

“(32) \$850,000,000 for State and Local Programs for regional grants and technical assistance.

“(33) \$15,000,000 for Research, Development, Acquisition, and Operations for air cargo research.

“(34) \$39,000,000 for Research, Development, and Operations for non-container, rail, aviation and intermodal radiation detection activities.

“(35) \$820,000,000 for Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund for influenza pandemic.

“(36) \$170,000,000 for State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance for discretionary grants.

“(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the following provisions of this Act shall be null and void:

“(1) Any provision relating to the Federal minimum wage and any related changes to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

“(2) Sections 2704, 2705, and 2706, relating to SCHIP funding.”.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, the Chair wishes to inform Members that the Committee on Small business and Entrepreneurship will hold a public markup entitled, “Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvements Act of 2007” on Thursday, March 29, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

The Chair urges every Member to attend.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on armed services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open and possibly executive session, to consider the following nominations: Claude M. Kicklighter to be Inspector General, Department of Defense; James R. Clapper, Jr., to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence; S. Ward Casscells, MD, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; and William C. Ostendorff to be Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. 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 Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine competition and consumer choice in sports programming.

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

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Committee on Fi-

nance be authorized to meet during the session on Finance on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “Opportunities and Challenges in the U.S.-China Economic Relationship.”

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

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at a time to be determined as soon as a quorum is obtained during the scheduled Committee Hearing, in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider Subcommittee Assignments for the 110th Congress.

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

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing on the Employee Free Choice Act during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in SD-430.

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

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing on ensuring safe medicines and medical devices for children during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 1 p.m. in SD-430.

PRESIDING OFFICER. without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 418 of the Russell Building to conduct an oversight hearing on VA-DOD Cooperation and Collaboration on Health Care Issues.

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

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation” on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, room 106.

The Honorable Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

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

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to

meet during the session of the Senate on March 27, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

### COMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., to receive a briefing on special operations command's global operations.

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Washington.

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Fay Peng, a detailee with the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, and Gary Reese of the Appropriations Committee staff be granted floor privileges during consideration of H.R. 1591, the emergency supplemental appropriations bill.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Jeremy Weirich, a detailee to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, be granted floor access for the duration of the Senate debate on the 2007 emergency supplemental appropriations bill.

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

## NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 2007 first quarter Mass Mailings is Wednesday, April 25, 2007. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states “none.”

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office on (202) 224-0322.

## ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the agreement entered in regard to debate on Wednesday, the phrase “without intervening action or debate” be deleted.

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

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 997 AND S. 1001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding there are two bills at the