

SEC. 2. ENHANCEMENT OF JUDICIAL INFORMATION DISSEMINATION.

Section 103(b)(2) of the Civil Justice Reform Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-650; 104 Stat. 5096; 28 U.S.C. 471 note) is amended—

- (1) by inserting "(A)" after "(2)";
- (2) by striking "sections 471 through 478" and inserting "sections 472, 473, 474, 475, 477, and 478"; and
- (3) by adding at the end of the following new subparagraph:
- "(B) The requirements set forth in section 476 of title 28, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall remain in effect permanently."

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND REGULATION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, for the information of the Senate and the public I am announcing that the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold an oversight hearing to receive testimony on the topic of competitive Change in the Electric Power Industry: the Oklahoma Perspective.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, August 21, 1997, at the Oklahoma City Community College theater, 777 South May Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Participation is by invitation. Those interested in testifying or submitting material for the hearing record should write to the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 attn: Shawn Taylor at (202) 224-7875 or Howard Useem (202) 224-6567.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. ROTH. 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 Thursday, July 31, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. in SR-328A to examine food security in Africa.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 31, 1997, to conduct a mark-up of S. 1026, "The U.S. Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 1997."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation

be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 31, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. on S. 268—National Parks Overflights.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. ROTH. 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 31, 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 from the Forest Service on their organizational structure, staffing, and budget for the Alaska Region.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee Special Investigation to meet on Thursday, July 31, at 10 a.m., for a hearing on campaign financing issues.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to hold an executive business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 31, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration hold a business meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 31, 1997 in Russell 301, on the status of the investigation into the contested Senate election in Louisiana at which the Committee could consider and vote upon a resolution, or resolutions, prescribing the future course of action to be taken by the Committee.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Mr. ROTH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Immigration, of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 31, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Building, on: "Annual Refugee Consultation."

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION ACT**

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I would like to comment briefly on yesterday's unanimous passage of S. 39, the International Dolphin Conservation Act after the Senate had adopted a compromise amendment.

I joined with my colleagues in supporting this effort to bridge the gap between the two sides because I believe that it was the result of sincere movement by both sides, a true compromise. As originally written, S. 39 would have permitted tuna caught by chasing dolphins and encircling them in purse-seine nets to be labeled dolphin-safe. The compromise amendment adopted by the Senate yesterday preserves the existing dolphin-safe label until the Secretary of Commerce has the opportunity to review a study of the effects of encirclement on endangered dolphin populations. This means that the label change will take place no sooner than March 1997.

I must admit that the need for such a study is not entirely clear to me. I think that any method of fishing for tuna that involves chasing schools of dolphins through miles of ocean and encircling them—in nets a mile wide and as deep as a football field is long—cannot honestly be described as safe for dolphins. I only hope that the studies that will be conducted will be anchored in common sense. If they are, I am confident that the label change will not take place.

Unfortunately, common sense may take a back seat to pressures from foreign governments, the same pressures that gave rise to S. 39 in the first place. It's no secret that the countries that permit dolphin-deadly fishing would like to have access to the American tuna market—the world's largest—even if it means that our consumer standards have to be gutted in the process. I regret that too many in Congress and in the administration have failed to resist this pressure and defend our country's laws.

In that connection, I would like to associate myself with the remarks of Senator BOXER, a valued colleague but one with whom I do not typically find myself in agreement. Before the Senate voted on this issue, Senator BOXER said: "American laws should be made by Americans * * * American laws should not be made by other countries." Senator BOXER has it exactly right. This issue has aroused the passionate interest of humane groups others concerned with dolphin welfare, but it should also be of concern to anyone concerned about the integrity of our governing institutions and the preservation of the sovereign right of the American people to make their laws through those institutions. I trust that we will have the opportunity to revisit that question.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say that Senator BOXER has done a tremendous job of standing up for what is right on this issue and I salute her efforts and those of the others who brought the sponsors of S. 39 to the table. Without Senator BOXER's steadfast efforts, this compromise and the opportunity to preserve the dolphin-safe label it provides would not have been possible. •