

to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 609, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1175, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project.

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 it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to: Gina Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to explore the U.S.-China trading relationship, with analysis of the current status of trade between the two nations and the impact of U.S.-China trade on U.S. manufacturers, consumers, and workers.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, at 11:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to hear testimony regarding the nominations of Dr. Tevi David Troy to be Deputy Sec-

retary of Health and Human Services, Department of Health and Human Services; The Honorable David H. McCormick to be Under Secretary for International Affairs, U.S. Department of the Treasury; Mr. Kerry N. Weems to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Mr. Peter B. McCarthy to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Department of the Treasury; and Mr. Charles E.F. Millard to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing on the Peace Corps.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Pakistan.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at 10 a.m. in SD-106 and on Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 10 a.m. in SR-325. We will be considering the following:

1. S. 625, Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act
2. S. 1183, Christopher and Dana Reeve Paralysis Act
3. S. 579, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007
4. S. 898, Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act of 2007
5. S. ____, Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007
6. The Following Nominations: Diane Auer Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education;

David C. Geary, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences; and

Miguel Campaneria, of Puerto Rico, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts.

Any nominations cleared for action.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 10

a.m. to consider the nomination of Dennis R. Schrader to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on S. 1487, the Ballot Integrity Act of 2007.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight: Gulf Coast Disaster Loans and the Future of the Disaster Assistance Program," on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, in order to conduct a hearing on VA health care funding. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m.

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

JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to conduct a hearing entitled, "A Local Look at the National Foreclosure Crisis: Cleveland Families, Neighborhoods, Economy Under Siege from the Subprime Mortgage Fallout", in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, Wednesday, July 25, 2007, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 3 p.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The Road Ahead II: Views from the Postal Workforce on Implementing Postal Reform."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUPERFUND AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Superfund and Environmental Health be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 2 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "Oversight of EPA's Environmental Justice Programs."

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

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS
OF 2007

On Tuesday, July 24, 2007, the Senate passed S. 1642, as follows:

S. 1642

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Higher Education Amendments of 2007".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. References.
- Sec. 3. General effective date.

TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Sec. 101. Additional definitions.
- Sec. 102. General definition of institution of higher education.
- Sec. 103. Definition of institution of higher education for purposes of title IV programs.
- Sec. 104. Protection of student speech and association rights.
- Sec. 105. Accreditation and Institutional Quality and Integrity Advisory Committee.
- Sec. 106. Drug and alcohol abuse prevention.
- Sec. 107. Prior rights and obligations.
- Sec. 108. Transparency in college tuition for consumers.
- Sec. 109. Databases of student information prohibited.
- Sec. 110. Clear and easy-to-find information on student financial aid.
- Sec. 110A. State higher education information system pilot program.
- Sec. 111. Performance-based organization for the delivery of Federal student financial assistance.
- Sec. 112. Procurement flexibility.
- Sec. 113. Institution and lender reporting and disclosure requirements.
- Sec. 114. Employment of postsecondary education graduates.
- Sec. 115. Foreign medical schools.
- Sec. 116. Demonstration and certification regarding the use of certain Federal funds.

**TITLE II—TEACHER QUALITY
ENHANCEMENT**

- Sec. 201. Teacher quality partnership grants.
- Sec. 202. General provisions.

TITLE III—INSTITUTIONAL AID

- Sec. 301. Program purpose.
- Sec. 302. Definitions; eligibility.
- Sec. 303. American Indian tribally controlled colleges and universities.
- Sec. 304. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions.
- Sec. 305. Native American-serving, nontribal institutions.
- Sec. 306. Part B definitions.
- Sec. 307. Grants to institutions.

- Sec. 308. Allotments to institutions.
- Sec. 309. Professional or graduate institutions.
- Sec. 310. Authority of the Secretary.
- Sec. 311. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 312. Technical corrections.

TITLE IV—STUDENT ASSISTANCE

PART A—GRANTS TO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Sec. 401. Federal Pell Grants.
- Sec. 402. Academic competitiveness grants.
- Sec. 403. Federal Trio Programs.
- Sec. 404. Gaining early awareness and readiness for undergraduate programs.
- Sec. 405. Academic achievement incentive scholarships.
- Sec. 406. Federal supplemental educational opportunity grants.
- Sec. 407. Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program.
- Sec. 408. Special programs for students whose families are engaged in migrant and seasonal farmwork.
- Sec. 409. Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program.
- Sec. 410. Child care access means parents in school.
- Sec. 411. Learning anytime anywhere partnerships.

**PART B—FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION
LOAN PROGRAM**

- Sec. 421. Federal payments to reduce student interest costs.
- Sec. 422. Federal Consolidation Loans.
- Sec. 423. Default reduction program.
- Sec. 424. Reports to consumer reporting agencies and institutions of higher education.
- Sec. 425. Common forms and formats.
- Sec. 426. Student loan information by eligible lenders.
- Sec. 427. Consumer education information.
- Sec. 428. Definition of eligible lender.
- Sec. 429. Discharge and cancellation rights in cases of disability.

**PART C—FEDERAL WORK-STUDY
PROGRAMS**

- Sec. 441. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 442. Allowance for books and supplies.
- Sec. 443. Grants for Federal work-study programs.
- Sec. 444. Job location and development programs.
- Sec. 445. Work colleges.

PART D—FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS

- Sec. 451. Program authority.
- Sec. 451A. Allowance for books and supplies.
- Sec. 451B. Perkins loan forbearance.
- Sec. 452. Cancellation of loans for certain public service.

PART E—NEED ANALYSIS

- Sec. 461. Cost of attendance.
- Sec. 462. Definitions.

**PART F—GENERAL PROVISIONS
RELATING TO STUDENT ASSISTANCE**

- Sec. 471. Definitions.
- Sec. 472. Compliance calendar.
- Sec. 473. Forms and regulations.
- Sec. 474. Student eligibility.
- Sec. 475. Statute of limitations and State court judgments.
- Sec. 476. Institutional refunds.
- Sec. 477. Institutional and financial assistance information for students.
- Sec. 478. Entrance counseling required.
- Sec. 479. National Student Loan Data System.
- Sec. 480. Early awareness of financial aid eligibility.
- Sec. 481. Program participation agreements.
- Sec. 482. Regulatory relief and improvement.

- Sec. 483. Transfer of allotments.
- Sec. 484. Purpose of administrative payments.
- Sec. 485. Advisory Committee on student financial assistance.
- Sec. 486. Regional meetings.
- Sec. 487. Year 2000 requirements at the Department.

PART G—PROGRAM INTEGRITY

- Sec. 491. Recognition of accrediting agency or association.
- Sec. 492. Administrative capacity standard.
- Sec. 493. Program review and data.
- Sec. 494. Timely information about loans.
- Sec. 495. Auction evaluation and report.

TITLE V—DEVELOPING INSTITUTIONS

- Sec. 501. Authorized activities.
- Sec. 502. Postbaccalaureate opportunities for Hispanic Americans.
- Sec. 503. Applications.
- Sec. 504. Cooperative arrangements.
- Sec. 505. Authorization of appropriations.

**TITLE VI—INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS**

- Sec. 601. Findings.
- Sec. 602. Graduate and undergraduate language and area centers and programs.
- Sec. 603. Undergraduate international studies and foreign language programs.
- Sec. 604. Research; studies.
- Sec. 605. Technological innovation and cooperation for foreign information access.
- Sec. 606. Selection of certain grant recipients.
- Sec. 607. American overseas research centers.
- Sec. 608. Authorization of appropriations for international and foreign language studies.
- Sec. 609. Centers for international business education.
- Sec. 610. Education and training programs.
- Sec. 611. Authorization of appropriations for business and international education programs.
- Sec. 612. Minority foreign service professional development program.
- Sec. 613. Institutional development.
- Sec. 614. Study abroad program.
- Sec. 615. Advanced degree in international relations.
- Sec. 616. Internships.
- Sec. 617. Financial assistance.
- Sec. 618. Report.
- Sec. 619. Gifts and donations.
- Sec. 620. Authorization of appropriations for the Institute for International Public Policy.
- Sec. 621. Definitions.
- Sec. 622. Assessment and enforcement.

**TITLE VII—GRADUATE AND POSTSEC-
ONDARY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

- Sec. 701. Purpose.
- Sec. 702. Allocation of Jacob K. Javits Fellowships.
- Sec. 703. Stipends.
- Sec. 704. Authorization of appropriations for the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program.
- Sec. 705. Institutional eligibility under the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program.
- Sec. 706. Awards to graduate students.
- Sec. 707. Additional assistance for cost of education.
- Sec. 708. Authorization of appropriations for the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Program.
- Sec. 709. Legal educational opportunity program.
- Sec. 710. Fund for the improvement of postsecondary education.