

during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, for a joint hearing with the House of Representatives' Committee on Veterans Affairs, to hear the legislative presentations of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The hearing will take place in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building at 9:30 a.m.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m., in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony on the weapons of mass destruction threat from Iraq.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 10 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on Department of Defense acquisition policy.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at 2 p.m., on digital divide and minority serving institutions.

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

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—H.R. 2356

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand H.R. 2356 is at the desk and is due for its second reading.

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

The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2356) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 2356 be read for a second time, and I would object to any further proceedings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rule, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from consideration of S. Res. 211, and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title. The senior assistant bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. 211) designating March 2, 2002, as "Read Across America Day."

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 211) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to. The resolution, with its preamble, is as follows:

S. RES. 211

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas Americans must be able to read if the Nation is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) and the new Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 40 national associations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to use March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2, 2002, as "Read Across America Day";

(2) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to discover the joy of reading;

(3) encourages parents to read with their children for at least 30 minutes on Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss and in a celebration of reading; and

(4) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 699, 700, and 701, and the nominations placed on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

AIR FORCE

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. Steven R. Polk, 0000.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be lieutenant general*

Maj. Gen. John R. Baker, 0000.

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

*To be general*

Lt. Gen. Lance W. Lord, 0000.

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

AIR FORCE

PN1312 Air Force nomination of David E. Blum, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of December 20, 2001

PN1313 Air Force nominations (2) beginning JAMES C. COOPER, II, and ending JOHN J. KUPKO, II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of December 20, 2001

PN1349 Air Force nominations (2) beginning LINDA F. JONES, and ending Robert J. King, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 2002

PN1350 Air Force nomination of Dan Rose, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 2002

PN1351 Air Force nominations (3) beginning DOUGLAS W. KNIGHTON, and ending ROBERT J. SEMRAD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 2002

PN1352 Air Force nominations (5) beginning RICHARD E. HORN, and ending MARK A. WEINER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 23, 2002

PN1358 Air Force nominations (10) beginning VINCENT G. DEBONO, JR., and ending AMY M. ROWE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of January 28, 2002

PN1360 Air Force nominations (41) beginning KATHRYN L. AASEN, and ending JUSTIN N. ZUMSTEIN, which nominations were