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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a vote on the nominations of the Honorable Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; Ms. Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; Mr. William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; Mr. William S. Jasien, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; and Mr. Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Immediately following the vote, the Committee will conduct a hearing on "The Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress."

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 19, 2007, immediately following the first rollecall vote at 12 p.m., to conduct a vote on the nominations of the Honorable Bijan Rafiekian, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; Ms. Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States; Mr. William Herbert Heyman, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; Mr. William S. Jaisen, of Virginia, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation; and Mr. Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider and approve the following bills: S. 1492, S. 1769, S. 1780, S. 1582, S. 1771, S. 1778, and to consider nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard (PN 609 and PN 610).

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CARDIN. 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, July 19, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1634, a bill to implement further the act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 2:15 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on "Aviation Financing: Industry Perspectives."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The Military's Role in Disaster Response: Progress Since Hurricane Katrina."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending business, to be followed immediately by a hearing on discussion draft legislation to amend and reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen room 226.

Agenda

I. Bills: S. 1145, Patent Reform Act of 2007 (Leahy, Hatch, Schumer, Cornyn, Whitehouse), S. __, School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvements Act (Chairman's mark); S. 1060, Recidivism Reduction & Second Chance Act of 2007 (Biden, Specter, Brownback, Leahy, Kennedy, Schumer, Whitehouse, Durbin).

II. Nominations: William Lindsay Osteen, Jr. to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina; Martin Karl Reidinger to be United States District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina; Timothy D. DeGiusti to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; Janis Lynn Sammartino to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California; Roslynn Renee Mausekopf to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; Joe W. Stecher to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska; and Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico.

III. Resolutions: S. Res. 248, Honoring the life and achievements of Dame Lois Browne Evans (Brown); S. Res. 236, Supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project (Bayh, Craig, Kennedy, Cardin, Durbin); S. Res. 261, Honoring the educational contributions of Donald Jeffrey Herbert, "Mr. Wizard" (Coleman, Klobuchar, Feingold, Durbin).

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Judicial Nominations" on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 2:45 p.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Witness list

Panel I: The Honorable Thad Cochran, United States Senator [R-MS]; The Honorable Trent Lott, United States Senator [R-MS]; The Honorable Patty Murray, United States Senator [D-WA]; The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, United States Senator [R-TX]; and The Honorable John Cornyn, United States Senator [R-TX].

Panel II: Jennifer Walker Elrod to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Panel III: Richard A. Jones to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington; Sharion Aycock to be United States

District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. CARDIN. 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 Thursday, July 19, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled, Great Expectations: Assessment, Assurances, and Accountability of the Mayor's Proposal to Reform the District of Columbia Public School System.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BINGAMAN, I ask unanimous consent that Daniel Valenti, Allie Weeda, Rebecca Anderson, and Robyn Chavez be granted the privilege of the floor for the pendency of H.R. 2669, the Higher Education Act.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, on behalf of myself, I ask unanimous consent that Kristin Anderson and Evan Jurkovich of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2638

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, July 24, upon the disposition of S. 1642, the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2638, the Homeland Security Appropriations Act.

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

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that the cloture motion be withdrawn.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 980

Mr. REID. Madam President, I understand that H.R. 980 has been received from the House and is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 980) to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask for its second reading but object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, appoints the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 110th Congress: The Honorable RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD of Wisconsin (reappointment); The Honorable FRANK R. LAUTENBERG of New Jersey (reappointment); and The Honorable BERNARD SANDERS of Vermont (reappointment).

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Friday, July 20; that on Friday, following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time of the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; and there then be a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 15 minutes each; that during morning business, Senator DORGAN be recognized for up to 30 minutes.

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

CORRECTION TO JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Journal of proceedings be corrected to conform to the earlier agreement to vitiate the vote relative to amendment No. 2356.

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

ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007, AT 10 A.M.

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 12:52 a.m., adjourned until, Friday, July 20, 2007, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate July 19, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DAVID T. JOHNSON, OF GEORGIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AFFAIRS), VICE ANNE W. PATTERSON.