

Senate on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "The New FEMA: Is the Agency Better Prepared for a Catastrophe Now Than It Was in 2005?"

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct an executive business meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Agenda

I. Bills: S.2136, Helping Families Save Their Homes in Bankruptcy Act of 2007, (Durbin, Schumer, Whitehouse, Biden, Feinstein); S.2133, Home Owners "Mortgage and Equity Savings Act", (Specter, Coleman); S.2041, False Claims Act Correction Act of 2007, (Grassley, Durbin, Leahy, Specter, Whitehouse); S.2533, State Secrets Protection Act, (Kennedy, Specter, Leahy, Feingold, Whitehouse); S.702, State Court Interpreter Grant Program Act, (Kohl, Kennedy, Durbin, Biden, Cardin, Leahy, Specter).

II. Resolution: S. Res. 468, designating April 2008 as "National 9-1-1 Education Month", (Clinton, Stevens).

III. Nominations: Catharina Haynes to be United States Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Rebecca Ann Gregory to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 2:15 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness list: Mark S. Davis to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia; David Gregory Kays to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri; David J. Novak to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia; Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr. to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri; Elisebeth C. Cook to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 3, 2008 to conduct a Joint Hearing with the House Veterans' Affairs Committee to hear the Legislative Presentations from the: AMVETS, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association, The Retired Enlisted Association, Military Officers Association of America, and National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs. The Committee will meet in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 3, 2008, at 3 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Army modernization in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT
MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE,
AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 2 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled, "Managing Diversity of Senior Leadership in the Federal Workforce and Postal Service."

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Thursday, April 3, 2008, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Dirksen 608 for the purpose of conducting a hearing

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following fellows and interns on the staff of the Finance Committee be allowed floor privileges during consideration of the Foreclosure Prevention Act: Ben Miller, Blake Thompson, Bridget Mallon, Damian Kudelka, Emily Schwartz, Ezana Teferra, Kayleigh Brown, Mary Baker, Tom Louthan, and Tyler Gamble.

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

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator LANDRIEU, I ask unani-

mous consent that Dionne Thompson, a fellow in Senator LANDRIEU's office, be granted privileges of the floor during consideration of H.R. 3221 and for the duration.

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

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE
DECISIONS DAY

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Con. Res. 73, introduced earlier today by Senator WYDEN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 73) expressing Congressional support for the goals and ideals of National Health Care Decisions Day.

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

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 73) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 73

Whereas National Health Care Decisions Day is designed to raise public awareness of the need to plan ahead for health care decisions related to end-of-life care and medical decision-making whenever patients are unable to speak for themselves and to encourage the specific use of advance directives to communicate these important decisions;

Whereas the Patient Self-Determination Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(f) et seq.) guarantees patients the right to information about their rights under State law regarding accepting or refusing medical treatment;

Whereas it is estimated that only a minority of Americans have executed advance directives, including those who are terminally ill or living with life-threatening or life-limiting illnesses;

Whereas advance directives offer individuals the opportunity to discuss with loved ones in advance of a health care crisis and decide what measures would be appropriate for them when it comes to end-of-life care;

Whereas the preparation of an advance directive would advise family members, health care providers, and other persons as to how an individual would want to be treated with respect to health care;

Whereas to avoid any legal or medical confusion due to the emotions involved in end-of-life decisions, it is in the best interest of all Americans that each person over the age of 18 communicate his or her wishes by creating an advance directive;

Whereas the Conditions of Participation in Medicare and Medicaid, section 489.102 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this resolution), require all participating facilities to