

(B) such spouse agrees to pay the United States an amount equal to the cost, as determined by the Secretary, of the provision of such services.

(d) **REPORTS.**—(1) The Secretary shall annually submit to Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the pilot program under this section. The report shall include a detailed description of the activities under the pilot program during the one-year period ending on the date of the report and such other matters as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(2)(A) In addition to the reports required by paragraph (1), not later than 90 days before concluding the pilot program under this section, the Secretary shall submit to the committees referred to in that paragraph a final report on the pilot program.

(B) The report on the pilot program under this paragraph shall include the following:

(i) An assessment of the feasibility and practicability of providing assisted living services for veterans and their spouses.

(ii) A financial assessment of the pilot program, including a management analysis, cost-benefit analysis, Department cash-flow analysis, and strategic outlook assessment.

(iii) Recommendations, if any, regarding an extension of the pilot program, including recommendations regarding the desirability of authorizing or requiring the Secretary to seek reimbursement for the costs of the Secretary in providing assisted living services in order to reduce demand for higher-cost nursing home care under the pilot program.

(iv) Any other information or recommendations that the Secretary considers appropriate regarding the pilot program.

(e) **DURATION.**—(1) The Secretary shall commence carrying out the pilot program required by this section not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) The authority of the Secretary to provide services under the pilot program shall cease on the date that is three years after the date of the commencement of the pilot program under paragraph (1).

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **ELIGIBLE VETERAN.**—The term "eligible veteran" means the following:

(A) Any veteran eligible to receive hospital care and medical services under section 1710(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code.

(B) Any veteran (other than a veteran described in subparagraph (A)) if the veteran is enrolled in the system of annual patient enrollment under section 1705 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) **ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES.**—The term "assisted living services" means services which provide personal care, activities, health-related care, supervision, and other assistance on a 24-hour basis within a residential or similar setting which—

(A) maximizes flexibility in the provision of such care, activities, supervision, and assistance;

(B) maximizes the autonomy, privacy, and independence of an individual; and

(C) encourages family and community involvement with the individual.

On page 85, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

(4) Renovations and environmental improvements at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Atlanta, Georgia, in an amount not to exceed \$12,400,000.

On page 85, line 9, strike "\$213,100,000" and insert "\$225,500,000".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small

Business will hold a hearing entitled "Slotting: Fair to Small Business & Consumers?" The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact either Paul Cooksey or Paul Conlon at 224-5175.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND REGULATION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I would like to announce that a subcommittee hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation.

The hearing will take place Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at approximately 10:30 a.m. (or immediately following the 9:30 Full Committee hearing) in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1051, a bill to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to manage the Strategic Petroleum Reserve more effectively, and for other purposes.

Those who wish to testify or to submit written testimony should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Presentation of oral testimony is by Committee invitation only. For further information, please contact Jo Meuse or Brian Malnak at (202) 224-6730.

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 full committee hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, September 15, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the nominations of Sylvia Baca to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management, David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior, and Ivan Itkin to be Director of the Department of Energy's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

For further information, please contact David Dye of the Committee staff at (202) 224-0624.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold a hearing entitled "Day Trading: An Overview." This Subcommittee hearing will focus on the practices and operations of the securities day trading industry.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, September 16, 1999, at 9:30 a.m., in Room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information,

please contact Lee Blalack of the Subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Thursday, September 16, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the Administration's Northwest Forest Plan.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Thursday, September 30, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1457, Forest Resources for the Environment and the Economy Act.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEE TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 8, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed full committee briefing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

JOHN W. SMART, NATIONAL COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF VFW

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask my fellow senators to join me in offering congratulations to John W. Smart of Nashua, New Hampshire, who is to be installed this month as National Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States in this the 100th Anniversary of the organization's founding.