to meet to conduct a nominations hearing on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at 2 p.m., in Dirksen 226. Panelists to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, and Sarah V. Hart to be Director of the National Institute of Justice.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, for a hearing on prescription drug issues in the Department of Veterans Affairs. The meeting will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 2:30 p.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. on prescription drugs.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, to conduct an oversight hearing on the FHA Multifamily Housing Mortgage Insurance Program.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., for a hearing to examine “Who Cares for the Caregivers?: The Role of Health Insurance in Promoting Quality Care for Seniors, Children and Individuals with Disabilities.”

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

UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2299

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, earlier today I indicated that we had hoped we could continue to make progress on the Transportation appropriations bill, with some expectation of completing our work in the next day or so. That effort has not been as successful as I had hoped we could make it. For the last several hours, as our colleagues know, we have been attempting to negotiate language on the Mexican trucking issue. Our Republican colleagues are in many cases opposed to the language that is currently in the bill. It remains a very contentious issue.

I also suggested this afternoon that this is a matter that will continue to be the subject of ongoing negotiations and that I would be filing cloture tonight. The minority leader has indicated that we would not be required to file cloture tonight, even though I want to have the vote on cloture on Thursday. So we will ask unanimous consent that when we file cloture tomorrow, if it is required, that the vote still occur on Thursday. It is my understanding that we are now in a position to agree to that unanimous consent request.

I will not be filing cloture tonight. My hope is that tonight the negotiations can continue and that tomorrow we will have additional opportunities to see if we can find some way to resolve the matter.

I ask unanimous consent that should I file cloture on the Murray substitute and the bill tomorrow, the cloture vote occur on Thursday, as provided under rule XXII, with the mandatory quorum being waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BOXER). Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I remind Senators, if cloture is filed, all first-degree amendments must be filed by 1 p.m. on Thursday. I would like to announce as well that the negotiations throughout the day will necessitate that Senator Baucus and Senator Grassley, that when all time is used or yielded back, the Senate vote on the confirmation of the nomination, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s actions. I further ask unanimous consent that upon the disposition of the Horn nomination, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 252, the nomination of Hector Barreto to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration and that there be 30 minutes for debate on the nomination equally divided between Senators Kerry and Bond, or their designees, and that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; the President be immediately notified of the Senate’s action; that any statements on either of these two nominations be printed in the Record at the appropriate place, and the Senate retain to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, just to recap what we have agreed to, we will take up a number of amendments tomorrow morning relating directly to the Transportation appropriations bill. There will be votes on those amendments.

We will anticipate that ongoing negotiations will bring us to some conclusion about the need to file cloture tomorrow. If cloture is filed, the cloture vote will then occur. If there is time to be allotted to other issues, the other issues will include the Iran Sanctions Act as well as the two nominations, Horn and Barreto.