

- (B) T. 30 N., R. 11-13 W.;  
 (C) T. 29 N., R. 10-16 W.; and  
 (D) T. 28 N., R. 10-14 W.

(2) **BLACKLEAF AREA.**—The term “Blackleaf Area” means the Federal land owned by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management that is located in—

- (A) T. 27 N., R. 9 W.;  
 (B) T. 26 N., R. 8-10 W.;  
 (C) T. 25 N., R. 8-10 W.; and  
 (D) T. 24 N., R. 8-9 W.

(3) **ELIGIBLE LESSEE.**—The term “eligible lessee” means a lessee under a nonproducing lease.

(4) **NONPRODUCING LEASE.**—The term “nonproducing lease” means a Federal oil or gas lease that is—

(A) in existence and in good standing on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(B) located in the Badger-Two Medicine Area or the Blackleaf Area.

(5) **PLANNING AREA.**—The term “Planning Area” means each of the Western and Central Planning Areas of the Gulf of Mexico on the outer Continental Shelf.

(6) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(7) **STATE.**—The term “State” means the State of Montana.

(b) **EVALUATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary, in consultation with the Governor of the State, the eligible lessees, and any other interested persons, shall evaluate opportunities to enhance domestic oil and gas production through the exchange of the nonproducing leases.

(2) **REQUIREMENTS.**—In carrying out the evaluation under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) consider opportunities to enhance domestic production of oil and gas through—

(i) the exchange of the nonproducing leases for oil and gas lease tracts of comparable value in the State or in the Planning Areas; and

(ii) the issuance of bidding, royalty, or rental credits for Federal onshore oil and gas leases in the State or in the Planning Areas in exchange for the cancellation of the nonproducing leases;

(B) consider any other appropriate means to exchange, or provide compensation for the cancellation of, nonproducing leases, subject to the consent of the eligible lessees;

(C) consider the views of any interested persons, including the State;

(D) determine the level of interest of the eligible lessees in exchanging the nonproducing leases; and

(E) develop recommendations on—

(i) (I) whether to pursue an exchange of the nonproducing leases; and

(II) any changes in laws (including regulations) that are necessary for the Secretary to carry out the exchange; and

(ii) any other appropriate means by which to exchange, or provide compensation for the cancellation of, nonproducing leases.

(3) **VALUATION OF NONPRODUCING LEASES.**—For the purpose of the evaluation under paragraph (1), the value of a nonproducing lease shall be an amount equal to the difference between—

(A) the sum of—

(i) the amount paid by the eligible lessee for the nonproducing lease;

(ii) any direct expenditures made by the eligible lessee before the date of enactment of this Act associated with the exploration and development of the nonproducing lease; and

(iii) interest on any amounts under clauses (i) and (ii) during the period beginning on the date on which the amount was paid and ending on the date on which credits are issued under paragraph (2)(A)(ii); and

(B) the sum of the revenues from the nonproducing lease during the term of the lease.

(4) **SUSPENSION OF LEASES IN THE BADGER-TWO MEDICINE AREA.**—To facilitate the evaluation under paragraph (1) and review of the report under paragraph (5), the terms of nonproducing leases in the Badger-Two Medicine Area shall be suspended for a 3-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

(5) **REPORT.**—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a report on the evaluation carried out under paragraph (1).

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

**SA 1409.** Mr. EDWARDS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 14, to enhance the energy security of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

**TITLE \_\_\_\_\_—MISCELLANEOUS  
 SEC. \_\_\_\_ . NEW SOURCE REVIEW.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall not require that any applicable implementation plan under the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.) be revised or adopted to comply with any part of the final rules relating to prevention of significant deterioration and non-attainment new source review published at 67 Fed. Reg. 80186 (December 31, 2002) and 68 Fed. Reg. 11316 (March 10, 2003), unless the Administrator demonstrates that no major emitting facility or major stationary source in the State would be permitted to increase the quantity of any air pollutant emitted under the final rules without the increase being considered to be a modification (as defined section 111(a) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7411(a)), if the increase would have been considered to be such a modification under the rules in effect and applicable to that State before December 31, 2002.

(b) **EFFECT OF SECTION.**—Nothing in this section affects the retention of State authority under section 116 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7416).

**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 postponed before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

The hearing to receive testimony on S. 808, S. 1107 and H.R. 620, originally scheduled on Tuesday, July 29, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, will be rescheduled.

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

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting on pending business, to be followed im-

mediately by an oversight hearing on Potential Settlement Mechanisms of the Cobell v. Norton lawsuit.

Mr. President, I also would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet again in the afternoon on Wednesday, July 30, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 578, The Tribal Government Amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS**

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold a hearing on August 6, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. on legislation related to the State of Alaska. The hearing will be held in Anchorage at the Loussac Library, Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali Street.

The Committee will consider S. 1421, the Alaska Native Allotment Subdivision Act; S. 1354, the Cape Fox Land Entitlement Act of 2003; and S. 1466, the Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act of 2003.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, 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, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Dick Bouts (202-224-7545) or Meghan Beal (202-224-7556).

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING**

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Monday, July 28, 2003 from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

**PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Christo Artusio, a Fellow in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of the Energy bill debate.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Becca North and Haley Wallace of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the day.

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