

speed broadband connectivity in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

SA 2326. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 245, recognizing September 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; as follows:

On page 3, line 3, strike "annually observe a 'National Day of Service and Remembrance'" and insert "observe a 'National Day of Service and Remembrance' on September 11, 2009".

SA 2327. Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for Mr. SCHUMER) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 245, recognizing September 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance"; as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing September 11, 2009, as a 'National Day of Service and Remembrance'".

SA 2328. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 194, after line 23, add the following:

SEC. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds made available under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-161) for "I-35W Reconstruction Design, New Brighton, MN", and under the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8) for "I-35W North Congestion Mitigation and Design, MN", shall be available for obligation and expenditure for construction in that corridor.

SA 2329. Ms. KLOBUCHAR submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 215, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 156. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts made available for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program under title I of division I of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Public Law 111-8) and directed to "Phase 3 Rail Rehabilitation in Redwood Falls, MN" in the explanatory statement appearing on page H2472 of the Congressional Record shall be available for obligation and expenditure for "Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority, MN".

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled be-

fore the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on Energy and Related Economic Effects of Global Climate Change Legislation.

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 may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Gina_Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Jonathan Black or Gina Weinstock.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. 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 September 10, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the SEC's Failure To Identify the Bernard L. Madoff Ponzi Scheme and How To Improve SEC Performance."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 2:15 p.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Oil and Gas Tax Provisions: A Consideration of the President's FY2010 Budget Proposal."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing entitled "Iraq: Report from the Field."

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Follow the Money: An Update on Stimulus Spending, Transparency, and Fraud Prevention."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 2:15 p.m. in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009, at 10 a.m., in SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 10, 2009. The Committee will meet in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that April Saylor and Elyse Kamps of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of today's session.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joanne Waszczak and Dedre Goodman, detailees from the Department of Transportation to the Committee on Appropriations, be granted unlimited privileges of the floor during consideration of the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 245 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BEGICH). Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 245) recognizing September 11 as a "National Day of Service and Remembrance."

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

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. I ask unanimous consent that an amendment to the resolution, which is at the desk, be agreed to; the resolution, as amended, be agreed to; the preamble be agreed to;