

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, April 29, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Building Room 226.

## Agenda

I. Nominations: Henry W. Saad to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit; William Duane Benton to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit; Robert Bryan Harwell to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina; George P. Schiavelli to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California; and Curtis V. Gomez to be Judge for the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

## II. Legislation:

S. 1735. Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act of 2003 [Hatch, Chambliss, Cornyn, Feinstein, Graham, Grassley, Schumer].

S. 2107. A bill to authorize an annual appropriations of \$10,000,000 for mental health courts through fiscal year 2009 [DeWine, Leahy].

S. 2192. Cooperative Research and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act of 2004 [Hatch, Feingold, Kohl, Leahy].

S. 1932. Enhancing Federal Obscenity Reporting and Copyright Enforcement (ENFORCE) Act of 2003 [Hatch, Cornyn, Feinstein].

S. 2237. Protecting Intellectual Rights Against Theft and Expropriation (PIRATE) Act of 2004 [Leahy, Hatch].

S. 1932. Artists' Rights and Theft Prevention (ART) Act of 2003 [Cornyn, DeWine, Durbin, Feinstein, Graham, Hatch, Kennedy].

H.R. 1561. United States Patent and Trademark Fee Modernization Act of 2004.

S. 1635. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to ensure the integrity of the L-1 visa for intracompany transferees [Chambliss].

S. 1609. Parental Responsibility Obligations Met through Immigration System Enforcement (PROMISE) Act [Hatch, Cornyn].

S. 1129. Unaccompanied Alien Child Protection Act of 2003 [Feinstein, DeWine, Durbin, Edwards, Feingold, Kennedy, Kohl, Leahy, Schumer, Specter].

S. Res. 334. A resolution designating May 2004 as National Electrical Safety Month.

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

## COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 29, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed mark-up on the fiscal year 2005 Intelligence Authorization Bill.

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

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS, FISHERIES AND COAST GUARD

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and Coast Guard be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 29, 2004, at 10 a.m. on NOAA Oversight, in SR-253.

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

## HIGHWAY BILL EXTENSION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, throughout the day we have had discussion regarding the short-term highway extension. My colleague, Senator BOND, has been here throughout the day, working hard and discussing the critical importance of having this body move forward on the 6-year authorization measure on transportation that has passed both Houses.

Obviously, there is a frustration that there has been an objection from the other side to our request to appoint conferees to move this bill to conference. We will do a short-term extension in a moment. However, as majority leader, in the absence of an agreement to move forward on the transportation bill, I am committed, after talking to and working with Senator BOND over the course of the day, to use our procedural options to put the Senate on record next week with regard to going to conference on the highway bill.

The distinguished minority whip is on the floor, and he has been very engaged in this issue as well.

I do thank our colleague, Senator BOND, and all the others involved, for allowing us to move on this short-term extension at this time. Again, I believe it is time for us to follow the regular order and send the 6-year authorization bill to conference.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I also extend my appreciation to Senator BOND. This is not a time to declare winners or losers. This is part of the legislative process. Senator BOND is an experienced legislator. He is a former Governor. He knows the importance of the highway bill. I am confident the resolution of this matter that we have worked out in the last several hours will be good for the country and certainly will be good for the 5,000 people who work at the Department of Transportation.

## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2004, PART II

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4219, a highway program extension bill, which is at the desk. I further ask consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 4219) was read the third time and passed.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 644 through 653, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

For the information of Senators, these are military nominations and Foreign Service officers.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

## AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brigadier General James B. Armor, Jr., 0000  
 Brigadier General Curtis M. Bedke, 0000  
 Brigadier General John T. Brennan, 0000  
 Brigadier General Roger W. Burg, 0000  
 Brigadier General John J. Catton, Jr., 0000  
 Brigadier General Michael A. Collings, 0000  
 Brigadier General Daniel J. Darnell, 0000  
 Brigadier General Frank R. Faykes, 0000  
 Brigadier General Vern M. Findley, II, 0000  
 Brigadier General Stephen M. Goldfein, 0000  
 Brigadier General Gilmary M. Hostage, III, 0000  
 Brigadier General Thomas P. Kane, 0000  
 Brigadier General Perry L. Lamy, 0000  
 Brigadier General Roosevelt Mercer, Jr., 0000  
 Brigadier General Gary L. North, 0000  
 Brigadier General Anthony F. Przybyslawski, 0000  
 Brigadier General Loren M. Reno, 0000  
 Brigadier General Edward A. Rice, Jr., 0000  
 Brigadier General Marc E. Rogers, 0000  
 Brigadier General Arthur J. Rooney, Jr., 0000  
 Brigadier General Stephen T. Sargeant, 0000  
 Brigadier General Darryl A. Scott, 0000  
 Brigadier General Winfield W. Scott, III, 0000  
 Brigadier General Norman R. Seip, 0000  
 Brigadier General Loyd S. Utterback, 0000  
 Brigadier General Donald C. Wurster, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be major general*

Brig. Gen. William L. Shelton, 0000

The following officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Ronnie D. Hawkins, Jr., 0000

The following officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

*To be brigadier general*

Col. Danny K. Gardner, 0000

The following officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203: