

(C) shall be available only to the extent provided in a subsequent appropriations Act.

(C) FUND.—There is established in the United States Treasury a fund, for the deposit of fees imposed under paragraph (2), to be used to pay for costs associated with maintaining loan limits established under this section.

(4) FHFA REPORT ON FEES.—The Federal Housing Finance Agency shall include in each annual report required by section 1601 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 related to the period described in paragraph (2)(B) a section that provides the basis for and an analysis of the premium loan fee charged in each year covered by the report.

(C) DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS LOAN LIMIT EXTENSION.—Section 501 of the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-389; 122 Stat. 4175; 38 U.S.C. 3703 note) is amended, in the matter before paragraph (1), by striking "December 31, 2011" and inserting "December 31, 2013".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 406 to conduct a hearing entitled, "A Review of the 2011 Floods and the Condition of the Nation's Flood Control Systems."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Tax Reform Options: Incentives for Charitable Giving."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Recession and Older Americans: Where Do We Go from Here" on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Ten Years After 9/11 and the Anthrax Attacks: Protecting Against Biological Threats."

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 17, 2011, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, One Year Later."

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND MERCHANT MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The Committee will hold a hearing entitled, "Pipeline Safety since San Bruno and Other Recent Incidents."

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to any of the nominations; that any related statements be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United

States of America to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Luxembourg.

Thomas Charles Krajieski, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Susan Denise Page, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of South Sudan.

Adrienne S. O'Neal, of Michigan, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cape Verde.

Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mali.

Mark Francis Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Sweden.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Energy Subcommittee be discharged from further consideration of S. 925 and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of the following bills en bloc: Calendar No. 129, S. 270; Calendar No. 132, S. 292; Calendar No. 133, S. 333; Calendar No. 134, S. 334; Calendar No. 136, S. 404; Calendar No. 184, H.R. 489; Calendar No. 185, H.R. 470; Calendar No. 186, H.R. 765; and S. 925.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendments, where applicable, be agreed to, the bills, as amended, if amended, be read a third time and passed, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The Senate proceeded to consider the bills en bloc, as follows:

LA PINE LAND CONVEYANCE ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 270) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment.

(Insert the part printed in italic)

S. 270

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