

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a business meeting on October 18, 2005 at 2:30 p.m., to consider a bill, S. —, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, to make technical corrections.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on October 18, 2005 at 2:35 p.m., to conduct a legislative hearing on S. 1772, the Gas Petroleum Refiner Improvement and Community Empowerment Act.

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, October 18, 2005, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider the nomination of James S. Halpern, to be Judge of the United States Tax Court, The Judiciary; Susan C. Schwab, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, executive Office of the President; Karen K. Bhatia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President; Franklin L. Lavin, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, Department of Commerce, and, Clay Lowery, to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, U.S. Department of Treasury.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on Prospects for United Nations Reform.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in SD-430.

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 "Comprehensive Immigration Reform II" on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. in the

Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC; The Honorable Elaine Chao, Secretary of the Department of Labor, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Frank Sharry, Executive Director, National Immigration Forum, Washington, DC; Mark Krikorian, Executive Director, Center for Immigration Studies, Washington, DC; Douglas S. Massey, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

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 "Executive Nominations" on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: Members of Congress.

Panel II: James O'Gara to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Julie Myers to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; Emilio Gonzales to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, to markup the following nominations:

1. William F. Tuerk, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, VA.
2. Robert J. Henke, Assistant Secretary for Management, VA.
3. John M. Molino, Assistant Secretary of Policy and Planning, VA.
4. Lisette M. Mondello, Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, VA.
5. George J. Opfer, Inspector General, VA.

The markup will take place in the Reception Room off the Senate Floor, the Capitol following the first rollcall vote of the Senate after 1 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kristen Averyt, a fellow in my office, be given the privilege of the floor during today's session.

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

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THUNE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF RED RIBBON WEEK

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 277 which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 277) supporting the goals of Red Ribbon Week.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Ms. MURKOWSKI. I rise today in support of a resolution that commemorates the annual "Red Ribbon Week." I am pleased to have Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. TALENT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. DOMINICI, and Mr. CHAMBLISS join me in introducing this resolution. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to educate and advocate a commitment to a drug-free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week also remembers the contribution of one soldier in the war against drugs, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. I am honored to be here to seek the Senate's recognition and support again for the annual Red Ribbon Week Campaign.

In Alaska, Red Ribbon Week will be a statewide celebration involving thousands of school children and those people and organizations who care about the welfare of our children and communities. On October 24, the city of Anchorage will celebrate with a series of Red Ribbon events coordinated with the Anchorage School District, the Alaska National Guard, the Alaska State Troopers, the mayor of Anchorage, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Alaska, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the local U.S. Attorney's Office, many PTA groups and many others throughout the community.

Throughout the week, Alaskans will be encouraged to show gratitude for everyone who remains drug-free and pledges to live a safe and drug-free life and remember those we have lost in the fight against drugs.

The Red Ribbon Week Campaign was started in 1988 by the Federation of Parents. It was organized as an 8-day event and was then chaired by then-President and Mrs. Reagan. The event began as a tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who was kidnapped, tortured, and murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. Those who advocate that drug addiction is a