this Act except in accordance with the law of the mining laws. In the event of a conflict between the mining laws and the terms of this title shall be subject to the provisions of the mining laws. In the event of a conflict between those laws and this title, this title shall prevail.

SEC. 11. HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING. All hunting, fishing, and trapping on the lands withdrawn by this title shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 2971 of title 10, United States Code.

SEC. 12. MINING AND MINERAL LEASING. (a) DETERMINATION OF LANDS SUITABLE FOR OPENING.—In determining lands suitable for opening pursuant to section 2902 for military purposes, the Secretary of the Department of the Army, at the request of the Secretary of the Interior, shall promptly provide a report 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 Broussard, 342 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

(c) EXCEPTION FOR COMMON VARIETIES.—No deposit of minerals or materials of the types identified by section 3 of the Act of July 23, 1935 (49 Stat. 1395), whether or not included in the term “common varieties” in that Act, shall be subject to location under the Mining Law of 1872 or to the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, or any one or more of such Acts.

(g) PATENTS.—(1) Patents issued pursuant to this title for locatable minerals shall contain a condition that applications for patents for the surface as may be necessary for purposes incident to mining under the guidelines for such use established by the Secretary of the Interior by regulation.

(2) The Secretary of the Interior shall retain and hold in trust all such patents, subject to location under the Mining Law of 1872 for any subject matter of the types described in section 2902.

ARTICLES OF HARDSHIP

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

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 “Home Health Care: Will the New Payment System & Regulatory Overkill Hurt Our Seniors?” This Subcommittee hearing will focus on how the new Medicare Interim Payment System and new regulatory requirements from the Health Care Financing Administration may limit the access of beneficiaries most in need of home health services.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, June 10, 1999, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 432 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Lee Blalock of the Subcommittee at (202) 224-3119.

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 on Tuesday, June 29, 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 fire preparedness on Federal lands. Specifically, what actions the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service are taking to prepare for the fire season; whether the agencies are informing the public about these plans; and ongoing research related to wildfire and fire suppression activities.

Those who wish to submit written testimony should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a full committee hearing on S. 1049, the “Federal Oil and Gas Lease Management Improvement Act of 1999,” scheduled for June 17, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date to be announced by the committee.

For further information, please contact Dean Kish, of the committee professional staff, at (202) 224-8276.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in open session, to consider the nominations of General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Army; and Lieutenant General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, to be general and for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Mr. MURkowski. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet on Tuesday, June 8, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in open session, to consider the nominations of General Eric K. Shinseki, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and for appointment as Chief of Staff, United States Army; and Lieutenant General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, to be general and for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps.