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS.—The Board shall consult with the chief human capital officers of participating agencies in carrying out this section.

“(f) ALLOWANCES, PRIVILEGES, AND BENEFITS.—An employee serving on a rotational basis with another agency under this section is deemed to be detailed and, for the purpose of preserving allowances, privileges, rights, seniority, and other benefits with respect to the employee, is deemed to be an employee of the original employing agency and is entitled to the pay, allowances, and benefits from funds available to that agency.

“(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Board such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.”.

SEC. 203. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

The David L. Boren National Security Education Act of 1991 (50 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 803(b)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (5) through (7) as paragraphs (7) through (9), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

“(5) The Secretary of Homeland Security.

“(6) The Attorney General of the United States.”;

(2) in section 803(c), by striking “subsection (b)(6)” and inserting “subsection (b)(8)”;

(3) in section 804(b)(1), by inserting “, including section 802a” before the semicolon;

(4) by inserting after section 807, the following:

“SEC. 807a. NONAPPLICATION OF PROVISIONS TO CERTAIN GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS AND THE NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE CORPS.

“Sections 805, 806, and 807 shall not apply with respect to section 802a or 802b.”; and

(5) in section 808(4), by striking “The term” and inserting “Except as provided under section 802a, the term”.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 301. STRATEGIC PLANS.

Section 306(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) a description of how the goals and objectives are to be achieved, including a description of the operational processes, training, skills and technology, and the human, capital, information, and other resources required to meet those goals and objectives.”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (4) through (6) as paragraphs (5) through (7), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) a discussion of the extent to which the specific skills in the agency’s human capital are needed to achieve the mission, goals, and objectives of the agency.”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce, for the information of the Senate and the public, that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, November 13, at 2:30 p.m., in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1085, a bill to provide for a Bureau of Reclamation program to assist States and local communities in evaluating and developing rural and small community water supply systems, and for other purposes; S. 1732, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents; S. 1211, a bill to further the purposes of title XVI of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, the “Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act”, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a demonstration program for water reclamation in the Tularosa Basin of New Mexico, and for other

purposes; S. 1727, a bill to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978; and S. 1791, a bill to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund, and for other purposes. Contact: Shelly Randel 202-224-7933, Erik Webb 202-224-4756 or Meghan Beal at 202-224-7556.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. on Aviation Security. The first part of the hearing will be closed.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 9 a.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 2 p.m. for a hearing titled “The Report of the Presidential Commission on the U.S. Postal Service: Preserving Access and Affordability.”

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

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Wednesday, November 5, 2003, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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