

(2) The Secretary may enter into a contract described in paragraph (1) beginning 60 days after the date on which the Secretary submits to Congress—

(A) the report required by subsection (d)(2); and

(B) the certification of the executive agent that there exists no alternative technology that is as safe and cost efficient as incineration for demilitarizing chemical munitions at non-bulk sites and can meet the requirements of section 1412 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1986.

(f) In this section, the term "assembled chemical munition" means an entire chemical munition, including component parts, chemical agent, propellant, and explosive.

(g)(1) Of the amount appropriated by title VI under the heading "CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION, DEFENSE", \$60,000,000 shall be available for the pilot program under this section. Such amount may not be derived from funds to be made available under the chemical demilitarization program for the alternative technologies research and development program at bulk sites.

(2) Funds made available for the pilot program pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be made available to the executive agent for use for the pilot program.

THE HAWAII JURISDICTION ACT OF 1996

AKAKA AMENDMENT NO. 4450

(Ordered referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.)

Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1906) to include certain territory within the jurisdiction of the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 3, after line 24, add the following:

(9) WAKE ATOLL.—The term "Wake Atoll" means all of the islands and appurtenant reefs at the parallel of 19 degrees, 18 minutes, of latitude north of the Equator and at the meridian of 166 degrees, 35 minutes, of longitude east of Greenwich, England, and the territorial waters of the islands and reefs.

On page 4, lines 4 of 5, strike "and Palmyra Atoll" and insert "Palmyra Atoll, and Wake Atoll".

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

KERRY (AND MCCAIN) AMENDMENT NO. 4451

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. KERRY (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 1894, supra; as follows:

On page 88, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

SEC. 8099. Of the total amount appropriated under title II, \$20,000,000 shall be available subject to authorization, until expended, for payments to Vietnamese commandos captured and incarcerated by North Vietnam after having entered the Democratic Republic of Vietnam pursuant to operations under a Vietnam era operation plan known as "OPLAN 34A", or its predecessor, and to Vietnamese operatives captured and incarcerated by North Vietnamese forces while par-

ticipating in operations in Laos or along the Lao-Vietnamese border pursuant to "OPLAN 35", who died in captivity or who remained in captivity after 1973, and who have not received payment from the United States for the period spent in captivity.

BOND (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 4452

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BOND (for himself, Mr. FORD, and Mr. LOTT) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 1894, supra; as follows:

On page 88, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

SEC. 8099. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be obligated or expended—

- (1) to reduce the number of units of special operations forces of the Army National Guard during fiscal year 1997;
- (2) to reduce the authorized strength of any such unit below the strength authorized for the unit as of September 30, 1996; or
- (3) to apply any administratively imposed limitation on the assigned strength of any such unit at less than the strength authorized for that unit as of September 30, 1996.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold an oversight hearing entitled Implementation of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 on Tuesday, July 23, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Keith Cole 224-5175.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the benefit of Members and the public that the hearing previously noticed for the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on several measures relating to the Bureau of Reclamation for July 30, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. and will now commence at 2:30 p.m. in the committee hearing room.

The measures that had been noticed are:

S. 931. To authorize the construction of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and to authorize assistance to the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes.

S. 1564. To amend the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide loan guarantees for water supply, conservation, quality, and transmission projects, and for other purposes.

S. 1565. To amend the Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956 and to supplement the Federal Reclamation Laws by providing for Federal cooperation in non-Federal projects and for participation by non-Federal agencies in Federal projects.

S. 1649. To extend contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation districts in Kansas and Nebraska, and for other purposes.

S. 1719. To require the Secretary of the Interior to offer to sell to certain public agencies the indebtedness representing the remaining repayment balance of certain Bureau of Reclamation projects in Texas, and for other purposes.

In addition, the subcommittee will receive testimony concerning S. 1921—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to transfer certain facilities at the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

As I stated, the hearing will now take place on Tuesday, July 30, 1996, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Those wishing to testify or submit written statements for the record should contact James Beirne at (202) 224-2564 or Betty Nevitt at (202) 224-0765 of the subcommittee staff or write the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LOTT. 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 Thursday, July 11, 1996, to conduct a hearing on S. 1800, the Fair ATM Fees for Consumers Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 11, 1996, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the issue of competitive change in the electric power industry, focusing on the FERC wholesale open access transmission rule, Order No. 888.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 11, 1996, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing on S. 1740, the Defense of Marriage Act.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on African Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate