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NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will conduct a nomination hearing on March 6, 2002, in SD-106 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider the following nominations: Thomas Dorr the nominee for Under Secretary of Rural Development; Nancy Bryson, the administrations nominee to serve as general counsel for USDA; and Grace Daniel and Fred Dailey who are nominated to serve on the board of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. 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 Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 10 a.m., to conduct an oversight hearing on "Accounting and Investor Protection Issues Raised by Enron and Other Public Companies."

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Jeanette J. Clark to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on "The Dangers of Cloning and the Promise of Regenerative Medicine," during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 2:30 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 10 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on the President's budget request for Indian programs for fiscal year 2003.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a nominations hearing on

Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in Dirksen room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch; the Honorable John Warner; the Honorable Carl Levin; the Honorable Robert Bennett; the Honorable Debbie Stabenow; the Honorable George Allen; and the Honorable Sander Levin.

Panel II: Mary Ann Solberg to be Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; Barry Crane to be Deputy Director for Supply Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Scott Burns to be Deputy Director for State and Local Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and John Robert Flores to be the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in open session to receive testimony on Marine Corps modernization programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2003.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at 3:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Marine Corps modernization programs in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2003.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Peter Winokur, a congressional fellow on my staff, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of S. 517, the Energy Policy Act of 2002.

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

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dr. Jonathan Epstein and Mr. John Kotek, who are legislative fellows in my office, be given floor privileges during the pendency of S. 517, and also that the following Finance Committee legislative fellows be afforded floor privileges during the pendency of this bill: Charles McFadden, Jill Shore Auburn, Elmer Ransom, Julius Shapiro, Dana Costerlin, Jonathan Seibald, and Charles Doneter.

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to the following members of my staff: Bryan Hannegan, Colleen Deegan, Christine Drager, Dan Kish, Mike Menge, Howard Useem, Dave Woodruff, Macy Bell, Shane Perkins, Jared Stubbs, Julia Gray, Kristin Phillips, Joe Brenckle, and Joshua Bowlen. I think that will suffice. I guess that about covers everybody.

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

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent floor privileges be granted to Commerce Committee fellows Charisse Carney-Nunes and Peter Fippinger for the duration of the debate on the energy bill, S. 517.

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

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the privilege of the floor be granted to Peter Lyons, a fellow in our office, during debate on the bill.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations: Don Cogman to be a member of National Council on the Arts; Katharine DeWitt to be a member of the National Council on the Arts; Teresa Long be a member of the National Council on the Arts; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate return to legislative session.

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

The nominations were considered and confirmed, as follows:

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Don V. Cogman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Katharine DeWitt, of Ohio, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

Teresa Lozano Long, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. CARNAHAN). Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

HONORING MILTON D. STEWART

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate