

(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.

John Smart's election to this position is only the latest in a long and distinguished career in service to our country and to his fellow veterans. Mr. Smart served in the United States Army from October 1970 to April 1973, in Vietnam, where he was assigned to the 176th Assault Helicopter Company (American Division) at Chu Lai. His meritorious service was recognized with the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal with four stars and a Presidential Unit Citation.

While serving in Vietnam, he joined VFW Post #2181 in Exeter, New Hampshire. Following his return from military service in 1973, he moved quickly through the VFW Department of New Hampshire chairs and earned recognition as an All-American Department Commander during the 1981-82 year. In 1983 he served as Chairman of the National Youth Activities Committee and from 1991-1993 as Chairman of the National Buddy Poppy Committee. In 1995 he was appointed to the position of National Chief of Staff.

Mr. Smart served his community of Nashua as a firefighter, retiring after 21 years. He has served as VFW New Hampshire Department Adjutant/Quartermaster since 1985. He is a Life Member of VFW Post #483 in Nashua and in addition to his service to the VFW he holds membership in the Military Order of the Cooties, American Legion, Elks, Retired Firefighters Association and the US Army Association. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Managers of the New Hampshire Veterans Home since 1987 and has served as a New Hampshire State Representative.

John Smart is the first member of the Department of New Hampshire Veterans of Foreign Wars to be elected to the office of National Commander-in-Chief. I can think of no New Hampshire citizen more dedicated to his country and to the cause of assisting his fellow veterans. His wife, Mary, his two children, John R. and Cheryl, and his five grandchildren have reason for great pride in this husband, father and grandfather who has so ably contributed his time and efforts toward the service of others. I have been honored to work with John Smart over my years here in the Senate, while serving as Governor in New Hampshire and earlier in the House of Representatives. I commend him to the Senate and know you will join me in extending to him and his family our congratulations, our thanks for his past accomplishments and continuing service and our best wishes during his year of service as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Commander-in-Chief.●

TRIBUTE TO BILL MULLEN, 1999
GRAND MARSHAL OF THE LABOR
DAY MARCH

●Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Bill Mullen, who has been chosen as the

1999 Grand Marshal of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council AFL-CIO Labor Day March and Observance. The Labor Council is proud to honor Bill for his lifetime dedication to working families in the New Jersey Labor Movement, and especially Ironworkers Local 11. It is a pleasure for me to be able to honor his accomplishments.

Bill Mullen served in the United States Army during 1967 and 1968, and was stationed in Korea. He was later discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Returning to New Jersey, Bill completed his apprenticeship, and worked as an Ironworker, Shop Steward, Journeyman, Foreman, and Superintendent for various construction companies throughout the state.

For over thirty years Bill has been an active member in the labor movement. In 1981, Bill was elected by his fellow colleagues to be the Vice President of Ironworkers Local 11, and later became President in 1989. He has also served as Trustee of the Ironworkers of Northern New Jersey District Council Pension Fund and an active member of the New Jersey Alliance for Action. Currently, he serves as President of the Essex County Building and Construction Trades Council, an organization with 17 affiliates that represents over 12,000 craftmembers throughout Essex County, New Jersey. Bill is a committed worker, colleague, and leader who exemplifies the best of New Jersey Labor Leaders.

It gives me great pleasure to recognize a leader of great stature in New Jersey's labor community. Through these years, fighting for the cause of working men and women, Bill has been known to stand on principle, loyalty, and hard work. It is with pride that I honor Bill on his selection as Grand Marshal.●

TRIBUTE TO YORK COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA

●Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, this year marks the 250th anniversary of York County, Pennsylvania. Today, I rise to recognize the establishment and storied history of this county which contributed greatly to the founding of our Nation.

Established in 1749, York had formerly been a part of neighboring Lancaster County. The citizens of York had petitioned for their own county so that they could establish a courthouse in closer proximity to their jail. With the granting of the petition, York became the first county in Pennsylvania west of the Susquehanna River and the fifth county in Pennsylvania overall. Since that time, the county has developed rich and dynamic civic, social, political and economic institutions, including both durable agricultural and industrial bases, and serves as a model for communities across the Commonwealth and the Nation.

Mr. President, from September 1777 through June 1778, York served as the capital of our Nation. As British Gen-

eral Howe's army occupied Philadelphia, our early government, the Continental Congress, was first moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After one day, the Continental Congress sought to place further distance between it and the British, so it crossed the Susquehanna river at Wrights' Ferry and resumed session in the Colonial Courthouse in Center Square, York.

Mr. President, it was during the time that the York hosted our nation's government that the Marquis de Lafayette made the famous "toast that saved the nation." With this toast, Lafayette proclaimed his continued support for, and espoused the attributes of, General Washington at a time when certain factions were calling for the General to be replaced. This toast has been credited as saving George Washington's position as our first Commander in Chief. It was also during the time that the Continental Congress convened in York that it adopted the Articles of Confederation. This important document was the precursor to the Constitution and marked the first use of the term "United States of America."

Mr. President, the people of York County are proud of their history and their traditions. I am proud to join York in this celebration and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating York on its 250th anniversary.●

RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT
GENERAL PATRICK M. HUGHES

●Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise today to bring to the attention of Senators the retirement of Lieutenant General Patrick M. Hughes of the United States Army. A native of Great Falls Montana, I am proud that one of our native sons has made such a vital contribution to the defense of this great country, through a military career spanning nearly 40 years.

The recipient of many military awards and honors, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star, General Hughes has been a valuable friend to me and the people he has served in his distinguished career.

Although we have come to expect people of high caliber and dedication in our armed forces, General Hughes's service has been exceptional. Most recently assigned as the Director for Intelligence, J2, the Joint Staff, General Hughes began his military career in 1962. Following completion of his enlistment in 1965, he attended Montana State University, where he graduated in 1968. He was then commissioned in the U.S. Army infantry, and served two tours in Vietnam. He commanded several military intelligence (MI) detachments, an MI battalion, an MI brigade and the Army Intelligence Agency. He also served in senior staff positions, including a tour as the J2 of the U.S. Central Command.

Throughout his distinguished career, General Hughes's tireless and sincere