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SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

The Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL SPENDING OVERSIGHT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 963

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I understand that there is a bill at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the first time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 963) to authorize dedicated domestic terrorism offices within the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to analyze and monitor domestic terrorist activity and require the Federal Government to take steps to prevent domestic terrorism, and for other purposes.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I now ask for a second reading, and in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bill will be receive a second reading on the next legislative day.

COVID–19 BANKRUPTCY RELIEF EXTENSION ACT OF 2021

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1651, which was received from the House and is at the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1651) to amend the CARES Act to extend the sunset for the definition of a small business debtor, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. MURPHY. I further ask that the Durbin amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; that the bill, as amended, be considered read three times and passed; and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 1407) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

Strike section 2(c).

The amendment was ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time.

The bill (H.R. 1651), as amended, was passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

Mr. MURPHY. Finally, I would ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Thursday, March 25; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed; that upon conclusion of morning business, the Senate resume the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 11, H.R. 1799, as provided under the previous order; finally, that the votes scheduled for 11 a.m. begin at 10:45 a.m.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MURPHY. For the information of Senators, we expect to have four rollcall votes beginning at 10:45 a.m. tomorrow. Additional rollcall votes are expected during Thursday's session.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order following the remarks of Senators SULLIVAN and SASSE.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Alaska.

CHINA

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I wanted to come down to the Senate floor for a couple reasons, but first I want to talk a little bit about what happened in Alaska last weekend—actually, a really important meeting between the United States and China, our senior diplomats, their senior diplomats. It took place in Anchorage, and let's just say the meeting was as frosty as the Alaska air.

It was a tough meeting. The Chinese came out, kind of took a little advantage of being extra verbose in their opening statements, going against the 2-minute, agreed-upon time limit.

It was a bit of a tongue-lashing, I think, of the U.S. team, our Secretary of State, Tony Blinken. I think our team pushed back appropriately—the National Security Advisor, Jake Sullivan; Kurt Campbell, who also works at the National Security Council. But this was the first face-to-face meeting between the United States and Chinese diplomats with the Biden administration.

What we saw was a very confident China, a very aggressive China that showed up in Alaska. For example, they were talking about ''Chinese-style democracy.'' We also know that as a dictatorship.

Earth to the Chinese Communist Party: There is no democracy in China. You run an authoritarian regime, so don't try to fool anybody. It is a dictatorship, not a democracy.

But the bigger issue is this: Xi Jinping and the Chinese Communist Party clearly believe that it is rising, that its rise for this century is unstoppable, and that the United States—and the West but particularly the United States, our country—is declining and there is nothing we can do to stop this. They say this in private. They say it in public. And they believe it. They are confident to the point of being cocky, as we saw in Alaska, to the point of calling their dictatorship a democracy, which, of course, it isn't.

Now, my view—and I think it is the view of every Senator here; I certainly hope it is; I think it is—is that it is never a good idea to bet against the United States. Every major power in the world that has done so has lost that bet. That is a fact, but we clearly have work to do. We have a lot of work to do as it relates to this challenge.

I have been coming to the Senate floor for the last 6 years talking about this issue, talking about this challenge, talking about some of the things that we need to do to address the biggest U.S. strategic challenge for this century. It is the rise of China.

Now we have a new administration in power, and it was clear from the Alaska meeting that the Chinese Communist Party plans to aggressively challenge the Biden administration.

Now, I have a lot of disagreements already with the Biden administration, especially the way in which they are treating my State. I have been speaking on the Senate floor—eight Executive orders focused on Alaska, shutting down our economy, killing jobs. And I will fight them hard on this. But, on China, I believe it is imperative that we all work together, not as Democrats and Republicans but as Americans, as we have done when other major powers have threatened the United States.

The Communist Party of China clearly sees one of our major weaknesses as our political divisions. They write about it. It is in all the intel. They talk about it. Look, we are a democracy. We are transparent, unlike them. Our political divisions are on full display. You see them tonight. By the