

Transportation) that is on the Board's 'most wanted list'. The Secretary shall continue to report on the regulatory status of each such recommendation in the report due on February 1 of subsequent years until final regulatory action is taken on that recommendation or the Secretary (or an Administration within the Department) determines and states in such a report that no action should be taken.

“(2) FAILURE TO REPORT.—If on March 1 of each year the Board has not received the Secretary's report required by this subsection, the Board shall notify the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate of the Secretary's failure to submit the required report.

“(3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall cease to be in effect after the report required to be filed on February 1, 2008, is filed.”

SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

Section 1131(a)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by moving subparagraphs (B) and (C) 4 ems to the left.

SEC. 8. DOT INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 228 of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 1773) is transferred to, and added at the end of, subchapter III of chapter 3 of title 49, United States Code, as section 354 of that title.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) The caption of the section is amended to read as follows:

“§354. Investigative authority of Inspector General”.

(2) The chapter analysis for chapter 3 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“354. Investigative authority of Inspector General”.

SEC. 9. REPORTS ON CERTAIN OPEN SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) INITIAL REPORT.—Within 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit a report to Congress and the National Transportation Safety Board containing the regulatory status of each open safety recommendation made by the Board to the Secretary concerning—

- (1) 15-passenger van safety;
- (2) railroad grade crossing safety; and
- (3) medical certifications for a commercial driver's license.

(b) BIENNIAL UPDATES.—The Secretary shall continue to report on the regulatory status of each such recommendation (and any subsequent recommendation made by the Board to the Secretary concerning a matter described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of subsection (a)) at 2-year intervals until—

- (1) final regulatory action has been taken on the recommendation;
- (2) the Secretary determines, and states in the report, that no action should be taken on that recommendation; or
- (3) the report, if any, required to be submitted in 2008 is submitted.

(c) FAILURE TO REPORT.—If the Board has not received a report required to be submitted under subsection (a) or (b) within 30 days after the date on which that report is required to be submitted, the Board shall notify the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. 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 Friday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m.

The purpose of the oversight hearings is to receive testimony on the implementation of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in open Executive Session during the session on Friday, November 21, 2003; to consider nomination of Arnold I. Havens, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, November 21, 2003 at 9 a.m. to hold a hearing on Nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Friday, November 21, 2003 at a time and location to be determined to hold a business meeting to consider the nominations of James M. Loy to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Department of Homeland Security; and Scott J. Bloch to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on The Nomination of Steven J. Law, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor during the session of the Senate on Friday, November 21, 2003 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 21, 2003, for a markup on the nominations of Gordon H. Mansfield to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Cynthia R. Church to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Public and Intergovernmental

Affairs, Robert N. McFarland to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology, Lawrence B. Hagel to be Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and Alan G. Lance, Sr. to be Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

The meeting will take place in the Senate Reception Room in the Capitol after the first rollcall vote of the day.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Chad Littleton, a Congressional Fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the remainder of the Senate's consideration of this bill.

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

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Neil Naraine be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of the debate.

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

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent that Christine Evans, of the Finance Committee staff, be afforded the privilege of the floor for the remainder of today's session.

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

FEDERAL RECOGNITION TO CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON MEMORIALIZED

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Indian Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 246 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 246) expressing the sense of the Senate that November 22, 1983, the date of the restoration by the Federal Government of Federal recognition to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, should be memorialized.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 246) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 246

Whereas the Grand Ronde Restoration Act (25 U.S.C. 713 et seq.), which was signed by the President on November 22, 1983, restored