

SEC. 487. STANDARDS AND ASSURANCES FOR CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING.

Section 725(b) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796f-4(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(B) PROMOTING FULL ACCESS TO COMMUNITY LIFE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The center shall provide independent living services that promote full access to community life for individuals with significant disabilities.

“(B) SERVICES.—The services shall include, as appropriate—

“(i) facilitating transitions of—

“(I) youth who are individuals with significant disabilities and have completed individualized education programs under section 614(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1414(d)) to postsecondary life, including employment; and

“(II) individuals with significant disabilities from nursing homes and other institutions, including institutions serving individuals with cognitive disabilities, to community-based residences;

“(ii) assisting individuals with significant disabilities at risk of entering institutions to remain in the community; and

“(iii) promoting home ownership among individuals with significant disabilities.”.

SEC. 488. CENTERS FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 727 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796f-6) is amended by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2006 through 2011”.

SEC. 489. INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND.

Chapter 2 of title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 796j et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 752 and 753 as sections 753 and 754, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 751 the following:

“SEC. 752. TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

“(a) GRANTS; CONTRACTS; OTHER ARRANGEMENTS.—For any fiscal year for which the funds appropriated to carry out this chapter exceed the funds appropriated to carry out this chapter for fiscal year 2005, the Commissioner shall first reserve from such excess, to provide training and technical assistance to designated State agencies for such fiscal year, not less than 1.8 percent, and not more than 2 percent, of the funds appropriated to carry out this chapter for the fiscal year involved.

“(b) ALLOCATION.—From the funds reserved under subsection (a), the Commissioner shall make grants to, and enter into contracts and other arrangements with, entities that demonstrate expertise in the provision of services to older individuals who are blind to provide training and technical assistance with respect to planning, developing, conducting, administering, and evaluating independent living programs for older individuals who are blind.

“(c) FUNDING PRIORITIES.—The Commissioner shall conduct a survey of designated State agencies that receive grants under section 753 regarding training and technical assistance needs in order to determine funding priorities for grants, contracts, and other arrangements under this section.

“(d) REVIEW.—To be eligible to receive a grant or enter into a contract or other arrangement under this section, an entity shall submit an application to the Commissioner at such time, in such manner, containing a proposal to provide such training and technical assistance, and containing such additional information as the Commissioner may require.

“(e) PROHIBITION ON COMBINED FUNDS.—No funds reserved by the Commissioner under this section may be combined with funds appropriated under any other Act or part of this Act if the purpose of combining funds is to make a single discretionary grant or a single discretionary payment, unless such reserved funds are separately identified in the agreement for such grant or payment and are used for the purposes of this chapter.”.

SEC. 490. PROGRAM OF GRANTS.

Section 753 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as redesignated by section 489, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (h);

(2) by redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as subsections (h) and (i), respectively;

(3) in subsection (b), by striking “section 753” and inserting “section 754”;

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “section 753” and inserting “section 754”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “subsection (j)” and inserting “subsection (i)”; and

(ii) by striking “subsection (i)” and inserting “subsection (h)”; and

(5) in subsection (g), by inserting “, or contracts with,” after “grants to”;

(6) in subsection (h), as redesignated by paragraph (2)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (j)(4)” and inserting “subsection (i)(4)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(vi), by adding “and” after the semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (B)(ii)(III), by striking “; and” and inserting a period; and

(iii) by striking subparagraph (C); and

(7) in subsection (i), as redesignated by paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—

“(A) STATES.—In the case of any of the several States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A) for a fiscal year is the greater of—

“(i) \$350,000;

“(ii) an amount equal to the amount the State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico received to carry out this chapter for fiscal year 2005; or

“(iii) an amount equal to 1/3 of 1 percent of the amount appropriated under section 754, and not reserved under section 752, for the fiscal year and available for allotments under subsection (a).

“(B) CERTAIN TERRITORIES.—In the case of Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the amount referred to in paragraph (1)(A) for a fiscal year is \$60,000.”;

(B) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “section 753” and inserting “section 754, and not reserved under section 752.”; and

(C) in paragraph (4)(B)(i), by striking “subsection (i)” and inserting “subsection (h)”.

SEC. 491. INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BLIND AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 754 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as redesignated by section 489, is amended by striking “fiscal years 1999 through 2003” and inserting “fiscal years 2006 through 2011”.

Subtitle H—Miscellaneous**SEC. 495. HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER ACT.**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—The first sentence of section 205(a) of the Helen Keller National Center Act (29 U.S.C. 1904(a)) is amended by striking “1999

through 2003” and inserting “2006 through 2011”.

(b) HELEN KELLER NATIONAL CENTER FEDERAL ENDOWMENT FUND.—The first sentence of section 208(h) of the Helen Keller National Center Act (29 U.S.C. 1907(h)) is amended by striking “1999 through 2003” and inserting “2006 through 2011”.

TITLE V—TRANSITION AND EFFECTIVE DATE**SEC. 501. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.**

The Secretary of Labor shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, take such actions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to provide for the orderly implementation of titles I and III of this Act. The Secretary of Education shall, at the discretion of the Secretary, take such actions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to provide for the orderly implementation of titles II and IV of this Act.

SEC. 502. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act

NOTICES OF HEARINGS**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been rescheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing originally scheduled for Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 10 a.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building will now be held on Thursday, July 13, 2006, at 10 a.m. in the same room.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on H.R. 5254, the Refinery Permit Process Schedule Act.

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, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact John Peschke or Shannon Ewan.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony relating to implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 on geothermal energy and other renewable energy production on Federal lands in the Western States.

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, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Dick Bouts or Sara Zecher.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. McCAIN. 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 June 29, 2006, immediately following the first rollcall vote of the day's session, to vote on the nomination of Mr. James S. Simpson, of New York, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "The U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement".

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Small Business Pension Plans: How Can We Increase Worker Coverage?"

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 9:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Russia.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 11 a.m. to hold a Business Meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Tentative agenda

I. Nominations: Neil M. Gorsuch to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth

Circuit; Jerome A. Holmes to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; Gustavo Antonio Gelpi to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico; Daniel Porter Jordan III to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi; R. Alexander Acosta to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida; Martin J. Jackley to be U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota; Brett L. Tolman to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Utah.

II. Bills: S. 2453—National Security Surveillance Act of 2006 [Specter]; S. 2455—Terrorist Surveillance Act of 2006 [DeWine, Graham]; S. 2468—A bill to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, and for other purposes [Schumer]; S. 3001—Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Improvement and Enhancement Act of 2006 [Specter, Feinstein]; S. 2831—Free Flow of Information Act of 2006 [Lugar, Specter, Graham, Schumer, Biden, Grassley]; H.R. 1036—Copyright Royalty Judges Program Technical Corrections Act [Smith—TX]; S. 155—Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2005 [Feinstein, Hatch, Grassley, Cornyn, Kyl, Specter]; S. 2703—Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006 [Specter, Leahy, Grassley, Kennedy, DeWine, Feinstein, Brownback, Durbin, Schumer, Kohl, Biden, Feingold]; S. 1845—Circuit Court of Appeals Restructuring and Modernization Act of 2005 [Ensign, Kyl]; S. 2679—Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act [Talent, DeWine, Cornyn].

III. Matters: Subpoenas Relating to OPR Investigation.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to consider the Nomination of Steven C. Preston to be the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, on Thursday, June 29, 2006.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 29, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Over-

sight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "The Multidistrict Litigation Restoration Act" on Thursday, July 29, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness list

Panel I: The Honorable Wm. Terrell Hodges, Senior United States District Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Chairman, Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, Ocala, FL and The Honorable Thomas W. Thrash, Jr., United States District Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta, GA.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing regarding "Community Development Block Grants: the Case for Reform."

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

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

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, June 29, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing entitled, "Enhancing Employee Performance: A Hearing on Pending Legislation."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following Finance Committee fellows and interns be allowed the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the Oman Free Trade Agreement: Janis Lazda, Chris Polhemus, J.J. Adams, Gwen Stoltz, Tom Duppong, and Robert Little.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent that Russ Ugone, a detailee of my staff working for the Senate Finance Committee, and Calvin Dane, an intern in my office but working in the Finance Committee, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on the United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.