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#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 1 at 9:30 a.m., on S. 1530, the Railroad Advancement and Infrastructure Law of the 21st Century.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 1, at 2:30, to consider the nominations of R. David Paulison to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Arden Bement, Jr., to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing on how S. 556 would affect the environment, the economy, energy supply, achievement of regulatory and statutory goals including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, relevant costs and benefits, and any improvements or amendments that should be made to the legislation. The hearing will be held in the rm. SD-406.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing on infrastructure security, chemical site security, and economic recovery. The hearing will be held in the rm. SD-406.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2001, immediately following the first vote on the Senate Floor, to consider favorably reporting the following nomination: JoAnne Barnhart to be Commissioner of the Social Security Administration.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. 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 Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 11 a.m.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 10 a.m., in SD226.

#### Agenda

I. Nominations: Edith Brown Clement to be U.S. Circuit Court Judge for the 5th Circuit; M. Christina Armijo to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of New Mexico; Karon O. Bowdre to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of Alabama; Stephen P. Friot to be U.S. District Court Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; Larry R. Hicks to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Nevada; Terry L. Wooten to be U.S. District Court Judge for the District of South Carolina; Juan Carlos Benitez to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices; Sharee Freeman to be Director of the Community Relations Service; and John P. Walters to be Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

To Be United States Attorney: Leura Garrett Canary, Middle District of Alabama; Paul K. Charlton, District of Arizona; Jeffrey G. Collins, Eastern District of Michigan; William S. Duffey, Jr., Northern District of Georgia; Dunn Lampton, Southern District of Mississippi; Alice Howze Martin, Northern District of Alabama; William Walter Mercer, District of Montana; Thomas E. Moss, District of Idaho; J. Strom Thurmond, Jr., District of South Carolina; Maxwell Wood, Middle District of Georgia; and Drew H. Wrigley, District of North Dakota.

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters on Thursday, November 1, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in room S-407 in the Capitol.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 1, 2001, to conduct an oversight hearing on "Protecting

Retirement Savings: Federal Deposit Insurance Coverage for Retirement Accounts."

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

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent Matt King, a legislative detailee from the Customs Service, be permitted floor privileges during consideration of H.R. 2590.

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

#### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I submit a report of the committee of conference on the bill (H.R. 2647), and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2647), making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, having met, after full and fair conference, have agreed that the House recede from its disagreement to certain amendments of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, and the Senate agree to the same, signed by all of the conferees on the part of both Houses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report.

(The report was printed in the House proceedings of the RECORD of October 30, 2001.)

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, as chairman of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee, I bring to the attention of the Senate the highlights of the conference report on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2002, H.R. 2647.

The conference report totals \$2.97 billion, and parallels closely the bill which passed the Senate in July with very broad support. Total funding is \$10 million below the amount requested by the Legislative Branch.

Funding included in this bill includes \$607 million for the Senate, and \$878 million for the House of Representatives.

Funding for the rest of the legislative branch totals \$1.49 billion. These agencies perform critical functions enabling Congress to operate effectively and safely—particularly the Capitol Police.

For the Library of Congress and the Congressional Research Service, the bill includes \$452 million. The decrease of \$60 million below the enacted level is attributable to last year's one-time appropriation for the digital preservation project.

The recommendation for the Library will enable the Congressional Research Service to hire staff in some critical areas, particularly technology policy.