To examine U.S. sanctions against Iran.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine U.S. sanctions against Iran.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 10, 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 nominations of Joseph Timmons Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, 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.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224–7571 or kelly@energy.senate.gov.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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, May 10, 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 nominations of Joseph Timmons Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and R. Lyle Laverty, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, 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, or by email to amanda_kelly@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224–7571 or kelly@energy.senate.gov.

Mr. KERRY. I would like to inform the Members of the Committee that the Committee will hold a roundtable entitled “SBA Reauthorization: Small Business Loan Programs,” on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 422A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Mr. DURBIN. 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 Monday, April 30, 2007, at 2 p.m., in room 231 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to examine U.S. sanctions against Iran and the business dealings of American companies, including Halliburton, with Iran.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Monday, April 30, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. for a hearing entitled, The Federal Government’s Role in Empowering Americans to Make Informed Financial Decisions. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. I ask unanimous consent that the following members of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the Food and Drug Administration Reauthorization Act of 2007: Nicky Bassford, David Dorsey, David Noll—and Nancy Hardt, with Senator BINGAMAN.

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

Mr. ENZI. I also request unanimous consent, on behalf of one of my staff members, to have the privilege of the floor during discussion on this important bill. That will be David Schmickel.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 1332

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 1332, has been received from the House and is at the desk, and I would ask for its first reading.

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

Measure the first time—H.R. 1332

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1332) to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading, and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 1; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and 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 be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, when the Senate may permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first half controlled by the Republicans and the final portion under the control of the majority; that at the close of morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1082; that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., for the regularly scheduled conference periods.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. KENNEDY. If there is no further business today, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that there be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first half controlled by the Republicans and the final portion under the control of the majority; that at the close of morning business, the Senate then resume consideration of S. 1082; that the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., for the regularly scheduled conference periods.

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

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate April 30, 2007:

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Kathleen S. Vinnick, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a Term of Five Years Expiring June 30, 2012. Vice Jeffery S. Martin, Term Expiring.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Maurice R. Parker, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Ministers-Counselors, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Swaziland.

June Carter Perry, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Ministers-Counselors, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

James Russell Dedrick, of Tennessee, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee for a Term of Four Years. Vice Harry Sandlin Mattice, Jr., Designate.

Esther Soto III, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico for a Term of Four Years. Vice Herman Winsberg Rodriguez, Term Expired.

Joe W. Stitches, of Nebraska, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, for a Term of Four Years. Vice Michael G. Heavican, Term Expired.

NOMINATIONS

The following nominees for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 611:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Daniel J. Darnell, 0000

The following nominees for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under Title 10, U.S.C., Section 611:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Carol R. Chandler, 0000