

meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 17, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND DRUGS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Law Enforcement Responses to Mexican Drug Cartels" on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that on Wednesday, March 18, following the period of morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 24, the nomination of Ronald Kirk to be U.S. Trade Representative; that there be up to 90 minutes of debate with respect to the nomination, with the time divided as follows: 30 minutes under the control of the majority and 60 minutes under the control of the Republicans; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the vote on confirmation of the nomination occur at a time to be determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader, and that upon confirmation, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, no further motions be in order, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

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

ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY EXTENSIONS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ACT AND THE SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1541, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1541) to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 1541) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

REAUTHORIZING AND IMPROVING THE FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2009

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 30, S. 303.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 303) to reauthorize and improve the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999.

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

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 303) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 303

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2009".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION.

Section 11 of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking "AND SUNSET"; and

(2) by striking "and shall cease to be effective 8 years after such date of enactment".

SEC. 3. WEBSITE RELATING TO FEDERAL GRANTS.

Section 6 of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (f) and (g), respectively;

(2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

"(e) WEBSITE RELATING TO FEDERAL GRANTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish and maintain a public website that serves as a central point of information and access for applicants for Federal grants.

"(2) CONTENTS.—To the maximum extent possible, the website established under this subsection shall include, at a minimum, for each Federal grant—

"(A) the grant announcement;

"(B) the statement of eligibility relating to the grant;

"(C) the application requirements for the grant;

"(D) the purposes of the grant;

"(E) the Federal agency funding the grant; and

"(F) the deadlines for applying for and awarding of the grant.

"(3) USE BY APPLICANTS.—The website established under this subsection shall, to the greatest extent practical, allow grant applicants to—

"(A) search the website for all Federal grants by type, purpose, funding agency, program source, and other relevant criteria;

"(B) apply for a Federal grant using the website;

"(C) manage, track, and report on the use of Federal grants using the website; and

"(D) provide all required certifications and assurances for a Federal grant using the website.";

(3) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by striking "All actions" and inserting "Except for actions relating to establishing the website required under subsection (e), all actions".

SEC. 4. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.

The Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (31 U.S.C. 6101 note) is amended by striking section 7 and inserting the following:

"SEC. 7. EVALUATION OF IMPLEMENTATION.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2009, and every 2 years thereafter until the date that is 15 years after the date of enactment of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 2009, the Director shall submit to Congress a report regarding the implementation of this Act.

"(b) CONTENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Each report under subsection (a) shall include, for the applicable period—

"(A) a list of all grants for which an applicant may submit an application using the website established under section 6(e);

"(B) a list of all Federal agencies that provide Federal financial assistance to non-Federal entities;

"(C) a list of each Federal agency that has complied, in whole or in part, with the requirements of this Act;

"(D) for each Federal agency listed under subparagraph (C), a description of the extent of the compliance with this Act by the Federal agency;

"(E) a list of all Federal agencies exempted under section 6(d);

"(F) for each Federal agency listed under subparagraph (E)—

"(i) an explanation of why the Federal agency was exempted; and

"(ii) a certification that the basis for the exemption of the Federal agency is still applicable;

"(G) a list of all common application forms that have been developed that allow non-Federal entities to apply, in whole or in part, for multiple Federal financial assistance programs (including Federal financial assistance programs administered by different Federal agencies) through a single common application;

"(H) a list of all common forms and requirements that have been developed that allow non-Federal entities to report, in whole or in part, on the use of funding from multiple Federal financial assistance programs (including Federal financial assistance programs administered by different Federal agencies);

"(I) a description of the efforts made by the Director and Federal agencies to communicate and collaborate with representatives