

SA 1316. Mr. INOUE (for Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY)) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 120, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

SEC. 8124. Section 8149(b) of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public Law 107-248; 116 Stat. 1572) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) This subsection shall remain in effect for fiscal year 2004.”

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the following hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 808, to provide for expansion of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshores; S. 1107, to enhance the recreational fee demonstration program for National Park Service, and for other services; and H.R. 620, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide supplemental funding and other services that are necessary to assist the State of California or local educational agencies in California in providing educational services for students attending schools located within the Park.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Tom Lillie at (202) 224-5161 or Pete Lucero at (202) 224-6293.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. 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 July 17, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. to conduct a hearing on “regulatory oversight of government sponsored enterprise accounting practices.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. on pending Committee business.

AGENDA

S. 1389, Surface Transportation Board (STB) Reauthorization (Mary Phillips/Rob Freeman/Debbie Hersman)

S. _____, Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act (Mary Phillips/Rob Freeman/Debbie Hersman)

S. 1250, The Enhanced 911 Emergency Communications Act of 2003 (Paul Martino/James Assey/Rachel Welch)

S. _____, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Reauthorization (Drew Minkiewicz/Floyd DesChamps/Margaret Spring)

S. _____, Ocean and Coastal Observation Systems Act (Drew Minkiewicz/Margaret Spring)

S. _____, United States Olympic Committee (USOC) Reform Act of 2003 (Ken Nahigian/David Strickland/Matthew Morrissey)

S. 1395, Technology Administration Reauthorization (Floyd DesChamps/Ken LaSala/Jean Toal Eisen)

Nomination of Nicole Nason (PN 613), of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, for the Department of Transportation (Rob Chamberlin/Virginia Pounds/Sam Whitehorn/Carl Bentzel)

Nomination of Pamela Harbour (PN 710), of New York, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner (Pablo Chavez/Virginia Pounds/David Strickland)

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 17, at 9:30 a.m.

This is the second in a series of hearings devoted to the improved understanding of the governance of the Department of Energy laboratories and approaches to optimize the capability of those laboratories to respond to national needs.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 17 at 9:30 a.m. to examine the importation of exotic species and the impact on public health and safety.

The meeting will take place in SD 406 (Hearing room).

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 10 a.m. to hear testimony on Nursing Home Quality Revisited: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 17, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Benefits for U.S. Victims of International Terrorism.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing entitled “Nowhere to Turn: Must Parents Relinquish Custody in Order to Secure Mental Health Services for Their Children?, Part Two: Government Response.”

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Kalsoom Lakhani and Alexander Nelson of my staff be granted floor privileges during the duration of this debate.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Townsend of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed, en bloc, to the immediate consideration of the following Energy bills: Calendar No. 198, S. 470; Calendar No. 199, S. 490; Calendar No. 200, S. 499; Calendar No. 201, S. 546; Calendar No. 202, S. 643; Calendar No. 203, S. 651; Calendar No. 204, S. 677; Calendar No. 205, S. 924; Calendar No. 206, S. 1076; Calendar No. 207, H.R. 255; Calendar No. 208, H.R. 1577; and H.R. 74, which is at the desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that, where applicable, the committee amendments be agreed to; that the bills, as amended, if amended, be read a third time and passed; that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above occurring en bloc.

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

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL CONSTRUCTION

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 470) to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr., which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following: