

during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate the present and future of public safety communications.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BYRD. 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, February 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 9:15 a.m. to hold a hearing on the fiscal year 2008 budget request for international affairs.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. BYRD. 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, February 8, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SH-216.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending legislative business, to be followed immediately by an oversight hearing on diabetes in Indian Country, with particular focus on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

Agenda

*I. Nominations*

Norman Randy Smith, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Marcia Morales Howard, to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; John Alfred Jarvey, to be U.S.

District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

*II. Bills*

S. 188, To revise the short title of the Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, Salazar;

S. 214, To amend chapter 35 of title 28, To Preserve the Independence of U.S. Attorneys, Feinstein;

S. 316, The Preserve Access to Affordable Generics Act, Kohl, Grassley, Leahy, Schumer, Feingold; S. 236, The Federal Agency Data Mining Reporting Act of 2007, Feingold, Sununu, Leahy, Akaka, Kennedy.

*III. Resolutions*

S. Res. 23, National School Counseling Week, Murray;

S. Res. 36, Honoring women's health advocate Cynthia Doles Dailard, Snowe;

S. Res. 37, Designating March 26, 2007 as National Support the Troops Day, Stabenow;

S. Con. Res. 5, Honoring the life of Percy Lavon Julian, a pioneer in the field of organic chemistry and the first and only African-American chemist to be inducted into the National Academy of Sciences, Obama.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 8, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 1 p.m. Monday, February 12; that on Monday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; that on Monday, Members have until 2:30 p.m. to file first-degree amendments and that the mandatory quorum required under rule XXII be waived.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. DURBIN. Today the Senate confirmed the nomination of GEN George Casey to be the Chief of Staff of the Army. Also, we began consideration of the continuing funding resolution, and cloture has been filed on the joint resolution. However, the majority leader has indicated on more than one occasion that we will continue to discuss

the parameters of how the Senate will conclude action on the legislation. There will be no rollcall votes Friday, nor will the Senate be in session. Also, there will not be any rollcall votes Monday. However, we will be in session and continue our discussions about several issues, including the issue of BRAC, which has been the subject of some debate today. Senators are advised that the cloture vote on the funding resolution will occur Tuesday morning.

Mr. President, at this point, in deference to the minority leader, to make sure there are not any housekeeping items that should be considered before we close business, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, let me say to my good friend, the assistant Democratic leader, we appreciate the willingness of the majority leader and the Senator from Illinois to consider the amendments that we would like to offer to the continuing resolution. Members on my side of the aisle have been on the Senate floor all afternoon discussing what they believe to be the shortcomings of the continuing resolution as it is currently structured. I appreciate the majority taking a look at those amendments and allowing us to continue discussion about the appropriateness of making some adjustments to this massive \$464 billion bill.

I have also had some conversations with the majority leader about some nominations that we hope to wrap up next week. There is a circuit judge reported out of the Judiciary Committee today. I have an understanding with the majority leader that judge will be confirmed next week. There are some other executive branch nominations that we think should not generate any controversy that, hopefully, we can wrap up before the Lincoln recess.

Mr. President, with that I yield the floor.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I am looking forward to working with the minority leader on the business ahead. We want to pass this continuing resolution and make sure there is no interruption in the services of our Government. We face an extraordinary challenge because much of the work that we are doing now is work that should have been done previously. But in a positive, constructive, and bipartisan fashion, I am confident we can complete it in time and not risk any possibility of shutting down the Government. So I look forward, on behalf of the majority leader on our side, to working closely with the minority and its leader.