

on Wednesday, February 15, will provide a forum for various witnesses to discuss cost/benefit analysis, regulatory accounting, and risk analysis.

The hearing will be held in the Senate Dirksen Office Building, SD-342, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For further information, please call Paul Noe at (202) 224-4751.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a joint hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Energy Research and Development of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development of the Committee on Appropriations.

The hearing will take place Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to review the findings of the Task Force on Alternative Futures for the Department of Energy National Laboratories.

Those wishing to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please call David Garman at (202) 224-7933 or Judy Brown at (202) 224-7556.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on S. 395, the Alaska Power Administration Sale Act, including title II, the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Amendment Act of 1995.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, March 1, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

Those wishing to testify or who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please call Andrew Lundquist at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 14, at 9:30 a.m., in SR-332, to discuss what regulatory reforms will help strengthen agriculture and agribusiness.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, in open session, to receive testimony from the unified commanders on their military strategies, operational requirements, and the defense authorization request for fiscal year 1996, including the future years defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing on foreign policy overview and the State Department fiscal year 96 budget presentation.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building on the fiscal year 1996 budget.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to meet during a session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, at 9 a.m. in Senate Dirksen room 226, on Federal crime control priorities.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to meet Tuesday, February 14, 1995, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on the Reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' fiscal year 1996 budget request.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT ON THE INTRODUCTION OF S. 395, ALASKA POWER ADMINISTRATION SALE ACT

• Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, yesterday, Senator MURKOWSKI and I introduced legislation to authorize and direct the Secretary of Energy to sell the Alaska Power Administration's two hydroelectric projects and terminate the Alaska Power Administration; and to permit the export of Alaskan North Slope crude oil carried on U.S. flag ves-

sels. I urge my colleagues to join in support of this legislation.

For Senators who are less familiar with the Alaska Power Administration, it is a unit of the U.S. Department of Energy. The Alaska Power Administration has had the responsibility for operation, maintenance, transmission, and power marketing for the two Alaskan Federal hydroelectric projects, Eklutna and Snettisham, which were authorized to encourage economic and industrial development in Alaska. Congress never intended that Snettisham and Eklutna would remain under Federal control. And, as this is an issue that I have worked on for many years, I am glad that the present administration supports the Federal divestiture of these two projects and the termination of the Alaska Power Administration upon completion of the sales.

This legislation includes significant improvements over previous proposed legislation. The sales of the projects will proceed under the terms of two separate purchase agreements that provide and require transition plans for the Federal employees of the projects, including but not limited to Federal employee benefits for Alaska Power Administration employees, delineation of responsibilities of the purchasers and the sellers through the transition to new ownership, protection for nonpower users of project lands and water, and environmental management plans. Additionally, the projects, including future modifications, will continue to enjoy their exemption from the requirements of the Federal Power Act.

Our legislation will also amend the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act to permit the export of Alaskan North Slope crude oil. As I have said before, this vital legislation will create jobs around the Nation and increase oil production in Alaska and California. It will also ensure the continued survival of the independent U.S. tanker fleet manned by U.S. crews, and thus enhance our national security while eliminating an injustice that for too long discriminated exclusively against the citizens of Alaska. With the administration's support, we intend to move this bill as quickly as possible to begin creating jobs, spurring energy production, and preserving our independent tanker fleet.

Congress enacted the original export ban shortly after the commencement of the Arab-Israeli war and the first oil boycott in 1973. The original intent of the law was to enhance energy security, but today it actually threatens our energy security by discouraging energy production and creating unnecessary hardships for the struggling domestic oil industry. In 1994, for the first time in history, more than half the oil used in the United States was imported. Imports in 1994 accounted for 50.4 percent of domestic demand, and it is the decline in domestic production that has led to higher imports. Most North Slope crude oil is delivered to