

(B) on a periodic basis, but not less frequently than once every 12 months.

(e) **PRIORITIES.**—In evaluating projects, the Secretary shall give priority to projects that have the greatest potential for—

(1) maximizing elimination of fossil fuel use;

(2) strengthening the reliability of local energy supplies and boosting the resiliency of energy infrastructure to the impact of extreme weather events, power grid failures, and interruptions in supply of fossil fuels;

(3) minimizing environmental impact, including regulated air pollutants, greenhouse gas emissions, and use of ozone-depleting refrigerants;

(4) facilitating use of renewable energy resources;

(5) increasing industrial competitiveness; and

(6) maximizing local job creation.

(f) **RULES AND PROCEDURES.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall adopt rules and procedures for the administration of the program established under this section, consistent with the provisions of this title.

(g) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$100,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2014 through 2018, to remain available until expended.

**SEC. 245. LOAN GUARANTEES FOR LOCAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

(a) **ASSURANCE OF REPAYMENT.**—Section 1702(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16512(d)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

“(2) **LOCAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE DOCUMENTATION.**—No guarantee shall be made for local energy infrastructure unless the borrower submits to the Secretary—

“(A) an independent engineering report, prepared by an engineer with experience in the industry and familiarity with similar projects, that includes detailed information on—

“(i) how the technology to be employed in the project is a proven, commercial technology;

“(ii) project siting;

“(iii) engineering and design;

“(iv) permitting and environmental compliance;

“(v) testing and commissioning; and

“(vi) operations and maintenance;

“(B) a detailed description of the overall financial plan for the proposed project, including all sources and uses of funding, equity and debt, and the liability of parties associated with the project over the term of the guarantee agreement;

“(C) all applicable financial statements of the borrower and any non-Federal parties providing financial assistance to the borrower, which shall have been audited by an independent certified public accountant;

“(D) the business plan on which the project is based and a financial model presenting project pro forma statements for the proposed term of the guarantee, including income statements, balance sheets, and cash flows;

“(E) a copy of any power purchase agreement, thermal energy purchase agreement, and other long-term offtake or revenue-generating agreement that will be the primary source of revenue for the project, including repayment of the debt obligations for which a guarantee is sought; and

“(F) a list of each engineering and design contractor, construction contractor, and equipment supplier for the project, as well as any performance guarantee, performance

bond, liquidated damages provision, and equipment warranty to be provided.”

(b) **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.**—Section 1703 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16513) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

“(11) Local energy infrastructure, as defined in section 243 of the Local Energy Supply and Resiliency Act of 2014.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(f) **SPECIAL RULES FOR LOCAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (a)(2) shall not apply to a project described in subsection (b)(11).

“(2) **REQUIREMENTS FOR LOAN GUARANTEE.**—A loan guarantee shall only be made available for a project described in subsection (b)(11) to the extent specifically provided for in advance by an appropriations Act enacted after the date of enactment of the Local Energy Supply and Resiliency Act of 2014.”

**SEC. 246. DEFINITION OF INVESTMENT AREA.**

Section 103(16) of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 4702(16)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) has the potential for implementation of local energy infrastructure (as defined in section 243 of the Local Energy Supply and Resiliency Act of 2014).”

**SEC. 247. STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLANS.**

Section 362(d) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6322(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (16), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (17) as paragraph (18); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (16) the following:

“(17) programs to support the evaluation and implementation of local energy infrastructure (as defined in section 243 of the Local Energy Supply and Resiliency Act of 2014).”

Strike section 501 and insert the following:

**SEC. 501. OFFSET.**

Section 422(f) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17082(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

(2) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

“(4) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2013;

“(5) \$180,000,000 for fiscal year 2014;

“(6) \$130,000,000 for fiscal year 2015; and

“(7) \$80,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016 through 2018.”

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nominations of Dr. Suzette M. Kimball, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey; Mr. Estevan R. Lopez, to be Commissioner of Rec-

lamation; and Dr. Monica C. Regalbuto, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy, Environmental Management.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Sallie\_Derr@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Sallie Derr at (202) 224-6836.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet in executive session on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to mark-up S. \_\_\_\_, The Strong Start for America's Children Act; the nomination of R. Jane Chu, of Missouri, to serve as Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Arts; as well as any additional nominations cleared for action.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact the Committee at (202) 224-5375.

**PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs has scheduled a hearing entitled, “Online Advertising and Hidden Hazards to Consumer Security and Data Privacy.” The Subcommittee will be examining consumer security and data privacy in the online advertising industry, an investigation led by Senator MCCAIN. Specifically, the Subcommittee is investigating data collection processes and security vulnerabilities that have inflicted significant costs on Internet users and American businesses. Witnesses will include representatives of the online advertising industry and an online self-regulatory organization, an online advertising expert, as well as a representative from the Federal Trade Commission. A witness list will be available Monday, May 12, 2014.

The Subcommittee hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at (202) 224-9505.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions will meet on May 15, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Progress and Challenges: The State of Tobacco Use and Regulation in the U.S.”

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Emily Schlichting of the committee staff on (202) 224-6840.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a Field Hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 10:30 a.m., at the Cypress Bend Conference Center in Many, LA.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine steps the federal government can take to increase the economic benefits of the Toledo Bend Project to the Northwest Louisiana region.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to [Afton.Zaubrecher@energy.senate.gov](mailto:Afton.Zaubrecher@energy.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact Dan Adamson at (202) 224-2871 or Afton Zaubrecher at (202) 224-5479.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 10:15 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the nominations of Ms. Cheryl A. LaFleur and Mr. Norman C. Bay, to be Members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to [Sallie.Derr@energy.senate.gov](mailto:Sallie.Derr@energy.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Sallie Derr at (202) 224-6836

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO  
MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND  
TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, "The State of U.S. Travel and Tourism: Industry Efforts to Attract 100 Million Visitors Annually."

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m., in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Assessing Venezuela's Political Crisis: Human Rights Violations and Beyond."

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, on May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled "Hearing on the nomination of the Secretary of Health and Human Services-Designate, Sylvia Mathews Burwell."

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mrs. SHAHEEN. 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 May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled "Identifying Critical Factors for Success in Information Technology Acquisitions."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 11:15 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AND  
CONTRACTING OVERSIGHT

Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 8, 2014, at 3 p.m. to conduct a hear-

ing entitled, "Waste and Abuse in Sponsorship and Marketing Contracts."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sarah Groen, a State Department fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this day.

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

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an intern in my office, Kathryn Martucci, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the calendar year.

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

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to Ron Faibish of my staff during pendency of discussion on S. 2262.

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

REPEALING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS REGARDING NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING OF SENATE STATIONERY CONTRACTS

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 358, S. 2197.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2197) to repeal certain requirements regarding newspaper advertising of Senate stationery contracts.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (S. 2197) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed, as follows:

S. 2197

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SENATE STATIONERY PROCEDURES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 65, 66, 67, and 68 of the Revised Statutes (2 U.S.C. 6569, 6570, 6571) are repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The fifth paragraph after the paragraph under the side heading "FOR CONTINGENT EXPENSES, NAMELY:" under the subheading "SENATE," under the heading "LEGISLATIVE," of the Act of March 3, 1887 (24 Stat. 596, chapter 392; 2 U.S.C. 6572), is amended by striking "sections, sixty-five, sixty six, sixty-seven, sixty-eight, and sixty-nine," and inserting "section 69".

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF  
EMANCIPATION HALL

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate