during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 987, the Biofuels for Energy Security and Transportation Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 10 a.m., in G50 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “Filing Your Taxes: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 2:15 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “International Perspectives on Alternative Energy Policy: Incentives and Mandates and their Impact.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 6:40 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to consider a substitute to S. 3, the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2007.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to hold a hearing on equal pay for women workers during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 2 p.m. in SD–623.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending legislation, to be followed immediately by an Oversight Hearing on Tribal Colleges and Universities.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, April 12, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

Agenda


III. Nominations, Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., to be United States Marshall for the Eastern District of Arkansas; Frederick J. Kapala, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois; Halli Suleyman Ozderen, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi; Benjamin Hale Settle, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington.


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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 2 p.m. for a hearing titled “GAO’s Analysis of the Gulf Coast Recovery and Removing Obstacles to the Recovery Effort.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2007, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on “Pirating the American Intellectual Property: Theft’s Impact on America’s Place in the Global Economy and Strategies for Improving Enforcement.”

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following staff members of the Intelligence Committee be given access to the floor during consideration of S. 372 and all pending matters:


I ask further that Ken Johnson, of the Committee staff, be given unrestricted floor privileges during consideration of S. 372 and related pending matters.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Jack Kammerer be granted the privilege of the floor during the closing debate on the Intelligence authorization bill.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 75; that the nomination be confirmed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that any statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action; and that the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nomination was considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Claude M. Kirklighter, of Georgia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense.

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

IRAQI AND AFGHANI TRANSLATORS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1104.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1104) to increase the number of Iraqi and Afghani translators and interpreters who may be admitted to the United States as special immigrants.