

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Climate Change Legislation: Allowance and Revenue Distribution."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during session of the Senate on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 2:15 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Protecting Patients from Defective Medical Devices" on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. The hearing will commence at 2:30 p.m., in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on August 4, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Performance Rights Act and Parity among the Music Delivery Platforms."

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

ADHOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Focusing on Children in Disasters: Evacuation Planning and Mental Health Recovery."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Liz Dunn and Erik Peterson of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

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

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mike Gerhardt, a consultant on Senator LEAHY's Judiciary Committee staff, be granted the privilege of the floor during the floor debate of Sonia Sotomayor to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

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

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Chan Park, a detailee on Senator LEAHY's Judiciary Committee staff, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the 111th Congress.

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

Mr. HARKIN. I ask unanimous consent that Becky Moylan and Maeshal Abid of my staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of today's session.

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Christa McDermott, Ashley McCabe, and Joia Starks, legislative fellows in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the debate on the confirmation of Judge Sonia Sotomayor.

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

ORDER OF PROCEDURE—
EXECUTIVE CALENDAR NO. 309

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 5, the Senate proceed to executive session to resume consideration of Calendar No. 309, with the debate time until 2 p.m. divided in 1-hour alternating blocks of time, with the majority controlling the first hour; further, that the time from 2 to 3 p.m. be equally divided and controlled, with the majority controlling the first 30 minutes and the Republicans control-

ling the final 30 minutes; that at 3 p.m., the Senate stand in recess until 5 p.m.; that upon reconvening at 5 p.m., the Senate resume for 1-hour alternating blocks of time, with the Republicans controlling the first hour.

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

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar Nos. 316, 317, 318, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, and 328; that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then resume legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Patricia A. Butenis, of Virginia, A Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Maldives.

Charles Aaron Ray, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Gayleatha Beatrice Brown, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Burkina Faso.

Pamela Jo Howell Slutz, of Texas, A Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Burundi.

Patricia Newton Moller, of Arkansas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea.

Jerry P. Lanier, of North Carolina, A Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uganda.

Alfonso E. Lenhardt, of New York, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Samuel Louis Kaplan, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Morocco.

James B. Smith, of New Hampshire, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Miguel Humberto Diaz of Minnesota, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Holy See.