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Agenda Item No. 4, S. 498.—Entitled the “National Discovery Trails Act of 2001”.

Agenda Item No. 5, S. 506.—To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item No. 6, S. 507.—To implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item No. 7, S. 509.—To establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item No. 10.—Nomination of Francis S. Blake to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Agenda Item No. 11.—Nomination of Robert Gordon Card to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Agenda Item No. 12.—Nomination of Bruce Marshall Carnes to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy.

Agenda Item No. 13.—Nomination of David Garman to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy of the Department of Energy.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. 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, May 16, immediately following the committee business meeting to conduct a hearing. The committee will consider the nominations of J. Steven Griles to be the Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Lee Sara Liberman Otis to be the General Counsel for the Department of Energy; Jesse Hill Roberson to be the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management of the Department of Energy; Nora Mead Brownell to be a Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Patrick Henry Wood III to be a Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, to consider the nominations of Claude Allen to be Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas Scully to be Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Piyush Jindal to be Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; Peter R. Fisher to be Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, U.S. Department of Treasury; James Gurule to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, U.S. Department of Treasury; Linnet F. Deily to be Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, with the

Rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President; and, Peter Allgeier to be Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., to hold two nomination hearings as follows: at 10 a.m., in SD-419, the Honorable A. Elizabeth Jones, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs and Stephen Brauer, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Belgium at 3 p.m., in SD-419, the Honorable Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency and the Honorable Peter S. Watson, of California, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet to hold a hearing on the following nominations for the Department of Veterans Affairs: Leo S. Mackay, Jr. to be Deputy Secretary; Robin J. Higgins to be Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs; Maureen P. Cragin to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs; Jacob Lozada to be Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and Administration; and Gordon H. Mansfield to be Assistant Secretary for Congressional Affairs.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 2 p.m., to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Deborah Forbes, a detailee in Senator KENNEDY's office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the education debate.

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

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent Heather Smith, an American Planning Association congressional fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the duration of the debate on the bill.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 107th Congress, to be held in Canada, May 17-21, 2001: The Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH).

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d-276g, as amended, appoints the following Senators as members of the Senate Delegation to the Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group during the First Session of the 107th Congress, to be held in Canada, May 17-21, 2001: The Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination on the Executive Calendar: No. 77.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nomination be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that any statements relating to the nomination appear at this point in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action. I also ask unanimous consent that the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nomination was considered and confirmed, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

James J. Jochum, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2001

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 17. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day.

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