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Authority for Committees to Meet

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Mr. BROWN. 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 Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 4 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to hear the views of the five most recent U.S. Nobel Laureates on the state of the country's scientific enterprise and the importance of scientific investment.

The Presidential Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 416 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the business meeting is to consider the nomination of Stephen J. Isakowitz to be the Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy, and the draft of an original bill, which is drawn from the text of the following bills:

S. 731 — A bill to develop a methodology for, and complete, a national assessment of geological storage capacity for carbon dioxide, and for other purposes.

S. 962 — A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and improve the carbon capture and storage research, development, and demonstration program of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

S. 987 — A bill to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, and for other purposes.

S. 1315 — A bill to promote the efficient use of oil, natural gas, and electricity, reduce oil consumption, and heighten energy efficiency standards for consumer products and industrial equipment, and for other purposes.

The Presidential Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Committee on Finance

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Presidential Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Mr. BROWN. 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 a roundtable entitled “SBA Reauthorization: Small Business Loan Programs,” on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The Presidential Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Special Committee on Aging

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 625 for the purpose of conducting a hearing concerning Nursing Home Reform.

The Presidential Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet in open session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to receive testimony on Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense programs in review of the fiscal year 2008 Authorization request.

The Presidential Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Privileges of the Floor

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Leigh Ann Ross, a fellow in the office of Senator THAD COCHRAN, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of Senate debate on the 2007 FDA reauthorization bill.

The Acting President pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Thomas Kraus, an intern on my staff, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the debate on the Food and Drug Administration Revitalization Act of 2007.

The Acting President pro tempore. Without objection it is so ordered.

Commendation of Public Servants

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Homeland Security/Governmental Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 150, and that the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The Presidential Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk reads as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 150) expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 7 through 13, 2007.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be laid upon the table, that any statements relating thereto be printed in the Record, without further intervening action or debate.

The Presidential Officer. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 150) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. Res. 150

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize the important contributions of public servants and honor the diverse men and women who meet the needs of the Nation through work at all levels of government;

Whereas millions of individuals work in government service in every city, county, and State across America and in hundreds of cities abroad;

Whereas public service is a noble calling involving a variety of challenging and rewarding professions;

Whereas Federal, State, and local government employees are responsible, innovative, and effective because of the outstanding work of public servants;