

health plans to allow women to see their ob-gyn providers without first having to obtain a referral. A 1998 survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard University found that 82 percent of Americans support passage of a direct access law.

(4) While 39 States have acted to promote residents' access to ob-gyn providers, patients in other State- or in Federally-governed health plans are not protected from access restrictions or limitations.

(5) In May of 1999 the Commonwealth Fund issued a survey on women's health, determining that 1 of 4 women (23 percent) need to first receive permission from their primary care physician before they can go and see their ob-gyn provider for covered obstetric or gynecologic care.

(6) Sixty percent of all office visits to ob-gyn providers are for preventive care.

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that Congress should enact legislation that requires health plans to provide women with direct access to a participating health provider who specializes in obstetrics and gynecological services, and that such direct access should be provided for all obstetric and gynecologic care covered by their health plans, without first having to obtain a referral from a primary care provider or the health plan.

REED AMENDMENT NO. 2284

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. REED) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . The applicable time limitations with respect to the giving of notice of injury and the filing of a claim for compensation for disability or death by an individual under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, as amended, for injuries sustained as a result of the person's exposure to a nitrogen or sulfur mustard agent in the performance of official duties as an employee at the Department of the Army's Edgewood Arsenal before March 20, 1944, shall not begin to run until the date of enactment of this Act.

STEVENS AMENDMENT NO. 2285

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. STEVENS) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place in Title V—GENERAL PROVISIONS of the bill insert the following new section—

SEC. 5 . Section 169(d)(2)(B) of P.L. 105-220, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, is amended by striking "or Alaska Native villages or Native groups (as such terms are defined in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602)).", and inserting in lieu thereof, "or Alaska Natives."

DURBIN (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2286

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. SPECTER)) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

CHILDHOOD ASTHMA

SEC. . In addition to amounts otherwise appropriated under this title for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 8.7 in ad-

dition to the \$*** already provided for asthma prevention programs which shall become available on October 1, 2000 and shall remain available through September 30, 2001, and be utilized to provide grants to local communities for screening, treatment and education relating to childhood asthma.

INOUE AMENDMENTS NOS. 2287— 2288

Mr. SPECTER (for Mr. INOUE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2287

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. (a) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Thomas R. Harkin Centers for Disease Control and Prevention".

(b) Effective upon the date of enactment of this Act, any reference in a law, document, record, or other paper of the United States to the "Centers for Disease Control and Prevention" shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Thomas R. Harkin Centers for Disease Control and Prevention".

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the Director of the Thomas R. Harkin Centers for Disease Control and Prevention from utilizing for official purposes the term "CDC" as an acronym for such Centers.

Mr. HARKIN (for Mr. INOUE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2288

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . DESIGNATION OF ARLEN SPECTER DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The National Library of Medicine building (building 38) at 8600 Rockville Pike, in Bethesda, Maryland, shall be known and designated as the "Arlen Specter National Library of Medicine".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the Arlen Specter National Library of Medicine.

HARKIN AMENDMENT NO. 2289

Mr. HARKIN proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1650, supra; as follows:

On page 39, line 8, strike "\$6,682,635,000" and insert "\$6,684,635,000".

On page 40, line 20, strike "\$928,055,000" and insert "\$942,355,000".

On page 41, line 14, reduce the figure by \$10,300,000.

On page 62, line 23, strike "\$378,184,000" and insert "\$372,184,000".

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce that a Full Committee hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will take place Thursday, October 14, 1999, at 9:30 a.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. 1683, a bill to make technical changes to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, and for other purposes; S. 1686, to provide for the conveyances of land interests to Chugach Alaska Corporation to fulfill the intent, purpose, and promise of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; S. 1702, a bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to allow shareholder common stock to be transferred to adopted Alaska Native Children and their descendants, and for other purposes; H.R. 2841, to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for greater fiscal autonomy consistent with other United States jurisdictions, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2368, the Bikini Resettlement and Relocation Act of 1999. There will be testimony from the Administration, and other interested parties.

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.

PERMANENT 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 "Conquering Diabetes: Are We Taking Full Advantage of the Scientific Opportunities For Research?" This Subcommittee hearing will examine the devastating impact that diabetes and its resulting complications have had on Americans of all ages in both human and economic terms. Additionally, we will review the recent recommendations of the Congressionally-established Diabetes Research Working Group and will look at the current Federal commitment to diabetes research to determine if sufficient funding has been provided to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunities to ultimately conquer this disease and its complications.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, October 14, 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.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COVERDELL. 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,

October 7, 1999. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the regulation of products of biotechnology and new challenges faced by farmers and food businesses.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 7, 1999, in open and closed sessions, to receive testimony on the ability of the Stockpile Stewardship Program to adequately verify the safety and reliability of the U.S. nuclear deterrent under a comprehensive test ban treaty.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to conduct a hearing Thursday, October 7, 10:00 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406), on water infrastructure legislation, including the following three bills: S. 968, Alternative Water Sources Act of 1999; S. 914, Combined Sewer Overflow Control and Partnership Act of 1999; and the Clean Water Infrastructure Financing Act of 1999, a bill to be introduced by Senator VOINOVICH.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 7, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to hold two hearings.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, October 7, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a markup on Thursday, October 7, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, October 7, 1999 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem be permitted to meet on October 7, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 7, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND REGULATION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 7, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing, which is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1183, a bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey to the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the former site of the NIPER facility of the Department of Energy; and S. 397, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Energy to establish a multiagency program in support of the Materials Corridor Partnership Initiative to promote energy efficient, environmentally sound economic development along the border with Mexico through the research, development, and use of new materials.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services be permitted to meet on Thursday, October 7, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. for a hearing on Guidelines for the Relocation, Closing, Consolidation or Construction of Post Offices.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance, Subcommittee on International Trade be permitted to meet on Thursday, October 7, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. to hear testimony on the United States Agricultural Negotiating Objectives for the Seattle WTO Ministerial Conference.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

1999 REUNION OF MEMBERS OF FOX DIVISION, USS "ROCHESTER"

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the fighting men of the Fox Division, United States Navy, USS *Rochester* (CA-124), who bravely served our country in the Korean Conflict from June, 1950 to March, 1953. Aboard the USS *Rochester*—the flagship of the Commander Seventh Fleet—the men of the Fox Division participated in nearly every major naval engagement along the Korean Peninsula. The Fox Division's three teams: the Main Plot, the Sky Plot, and the Mark 56 directors, shared the critical responsibility of operating, repairing, and maintaining the complex equipment which ensured the accuracy of the *Rochester's* weapons systems. They accomplished these tasks with outstanding success.

The Fox Division recently celebrated their 1999 reunion in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Some of these reunited shipmates had not seen each other in over 45 years. Included among their ranks were:

Jerry Barca; John Brothers; Robert Cadden; Russell Daniels; Farrell Ferguson; Sheri Holman, representing her late husband Bob Holman; Bill Hontz; Marv Hufford; Larry Kobie; Tony Kontowicz; Leo Lane; Charles Newsham; Bobby Page; Carl Ray; Ronald Richards; Pete Russell; Roland Schneider; Donald Spencer; and Joe West.

Today I join my colleagues in thanking the men of the Fox Division for defending the cause of democracy, and for preserving our country's national security. I am proud to say that these veterans are an inspiration to all of us. By dedicating a portion of their lives to the service of their country, they have helped guarantee the freedom we Americans hold so dear. Our nation is grateful to each and every member of the Fox Division, USS *Rochester*, for their outstanding dedication and commitment to the United States of America. ●

VIOLENCE IN MICHIGAN

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, this week, students at Erickson Elementary School and Willow Run High School are mourning the deaths of their peers. On Sunday afternoon, gun fire cut short the lives of two young boys in Ypsilanti Township. Sixteen year old Ernest Earl Lemons was shot in plain daylight, after a fight broke out between young people. Nine year old Cullen Ethington, who was a half a block away, was also killed by a stray bullet from that fight.

Both young people are now being remembered by their classmates and teachers. The tree where Lemons fell, after he was shot, is now decorated