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SA 2855. Mr. LUGAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

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NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing entitled "Profiteering In a Non-Profit Industry: Abusive Practices in Credit Counseling." The subcommittee intends to hold this hearing to address the problems facing the credit counseling industry. Once community-based and consumer-friendly, the credit counseling industry has undergone significant transformation during the past several years. New and aggressive profit-driven participants have entered the market, causing a rash of consumer complaints about high fees, misleading advertising, and poor service. The proliferation of for-profit, "back-office" servicing companies is threatening to change the industry into a debt collection mill instead of an industry whose focus should be on consumer counseling and education. The subcommittee's March 24 hearing will review the most egregious cases for misconduct among credit counseling agencies and their for-profit service providers and examine what solutions may be available to repair the industry.

The hearings will take place on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at 9 a.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Raymond V. Shepherd III, Staff Director and Chief Counsel to the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, at 224-3721.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. CRAIG. 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 Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 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 the following bills: S. 433, a bill to provide for enhanced collaborative forest stewardship management within the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests in Idaho, and

for other purposes; S. 2180, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado; and H.R. 1964, a bill to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, 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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics at 202-224-2878.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on missile defense, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 10 a.m., on prescription drug importation.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 11, at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 2086, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to improve the reclamation of abandoned mines; S. 2049, a bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to reauthorize collection of reclamation fees, revise the abandoned mine reclamation program, promote remining, authorize the Office of Surface Mining to collect the black lung excise tax, and make sundry other changes.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during

the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 11, at 2:30 p.m. to consider the nomination of Sue Ellen Woolridge to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing titled "Postal Reform: Sustaining the 9 Million Jobs in the \$900 Billion Mailing Industry (Day Two)."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., in Dirksen Senate Building Room 226.

Agenda

I. Nominations

Henry W. Saad to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit; William James Haynes II to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; Diane S. Sykes to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit; William Gerry Myers III to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; James L. Robart to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Washington; Juan R. Sanchez to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; and Lawrence F. Stengel to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

II. Executive Session

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2004, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 11, 2004, at 2 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Army transformation in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005 and the future years Defense Program.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to allow my staff member, Derrick Freeman, the privilege of the floor.

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

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, pursuant to Public Law 108-176, Section 411(b)(1)(B), appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission of Small Community Air Service: Mayor Bob Corker of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 586, 587, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

Glyn T. Davies, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as the Political Director for the United States Presidency of the G-8.

Richard S. Williamson, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Human Rights Commission of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2006.

Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2006.

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Feliciano Foyo, of Florida, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring August 12, 2004.

Robert Hurley McKinney, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring October 27, 2004.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sandford Gottesman, of Texas, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005.

Diane M. Ruebling, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005.

C. William Swank, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Mark J. Warshawsky, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary to the Treasury.

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

Mark B. McClellan, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

COAST GUARD

Coast Guard nomination of Larry L. Jones, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of January 22, 2004.

Coast Guard nominations (3) beginning Susan J. Blood, and ending Heather L. Morrison, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of February 11, 2004.

Coast Guard nominations (3) beginning MICHAEL P. GULDIN, and ending FELICIA K. RAYBON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2003.

Coast Guard nominations (218) beginning Catherine A. Abella, and ending Bradley G. Winans, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in Congressional Record of February 5, 2004.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Friday, March 12. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow the Senate will be in a period of morning business. There will be no rollcall votes tomorrow, but we will be working to clear several items for passage. It has been a long day and a late night and will be an early morning, but it was a worthy effort, as we were able to complete our work on the budget. I thank everyone again.

I will make further announcements tomorrow on schedule when we return from recess.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, those of us who have spent this long day on the floor recognize that there has been an absence in our caucus—and I think both of our caucuses have noted his absence—and that is the distinguished assistant Democratic leader. Normally, he would have been moving around the floor for the last several hours, work-

ing with the managers and making sure things were done in an orderly way. Our dear friend Senator REID has attended a funeral of one of his very close friends today.

I want the RECORD to show the only reason he missed the votes and was not here to help orchestrate our successful conclusion of the budget is because of his need to be in Nevada. I thought it was important we make note of that in the RECORD.

I appreciate the majority leader yielding for that purpose.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 1:44 a.m., adjourned until Friday, March 12, 2004, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate March 11, 2004:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TINA WESTBY JONAS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER), VICE DOV S. ZAKHEIM, RESIGNING.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

ROMOLO A. BERNARDI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE ALPHONSO R. JACKSON.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

THOMAS HILL MOORE, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM OCTOBER 27, 2002. (REAPPOINTMENT)

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

JUAN CARLOS ZARATE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, VICE KENNETH LAWSON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

LEWIS W. LUCKE, OF TEXAS, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND.

EARLE I. MACK, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND.

JACKSON MCDONALD, OF FLORIDA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA.

JOHN M. ORDWAY, OF CALIFORNIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. DAN K. MCNEILL, 4203

THE FOLLOWING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL JAMES J. BISSON, 6236

BRIGADIER GENERAL RONALD G. CROWDER, 6091

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM W. GOODWIN, 8895

BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL A. GORMAN, 3651

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT G.F. LEE, 0590

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERTO MARRERRO-CORLETTI, 1485

BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBLEY S. RIGDON, 7740

BRIGADIER GENERAL JOSEPH J. TALUTO, 0598