

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2005, at 10 a.m., in open session to consider the following nominations: Mr. Kenneth J. Krieg to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; and Lieutenant General Michael V. Hayden, USAF, for appointment to the grade of General and to be Deputy National Intelligence Director.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ROBERTS. 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 April 21, 2005, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on "Regulatory Reform on the Housing Government-Sponsored Enterprises."

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ROBERTS. 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 April 21, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "HUD's Fiscal Year 2005 Budget."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 10 a.m., in 628 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of Robert J. Portman to be United States Trade Representative.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on multilateral development banks.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 10 a.m. in SD-430

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

I. Nominations

Terrence W. Boyle, II, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit; Priscilla R. Owen, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; and Janice Rogers Brown, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

II. Bills

S. 378, Reducing Crime and Terrorism at America's Seaports Act of 2005, BIDEN, SPECTER, FEINSTEIN, KYL, CORNYN; and S. 629, Railroad Carriers and Mass Transportation Act of 2005, SESSIONS, KYL.

III. Matters

Asbestos, Senate Judiciary Committee Rules.

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

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Committee on Printing be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 2 p.m. to conduct an organizational meeting.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2005 at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 21st, 2005, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing regarding "An Assessment of the President's Management Agenda".

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Intellectual Property be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "The Patent System Today and Tomorrow" on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 2:30 p.m., in Dirksen 226.

Panel I: Jon W. Dudas, Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property, Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, Arlington, VA.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. for a hearing entitled, "Employing Federal Workforce Flexibilities: A Progress Report."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the subcommittee on Personnel be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 21, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Present and Future Costs of Department of Defense Health Care, and National health Care Trends in the Civilian Sector.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. on Amtrak Reauthorization.

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

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 786

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent S. 786 be Star Printed with the changes at desk.

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

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 870, S. 871, S. 872, S. 873, S. 874

Mr. FRIST. I understand there are five bills at the desk and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 870) to prohibit energy market manipulation.

A bill (S. 871) to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that the strength of the Armed Forces and the protections and benefits for members of the Armed Forces and their families are adequate for keeping the commitment of the people of the United States to support their servicemembers, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 872) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property.

A bill (S. 873) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the medicare program.

A bill (S. 874) to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer health benefits plans to individuals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own requests, all en bloc.