AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 24, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Shiloh H. Walker, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Mary Sheila Gall to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. on the nomination of Mary Sheila Gall to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hearing. The committee will receive testimony on legislative proposals relating to comprehensive electricity restructuring legislation, including electricity provisions of S. 388 and S. 597, and electricity provisions contained in S. 1273 and S. 2098 of the 106th Congress.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing on "Risks of a Growing Balance of Payments Deficit."

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 25, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing regarding "Rating Entertainment Ratings: How Well Are They Working for Parents and What Can Be Done To Improve Them?"

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Fiscal Year 2002 Proposed Budget for the Health Care Programs Within the Department of Health and Human Services: An Update." The hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on July 25, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. in room 218 Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., in Dirksen 226, on "S. 1157, the Dairy Consumers and Producers Protection Act of 2001."

TENTATIVE WITNESS LIST


Panel II: The Honorable Jonathan Healy, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, MA; The Honorable Harold M.Bru- baker, State Representative, State of North Carolina, Asheboro, NC; Senator Lois Pines, Esq., former Massachusetts State Senator, Newton, MA; Dr. James Beatty, Economist, Louisiana State University, Franklinton, LA; and Richard Groder, Wisconsin Farm Bureau, Mineral Point, WI.

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

COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Global Power Projection, in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2002.

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

COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY, TERRORISM AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Technology, Terrorism and Government Information be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, July 25, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. in SD-226, on "Improving Our Ability to Fight Cybercrime: Oversight of the National Infrastructure Protection Center."

WITNESS LIST

Panel I: Ron Dick, Director, National Infrastructure Protection Center; Mr. Robert F. Dacey, Director, Information Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Mr. Stanly McDonald, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Assurance and Critical Infrastructure Protection, General Services Administration; and Mr. James A. Savage, Jr.,
Deputy Special Agent in Charge, Financial Crimes Division, Secret Service.

Panel II: Mr. Michiels R. Gent, President, North American Electric Reliability Council, and Mr. Christopher Klaus, Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Internet Security Systems, Inc.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Joe Steinberg, an intern in our office, be allowed to be on the floor during today's deliberations.

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

Mr. GRAHAM. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Andrea Witt and Matthew Baggett of my staff be allowed the privilege of the floor during the duration of debate on this legislation.

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

Mr. WELLSTONE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Stephanie Zawistowski be granted floor privileges.

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

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Scott Holmer of my office be granted floor privileges.

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

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon, Thursday, July 26. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer and the pledge, 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 there be 1 hour of debate equally divided between Senators Daschle and Lott or their designees prior to the 1 p.m. cloture vote on the substitute amendment to the Transportation Act.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as has been outlined, the Senate will convene at 12 noon tomorrow, with 1 hour of debate prior to a 1 p.m. cloture vote on the substitute amendment to the Transportation Appropriations Act.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:15 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 12 noon.

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nomination and that it be placed on the Executive Calendar: Josefina Carbonell, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Aging, Department of Health and Human Services.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 2299

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that second-degree amendments to the Transportation Appropriations Act may be filed until 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday.

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

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive Nominations Confirmed by the Senate July 25, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Wade F. Horn, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

small business administration

Rector V. Barrato, Jr., of California, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The above nominations were approved subject to the Senate's consent to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 25, 2001:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

James Gillian, of California, to be Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision for the

MANAGER OF THE TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 23, 2002, VICE KELLY M. SEIDMAN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development, VICE Susan Gaffney, Resigned.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Nils J. Diaz, of Florida, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the Term of Five years, Expiring June 30, 2006, VICE RICHARD ST. CLAIR, RESIGNED.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Marianne Lamont horinko, of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, VICE Timothy Fields, Jr., Resigned.

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

F. R. Johnson, of Mississippi, to be Federal Co-Chairperson. Delta Regional Authority. (New Position)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Joseph M. Dethomas, of Pensylvania, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Estonia.

Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for the U.N. Management and Reform, with the Rank of Ambassador, VICE Donald Stuart Hayes.

Michael E. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, a Senior Foreign Service Officer, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Nepal.

Arlene Bender, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Patricia M. Conly, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, VICE Thomas E. Fox, Resigned.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Bruce Cole, of Indiana, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a Term of Four Years, VICE William R. Ferris, Term Expiring.

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