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#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, in executive session, to mark up the fiscal year 2001 Defense authorization bill.

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

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

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on the Boston Central Artery Tunnel.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at 2 p.m., to mark up pending legislation. The meeting will be held in the committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on political speech on the Internet.

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

##### JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Committee on Taxation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, to hear testimony on Joint Review of the Strategic Plans and Budget of the IRS.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND FORCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 11 a.m., on Wednes-

day, May 3, 2000, in executive session, to mark up the FY 2001 Defense authorization bill.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, in executive session, to mark up the FY 2001 Defense authorization bill.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 3, 2000, in Executive Session, to mark up the FY 2001 Defense authorization bill.

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

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Laura Chow, a legislative fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges during the entire debate on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

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

Mr. DODD. I ask unanimous consent for floor privileges for three individuals on Senate bill 2: Kathy Hogan-Bruen, Meredith Miller, and Shannon Faltnes.

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

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ann Ifekwunigwe, a fellow of my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the entire ESEA debate.

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

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Matthew Lyon, a fellow with the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, be afforded floor privileges during the consideration of S. 2, the Educational Opportunities Act, and during any votes in relation thereto.

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

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator HATCH, I ask unanimous consent that Becky Shipp of Senator HATCH's staff and Jeff Taylor, a detailee from the Justice Department on the Judiciary Committee, be accorded the privileges of the floor during consideration of S. 2, the Education Opportunities Act, and during votes in relation to the bill.

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

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2000

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it adjourn until the hour of 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 4. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 2 under the previous order.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, at 9:45 a.m. the Senate will resume consideration of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, with debate on the Abraham-Mack merit pay amendment to begin immediately. Following the consideration of that amendment, Senator MURRAY will be recognized to offer her amendment regarding class size. Votes are expected throughout the day. As usual, Senators will be notified as these votes are scheduled. As a reminder, the Senate will not meet on Friday in order to accommodate the Democratic retreat.

#### ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. JEFFORDS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order, following the remarks of Senators BYRD and GRASSLEY.

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

The Senator from West Virginia is recognized under the previous order.

#### MIKE EPSTEIN

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President:

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow,  
Peace without pain.  
But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the laborer,  
And light on the way,  
Grace for the trials,  
Help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy  
And undying love.

Mr. President, I have quoted this bit of poetry because I am thinking of Mike Epstein, Senator WELLSTONE's long serving legislative director. Mike Epstein, I heard only yesterday, is gravely ill. I know that he is facing