

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 18, 2003, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the "Review of Current Investigations and Regulatory Actions Regarding the Mutual Fund Industry."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, in the President's Room, immediately following the first vote, on pending committee business.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on nomination of Arnold I. Havens, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing to consider the nomination of James M. Loy to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. on "America after 9/11: Freedom Preserved or Freedom Lost?" in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Panel I: Bob Barr, Former United States Representative, Atlanta, GA; Viet Dinh, Professor, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC; James Zogby, Arab American Institute, Washington, DC; James Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, Washington, DC; Robert Cleary, Proskauer Rose, LLP, New York, NY; Nadine Strossen, President, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY; and Muzaffar Chishti, Director, Migration Policy Institute at New York University School of Law, New York, NY.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 18, at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearings is to receive testimony on S. 1467, a bill to es-

tablish the Rio Grande outstanding natural area in the state of Colorado, and for other purposes, S. 1209, a bill to provide for the acquisition of property in Washington County, Utah, for implementation of a desert tortoise habitat conservation plan, and H.R. 708, a bill to require the conveyance of certain national forest system lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for national forest purposes, and for other purposes; S. 1167, which would resolve boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone counties in the State of Missouri, and S. 1848, which would amend the Bend Pine Nursery Land Conveyance Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to sell the Bend Pine Nursery Administrative site in the State of Oregon.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on strategic forces of the committee on armed services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 2:00 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on space acquisition policies and processes.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing entitled "U.S. Tax Shelter Industry: The Role of Accountants, Lawyers and Financial Professionals."

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise to honor the 17 soldiers who lost their lives this past Saturday in Iraq when two Black Hawk helicopters collided.

This tragedy stands as the deadliest single incident since Operation Iraqi Freedom began in March. It is the largest single loss of life for the 101st Airborne in 15 years.

All 17 young soldiers served in the 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell. All 17 died serving their country with valor and with courage.

I would like to read each of their names for the RECORD:

SGT Michael D. Acklin, II, age 25, of Louisville, KY; SPC Ryan T. Baker, age 24, of Browns Mills, NJ; SFC Kelly Bolor, age 37, of Whittier, CA; SPC Jeremy DiGiovanni, age 21, of Pricedale, MS; SPC William D. Dusenbery, age 30, of Fairview Heights, IL; PFC Rick Hafer, age 21, of Nitro, WV; SGT Warren S. Hansen, age 36, of Clintonville, WI; PFC Sheldon R. Hawk Eagle, age 21, of Grand Forks, ND; PFC Damian L. Heidelberg, age 21, of MS; CWO Erik C. Kesterson,

age 29, of Independence, OR; 1LT Pierre Piche, age 28, of Starksboro, VT; SGT John W. Russell, age 26, of Portland, TX; CWO Scott A. Saboe, age 33, of Willow Lake, SD; SPC John R. Sullivan, age 26, of Countryside, IL; SPC Eugene A. Uhl, III, age 21, of Amherst, WI; PFC Joey Whitener, age 19, of McDowell County, NC; 2LT Jeremy L. Wolfe, age 27, of Menomonie, WI.

Mr. President, my heart goes out to the families of these brave young men. America mourns your loss and honors you for the profound sacrifice you must now bear.

My heart goes out to the community of Fort Campbell which grieves the loss of these 17 young men and the 36 other valiant soldiers of the 101st who have lost their lives since the war in Iraq began. Each and every one of these soldiers is a credit to our country.

The great American philosopher and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote: "Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them."

We will press forward in honor of those who have lost their lives fighting this just and honorable war. With their names emblazoned on our hearts, we will secure the victories of peace.

God bless them. God bless their families. And God bless America.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2754, the energy and water appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the conference report.

(The text of the Conference Report is printed in the proceedings of the House in the RECORD of November 7, 2003.)

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, today I bring to the floor the Energy and Water Development Appropriations conference report for fiscal year 2004, approved by the conference committee last week.

My ranking member, Senator REID, and I have worked very hard this year to put together a fair conference report under extremely difficult circumstances.

For fiscal year 2004, the allocation to the conference committee was \$27.3 billion, an amount that is only \$381.8 million over the President's request. This situation posed a daunting challenge to the conference, both in terms of funding and philosophy.

As many of my colleagues know, the President's request dramatically cut water projects well below the current year level. In fact, the President's request was \$530 million below the current year level for water projects, and we received an increased allocation smaller than what we considered the total need of our conference report.

Thus, the increased allocation, along with other funding adjustments, was