

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to continue to receive testimony on the Joint Strike Fighter F136 Alternative Engine Program in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years Defense Program.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 1:30 p.m., on Innovation and Competitiveness.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. GRASSLEY. 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 Wednesday, March 15 at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to consider pending nominations and any other pending calendar business of the Committee which may be ready for consideration.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Post-Palestinian Election Challenges in the Middle East.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 9 a.m. on legislative items.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1899, the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Amendments of 2005.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

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

mittee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 9 a.m. in The Mansfield Room, S-207 The Capitol.

Agenda

I. Nominations: Norman Randy Smith, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Patrick J. Schiltz, to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Minnesota; Steven G. Bradbury, to be an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel; John F. Clark, to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

II. Bills: S. Comprehensive Immigration Reform; Chairman's Mark; S. 1768, A bill to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings: Specter, Leahy, Cornyn, Grassley, Schumer, Feingold, Durbin; S. 829, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2005: Grassley, Schumer, Cornyn, Leahy, Feingold, Durbin, Graham, DeWine, Specter; S. 489, Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act: Alexander, Kyl, Cornyn, Graham, Hatch; S. 2039, Prosecutors and Defendants Incentive Act of 2005: DURBIN, SPECTER, DEWINE, LEAHY, KENNEDY, FEINSTEIN, FEINGOLD; S. 2292, A bill to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges: Specter, Leahy, Cornyn, Feinstein, Biden.

III. Matters: S.J. Res. 1, Marriage Protection Amendment: Allard, Sessions, Kyl, Hatch, Cornyn, Coburn, Brownback.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet tomorrow, March 15, 2006 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. in Dirksen 106 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, COMPETITION POLICY, AND CONSUMER RIGHTS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Hospital Group Purchasing: Are the Industry's Reforms Sufficient to Ensure Competition?" in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness List

Panel I: Richard J. Bednar, Coordinator, Healthcare Group Purchasing Industry Initiative, Washington, DC; Mark B. Leahey, Executive Director, Medical Device Manufacturers Association, Washington, DC; S. Prakash

Sethi, Professor, Baruch College, The City University of New York, New York, NY; and Mina Ubbing, President and CEO, Fairfield Medical Center, Lancaster, OH.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing entitled, "The GAO High-Risk List: An Update."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on ground forces readiness in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

Mr. COBURN. In executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nominations, and that they be placed on the calendar: PN 1079 PN, Marc L. Kesselman; PN 1329, Linda Avery Strachan; PN 1196, Boyd Kevin Rutherford; PN 1158, Gale A. Buchanan.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

NATIONAL ASBESTOS AWARENESS DAY

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 402, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 402) designating the first day of April, 2006 as "National Asbestos Awareness Day."

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

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution