comment on the committee and description of
(A) the scope of the committee;
(B) the interests that may be impacted by the
standards;
(C) the proposed membership of the
committee;
(D) the proposed meeting schedule of the
committee; and
(E) the procedure under which an indi-
vidual may apply for membership on the
committee.
(3) Target date for publication of
rule.—As provided in the notice described
in paragraph (2), and for purposes of this
subsection, the term ‘‘target date for publi-
cation’’ as referred to in section 566a(a)(5)
of title 5, United States Code, means May 15,
2003.
(4) Abbreviated period for submis-
sion of comments.—Notwithstanding section
566(c) of title 5, United States Code, the Sec-
retary shall provide for a period, beginning
on the date on which the notice is published
under paragraph (2) and ending on December
14, 2002, for the submission of public com-
ments on the committee under this subsec-
tion.
(5) Appointment of negotiated rule-
making committee and facilitator.—The Sec-
retary shall carry out the following:
(A) Appointment of committee.—Not
later than January 10, 2003, appoint the
members of the negotiated rulemaking com-
mittee under this subsection.
(B) Facilitator.—Not later than January
21, 2002, provide for the nomination of a fa-
cilitator (as referred to in section 566(c) of
5 title 5, United States Code, to carry out the activi-
ties described in subsection (d) of such sec-
tion.
(C) Membership.—Ensure that the mem-
bership of the negotiated rulemaking com-
mmittee includes at least one individual rep-
resenting—
(i) health care consumers;
(ii) small employers;
(iii) large employers;
(iv) physicians;
(v) hospitals;
(vi) other health care providers;
(vii) health insurance issuers;
(viii) State insurance regulators;
(ix) health maintenance organizations;
(x) third-party administrators;
(xi) the Medicare program under title
XVIII of the Social Security Act;
(xii) the Medicaid program under title
XIX of the Social Security Act;
(xiii) the Federal Employees Health Ben-
efits Program, under chapter 89 of title 5,
United States Code;
(xiv) the Department of Defense;
(xv) the Department of Veterans’ Affairs;
and
(xvi) the Agency for Healthcare Research
and Quality.
(6) Final committee report.—
(A) In general.—Not later than 1 year
after the general effective date referred to in
section 401, the committee shall submit to the
Secretary a report containing a proposed
rule.
(B) Publication of rule.—If the Sec-
retary receives a report under subparagraph
(A), the Secretary shall provide for the pub-
lication in the Federal Register, by not later
than the date that is 30 days after the date
on which such report is received, of the pro-
posed rule.
(C) Failure to report.—If the committee
fails to submit a report as provided for in
paragraph (6)(A), the Secretary may promul-
gate a rule to establish the standards de-
scribed in subsection (d)(3)(E)(ii)(IV) (relat-
ing to the definition of ‘‘medically necessary
and appropriate’’ or ‘‘experimental or inves-
tigational’’) that group health plans and
health insurance issuers offering health in-
surance coverage in connection with group
health plans may use when making a deter-
mination with respect to a claim for bene-
fits.

Authority for Committees to Meet
Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing,
and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on June 26, 2001, to conduct a hearing on
the nomination of Donald E. Powell, of Texas, to be Chairman of the Board of
Directors of the Federal Deposit Insura-
cnce Corporation.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 9:30 am on
the nominations of Sam Bodman (DOCL Allan Rutter (FRA), Kirk Van
Tine (DOT), and Ellen Engleman
(DOT).
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
sources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday,
June 26 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct a hear-
ing. The committee will receive testi-
momy on proposed amendments to the
Price-Anderson Act (Subtitle A of Title
IV of S. 388; Subtitle A of Title I of S. 472; Title IX of S. 597) and nuclear en-
yergy production and efficiency incen-
tives (Subtitle C of Title IV of S. 388;
and Section 124 of S. 472).
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.

Committee on Finance
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet
during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 2:30 p.m.
and hold a nomination hearing as follows:

Nominees
Panel 1: The Honorable Margaret DeBardeleben Tutwiler, of Alabama, to
be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Mor-
occo.
The Honorable C. David Welch, of
Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Arab
Republic of Egypt.
The Honorable Daniel C. Kurtzer, of
Maryland, to be Ambassador to Israel.
Panel 2: The Honorable Robert D.
Blackwell, of Kansas, to be Ambassador
to India.
The Honorable Wendy Jean
Chamberlin, of Virginia, to be Ambas-
sador to the Islamic Republic of Paki-
stan.

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

Committee on Indian Affairs
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized
to meet on June 26, 2001, at 10:30 a.m.
in room 483 Russell Senate Building to
conduct a Hearing to receive testimony on the goals and priorities of the Great
Plains Tribes for the 107th session of the
Congress.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.

Subcommittee on the Administrative
Oversight and the Courts
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on
the Constitution be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on ‘‘Should Ideology Matter? Judicial Nominations
2001’’ on Tuesday, June 26, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in SD226. No witness list is avail-
able yet.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investiga-
tions
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Perman-
ent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Af-
fairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday,
June 26, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing
titled ‘‘Diabetes: Is Sufficient Fund-
ing Being Allocated To Fight This Dis-
ease?’’
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.

Subcommittee on Strategic
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Sub-
committee on Strategic of the Com-
mittee on Armed Services be author-
ized to meet during the session of the
Senate on Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at
10:00 a.m., in open session to receive
testimony on the Department of Ener-
gy’s fiscal year 2002 budget request for
the Office of Environmental Manage-
ment, in review of the Defense Author-
zation request for fiscal year 2002 and
the future years defense program.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without
objection, it is so ordered.

Subcommittee on Foreign Relations
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask
unanimous consent that the Commit-
tee on Foreign Relations be author-
ized to meet on June 26, 2001, at 10:00 a.m.,
in open session to receive testimony on
the future years defense program.