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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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

The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the President's Proposed Budget for FY 2008 for the Department of the Interior.

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 David Brooks at (202) 224-0963 or Rachael Pasternack at (202) 224-0883.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in closed session to receive a briefing on intelligence assessments on the situation in Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. PRYOR. 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 January 18, 2007, at 10 a.m., to vote on committee organizational matters for the 110th Congress; immediately following the executive session the committee will meet to conduct a hearing on "Examining the State of Transit Security."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to conduct oversight on Federal efforts to improve rail and surface transportation security.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-G50 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on issues relating to oil and gas royalty management at the Department of the Interior.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to organize for the 110th Congress by electing the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and to adopt the rules of the Committee and any other organizational business the Committee needs to consider.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Department of Justice Oversight" on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 106.

PANEL I: The Honorable Alberto Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. PRYOR. 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 an organizational hearing, on Thursday, January 18, 2007, beginning at 9 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

DESIGNATING SENATORS AS MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, pursuant to section 8002 of title 26, U.S. Code, the designation of the following Senators as members of the Joint Committee on Taxation: the Senator from Montana, Mr. BAUCUS; the Senator from West Virginia, Mr. ROCKEFELLER; the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. CONRAD; the Senator from Iowa, Mr. GRASSLEY; the Senator from Utah, Mr. HATCH.

ORDER FOR STAR PRINT—S. 108

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 108, the Psychologists in the Service of the Public Act of 2007, be star printed with the changes at the desk.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 6

Mr. REID. Madam President, it is my understanding that H.R. 6 has been received from the House and is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 6) to reduce our Nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean, renewable and alternative energy resources, promoting new emerging energy technologies, developing greater efficiency, and creating a Strategic Energy Efficiency and Renewables Reserve to invest in alternative energy, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I object to the second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 1 p.m. Monday, January 22; that on Monday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that at 2 p.m. the Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2, the minimum wage increase bill, as provided for under a previous agreement.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Madam President, I have already announced that there will be

no rollcall votes on Monday or tomorrow. Of course, we are not going to be in session tomorrow.

Tuesday, I expect that we will vote prior to the recess for the caucus luncheons.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
JANUARY 22, 2007, AT 1 P.M.

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 9:35 p.m., adjourned until Monday, January 22, 2007, at 1 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 18, 0007:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MARIO MANCUSO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR EXPORT ADMINISTRATION, VICE DAVID H. MCCORMICK.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM B. WOOD, OF NEW YORK, 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 ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PAUL J. BONICELLI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE ADOLFO A. FRANCO.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PATRICK P. SHEN, OF MARYLAND, TO BE SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR IMMIGRATION-RELATED UNFAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE WILLIAM SANCHEZ, RESIGNED.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. THOMAS W. TRAVIS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID H. CYR, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. DOUGLAS J. ROBB, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK J. CASSERINO, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL STEPHEN P. GROSS, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL CLAY T. MCCUTCHAN, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK J. PADILLA, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL LOREN S. PERLSTEIN, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL JACK W. RAMSAUR II, 0000
BRIGADIER GENERAL BRADLEY C. YOUNG, 0000

To be brigadier general

COLONEL FRANK E. ANDERSON, 0000
COLONEL PATRICK A. CORD, 0000
COLONEL CRAIG N. GOURLEY, 0000
COLONEL DONALD C. RALPH, 0000
COLONEL WILLIAM F. SCHAUFFERT, 0000
COLONEL JACK K. SEWELL, JR., 0000
COLONEL RICHARD A. SHOOK, JR., 0000
COLONEL LANCE D. UNDHJEM, 0000
COLONEL JOHN T. WINTERS, JR., 0000

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN R. ALLEN, 0000
BRIG. GEN. THOMAS L. CONANT, 0000
BRIG. GEN. JOHN F. KELLY, 0000
BRIG. GEN. FRANK A. PANTER, JR., 0000
BRIG. GEN. MASTIN M. ROBESON, 0000
BRIG. GEN. TERRY G. ROBLING, 0000
BRIG. GEN. ROBERT E. SCHMIDLE, JR., 0000
BRIG. GEN. RICHARD T. TRYON, 0000
BRIG. GEN. THOMAS D. WALDHAUSER, 0000

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be lieutenant colonel

MICHAEL D. JACOBSON, 0000

To be major

LUIS BERMUDEZ RODRIGUEZ, 0000
JUANITA HEIMRICH, 0000
ADLI J. KARADSHIH, 0000
DAVID B. ROBERTS, 0000
TERRILL L. TOPS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE REGULAR AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531(A):

To be lieutenant colonel

STUART C. CALLE, 0000
KEVIN T. FITZPATRICK, 0000
MITCHELL A. LUCHANSKY, 0000
CLAYTON H. NASH, 0000
RAFAEL PEREZGUERRA, 0000
DAVID B. TRANT, 0000

To be major

MICHAEL J. DEGUZMAN, 0000
RAVINDRA H. GOEL, 0000
TODD E. JOHNSON, 0000
ARIBETH C. MARLYNE, 0000
EDWIN O. RODRIGUEZPAGAN, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

ERIC D. ADAMS, 0000
ALFONSO S. ALARCON, 0000
JON C. ALLISON, 0000
ROCCO A. ARMONDA, 0000
PETER J. ARMSTRONG, 0000
RICANTHONY R. ASHLEY, 0000
DAVID W. BARBER, 0000
SCOTT D. BARNES, 0000
PAUL L. BENFANTI, 0000
PETER J. BENSON, 0000
STEPHEN A. BERNSTEIN, 0000
ROMAN O. BILYNSKY, 0000
LORNE H. BLACKBOURNE, 0000
YONG C. BRADLEY, 0000
DAVID A. BROWN, 0000
ROBERT N. BRUCE, 0000
CHESTER C. BUCKENMAIER III, 0000
ROBERT B. CARROLL, 0000
ELLEN M. CHUNG, 0000
ROBERT M. CRAIG, 0000
MARC L. DAYMUDE, 0000
DAVID A. DELLAGIUSTINA, 0000
PAUL DUCH, 0000
KIRK W. EGGLESTON, 0000
MICHAEL D. EISENHAEUER, 0000

RICHARD W. ELLISON, 0000
ROBERT W. ENQUIST, 0000
ALEC T. EROR, 0000
JOHN H. FARLEY, 0000
DENNIS L. FEBINGER, 0000
HERBERT P. FECHTER, 0000
JOHN H. GARR, 0000
JAMIE B. GRIMES, 0000
KIRBY R. GROSS, 0000
KARLA K. HANSEN, 0000
WILLIAM C. HEWITSON, 0000
ANTHONY J. JOHNSON, 0000
JEFFREY J. JOHNSON, 0000
REBECCA A. KELLER, 0000
KIMBERLY L. KESLING, 0000
MAUREEN K. KOOPS, 0000
MARK E. LANDAU, 0000
JAMES R. LIFFRIG, 0000
JAMES M. LUCHETTI, 0000
KURT L. MAGGIO, 0000
LIEM T. MANSFIELD, 0000
AIZENHAWAR J. MARROGI, 0000
SHERMAN A. MCCALL, 0000
CRAIG T. MEARS, 0000
JENNIFER S. MENETREZ, 0000
KEVIN P. MICHAELS, 0000
RON L. MOODY, 0000
ROBERT L. MOTT, JR., 0000
MICHAEL R. NELSON, 0000
FRANK J. NEWTON, 0000
DAVID W. NIEBUHR, 0000
KAREN K. O'BRIEN, 0000
JAMES D. OLIVER III, 0000
JULIE A. PAVLIN, 0000
SAMUEL E. PAYNE, 0000
ROBERT T. PERO, 0000
ELLEN M. PINHOLT, 0000
ALBERT V. PORAMBO, 0000
ROBERT T. RUIZ, 0000
ROBERT M. RUSH, JR., 0000
JOHN S. SCOTT, 0000
DAVID W. SEES, 0000
JAMES F. SHIKLE, 0000
JOSEPH A. SHROUT, 0000
STEPHEN V. SILVEY, 0000
ROBERT A. SMITH, 0000
GEORGE B. STACKHOUSE, 0000
JAMES J. STAUDENMEIER, 0000
MICHAEL R. STJEAN, 0000
MARK F. TORRES, 0000
GREGORY M. WINN, 0000
THOMAS W. WISENBAUGH, 0000
DAVID S. ZUMBRO, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DENTAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 3064:

To be colonel

JEFFREY S. ALMONY, 0000
ROBIN T. BRUNO, 0000
JAMES J. CLOSMANN, 0000
CAMERON W. COLE, 0000
PAUL L. COREN, 0000
JACK M. COZBY, JR., 0000
JOSEPH L. CRAVER, 0000
ALEXANDER K. DEITCH, 0000
KENNETH N. DUNN, 0000
NANCY K. ELLISTON, 0000
CHRIS EVANOV, 0000
ROBERT C. GERLACH, 0000
TAMER GOKSEL, 0000
CHARLES L. HATLEY, JR., 0000
MICHAEL L. HEMKER, 0000
GEORGE J. HOLZER, JR., 0000
JAMES P. HOUSTON, 0000
DAVID M. JEFFALONE, JR., 0000
STEPHEN M. KEESEE, 0000
BLAINE L. KNOX, 0000
JAMES R. MACHOLL, 0000
JOHN T. MARLEY, 0000
SCOTT A. MATZENBACHER, 0000
EDWYNNA H. MILLER, 0000
RICKEY A. MORLEN, 0000
DAVID A. MOTT, 0000
CHERYL M. RILEY, 0000
CHARLES A. SABADELL, 0000
CUMMINGS J. SANTIAGO, 0000
STEPHANIE J. SIDOW, 0000
MARK B. SWEET, 0000
KHA N. VO, 0000
PRESTON Q. WELCH, 0000
DANIEL A. ZELESKI, 0000