

honorary degrees. I will only site a few examples here. In 1982 he was celebrated by the Connecticut Region of Hadassah with the Myrtle Wreath Award. In 1984 he was presented with The Mt. Scopus Award from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and in 1987 received the Human Relations Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In 1988 he was honored with the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Connecticut Bar Association, and was proudly recognized by the Hartford NAACP for his contributions to the education of minority students. In 1992 he received the International Salute Award in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

He was even named "Washingtonian of the Year 2000" by Washingtonian Magazine, was decorated in 2000 with a medal by King Mohammed VI of Morocco, and was awarded the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knight Grand Cross for Distinguished Service to Freemasonry and Humanity.

For all he has done, "Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Day" was declared by resolution of the Council of the District of Columbia, on January 22, 1998, in honor of his commitments to minority students, scholarship programs, public school partnerships and community service. Not to be outdone, "Stephen Joel Trachtenberg Day in San Francisco!" was declared by Proclamation of the City and County of San Francisco, on February 2, 1999.

He is also a respected author writing Reflections on Higher Education in 2002, Thinking Out Loud in 1998, and Speaking His Mind in 1994.

As President of George Washington University he opened new buildings for the School of Business and the Elliott School of International Affairs, a new hospital, and added the Mount Vernon Campus, formerly the Mount Vernon College for Women. He also created five new schools: Public Health and Health Services, Public Policy and Public Administration, College of Professional Studies, Graduate School of Political Management, and Media and Public Affairs. Importantly he "reinvented" the University's position and positive reputation as Washington, D.C.'s center of scholarship.

After all of these accomplishments he is retiring as President of the George Washington University, but will continue as President Emeritus and as a University Professor of Public Service.

In this resolution, the Senate:

1. honors and salutes the accomplishments of Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and recognizes his deeds throughout his 19 years of service as President of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.;

2. recognizes his accomplishments and achievements in higher education, as an author, as an attorney and as a public official; and

3. based upon his service extends its appreciation to him in recognition of his retirement as President of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Mr. President, I urge the Senate to act quickly on this resolution to honor the efforts of President Trachtenberg on behalf of so many who have benefited from his extraordinary service.

#### 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 an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The hearing will address opportunities and challenges associated with coal gasification, including coal-to-liquids and industrial gasification.

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 should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to rachel\_pasternack@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Michael Carr or Rachel Pasternack.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 10:15 a.m., in open session, to receive testimony on United States European Command in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 3 p.m., in executive session, to consider a pending military nomination.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on law enforcement in Indian Country.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized

to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

#### Agenda

##### I. Committee Authorization

Authorization of Subpoenas in Connection with Investigation into Replacement of U.S. Attorneys.

##### II. Bills

S. 221, Fair Contracts for Growers Act of 2007 (Grassley, Feingold, Kohl, Leahy, Durbin).

S. 376, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2007 (Leahy, Specter, Grassley, Kyl, Sessions, Cornyn).

S. 1079, Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission Act (Cardin, Warner, Kennedy).

S. 1327, A bill to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships (Leahy, Brownback, Feinstein).

S. 1027, Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2007 (Kohl, Kyl, Leahy, Schumer, Specter).

##### III. Resolutions

S. Res. 138, Honoring the accomplishments and legacy of Cesar Estrada Chavez (Salazar, Durbin).

S. Res. 132, Recognizing the Civil Air Patrol (Stevens, Inouye).

S. Res. 130, Resolution designating a National Day of the American Cowboy (Craig, Cornyn, Hatch).

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed mark-up.

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

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

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing entitled, Evaluating the Progress and Identifying Obstacles in Improving the Federal Government's Security Clearance Program.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON SECURITIES, INSURANCE, AND INVESTMENT

Mr. CONRAD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on "Consolidation of NASD and the Regulatory Functions of the NYSE: Working Towards Improved Regulation."