

end of subparagraph (H), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (I) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following:

“(J) made before January 1, 2011, to any business which employed fewer than 50 employees during the preceding taxable year. For purposes of subparagraph (J), rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (2)(A) and (6) of section 44(d) shall apply.”

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall take effect as if included in the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005.

(C) EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT.—The Secure Rural Schools and Community Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393; 16 U.S.C. 500 note) is amended—

(1) in sections 208 and 303, by striking “2007” both places it appears and inserting “2008”; and

(2) in sections 101(a), 102(b)(2), 103(b)(1), 203(a)(1), 207(a), 208, 303, and 401, by striking “2006” each place it appears and inserting “2007”.

SA 5223. Mr. FRIST (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3821, to authorize certain athletes to be admitted temporarily into the United States to compete or perform in an athletic league, competition, or performance; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as either the “Creating Opportunities for Minor League Professionals, Entertainers, and Teams through Legal Entry Act of 2006” or the “COMPETE Act of 2006”.

SEC. 2. NONIMMIGRANT ALIEN STATUS FOR CERTAIN ATHLETES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214(c)(4)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)(A)) is amended by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following:

“(i)(I) performs as an athlete, individually or as part of a group or team, at an internationally recognized level of performance;

“(II) is a professional athlete, as defined in section 204(i)(2);

“(III) performs as an athlete, or as a coach, as part of a team or franchise that is located in the United States and a member of a foreign league or association of 15 or more amateur sports teams, if—

“(aa) the foreign league or association is the highest level of amateur performance of that sport in the relevant foreign country;

“(bb) participation in such league or association renders players ineligible, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, to earn a scholarship in, or participate in, that sport at a college or university in the United States under the rules of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; and

“(cc) a significant number of the individuals who play in such league or association are drafted by a major sports league or a minor league affiliate of such a sports league; or

“(IV) is a professional athlete or amateur athlete who performs individually or as part of a group in a theatrical ice skating production; and

“(ii) seeks to enter the United States temporarily and solely for the purpose of performing—

“(I) as such an athlete with respect to a specific athletic competition; or

“(II) in the case of an individual described in clause (i)(IV), in a specific theatrical ice skating production or tour.”

(b) LIMITATION.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.

1184(c)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F)(i) No nonimmigrant visa under section 101(a)(15)(P)(i)(a) shall be issued to any alien who is a national of a country that is a state sponsor of international terrorism unless the Secretary of State determines, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other appropriate United States agencies, that such alien does not pose a threat to the safety, national security, or national interest of the United States. In making a determination under this subparagraph, the Secretary of State shall apply standards developed by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the heads of other appropriate United States agencies, that are applicable to the nationals of such states.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘state sponsor of international terrorism’ means any country the government of which has been determined by the Secretary of State under any of the laws specified in clause (ii) to have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

“(iii) The laws specified in this clause are the following:

“(I) Section 6(j)(1)(A) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)(1)(A)) (or successor statute).

“(II) Section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)).

“(III) Section 620(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371(a)).”

(c) PETITIONS FOR MULTIPLE ALIENS.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)), as amended by subsection (b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(G) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall permit a petition under this subsection to seek classification of more than 1 alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(P)(i)(a).”

(d) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—Section 214(c)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(c)(4)), as amended by subsections (b) and (c), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(H) The Secretary of Homeland Security shall permit an athlete, or the employer of an athlete, to seek admission to the United States for such athlete under a provision of this Act other than section 101(a)(15)(P)(i) if the athlete is eligible under such other provision.”

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in SR-328A, Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider the following nominations: Leland A. Strom, of Illinois, to be a member of the Farm Credit Administration Board; Jill E. Sommers, of Kansas, to be a Commissioner on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Mark Everett Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services and a member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 9:15 a.m. the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a Business Meeting to consider the following agenda: Alex Beehler to be Inspector General of the Environmental Protection Agency; Eric D. Eberhard to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation; Diane Humetewa to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on December 6, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a hearing on Climate Change and the Media.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 10 a.m. for a hearing titled, “Hurricane Katrina: Stopping the Flood of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at 3 p.m. to consider the nomination of Paul A. Schneider to be Under Secretary for Management, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “FBI Oversight” for Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing entitled, "The Nomination of Jovita Carranza to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration" on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT
AND THE COURTS

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Sub-

committee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Oversight of the Implementation of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act" on Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The witness:

Panel I: Cliff White, Acting Director, Executive Office of the U.S. Trustees [EOUST], Washington, DC.

Panel II: Todd Zywicki, Professor, George Mason University School of Law, Washington, DC; Steve Bartlett, President; CEO, Financial Services Roundtable, Washington, DC; David Jones, President, Association of Independent Consumer Credit Counseling Agencies, Poinciana, FL; The Honorable Randall J. Newsome, Chief Judge,

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, Oakland, CA; Robert Lawless, Professor, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL; Henry E. Hildebrand, III, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville, TN.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REED. I ask unanimous consent a fellow from my office, Kenyon Kilber, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of today's session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of Senate proceedings.

Today's Senate proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.