

BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 141, a bill to provide for enhanced safety, public awareness, and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, and for other purposes.

S. 157

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 157, a bill to establish a program to help States expand the existing education system to include at least 1 year of early education preceding the year a child enters kindergarten.

S. 174

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 174, a bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the microloan program, and for other purposes.

S. 177

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW), and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) were added as cosponsors of S. 177, a bill to amend the provisions of title 19, United States Code, relating to the manner in which pay policies and schedules and fringe benefit programs for postmasters are established.

S. 189

At the request of Mr. ENZI, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for small businesses, and for other purposes.

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 189, *supra*.

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY AND ENSURING A COMPETITIVE NORTH AMERICAN MARKET FOR SOFTWOOD LUMBER**

Mr. NICKLES (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KYL, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. BINGAMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. CON. RES. 4

Whereas since 1989 the United States and Canada have worked to reduce tariff and nontariff barriers to trade;

Whereas free trade has greatly benefited the United States and Canadian economies;

Whereas the United States and Canada have been engaged in an ongoing dispute over trade in softwood lumber for 19 years;

Whereas on May 29, 1996, the United States and Canada entered into an agreement to temporarily resolve the dispute by limiting Canadian exports of softwood lumber to the United States;

Whereas the United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement of 1996 does not promote open trade;

Whereas the scope of the United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement of 1996 has been expanded, leading to uncertainty for importers, distributors, retailers, and purchasers of softwood lumber products;

Whereas the availability of affordable housing is important to the American home-buyer;

Whereas lumber price volatility jeopardizes housing affordability; and

Whereas the United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement of 1996 will expire on April 1, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

(1) the United States-Canada Softwood Lumber Agreement of 1996 should terminate on April 1, 2001, with no extension or additional quota agreement, and trade restrictions on lumber after the agreement expires should not be renegotiated;

(2) the President should continue to work with the Government of Canada to promote open and competitive trade between the United States and Canada on softwood lumber; and

(3) the President should consult with consumers of softwood lumber products in future discussions regarding the open trade of softwood lumber between the United States and Canada.

**NOTICE OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY**

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on January 30, 2001 in SH-216 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Report from the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture.

**COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, January 31, 2001 at 9:15 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business/organizational meeting to elect the chairman and vice chairman of the committee.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

**ORDER FOR RECORD TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FEBRUARY 20 TO SUBMIT CRANSTON TRIBUTES**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the order of January 5th with respect to the Cranston tributes be changed to reflect that Senators have until Tuesday, February 20, to submit tributes, and that the tributes then be printed as a Senate document.

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

**APPOINTMENTS**

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President,

pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, appoints the Senator from Colorado (Mr. CAMPBELL) as Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 107th Congress.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84 and Public Law 106-292, appoints the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), and the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) (reappointment).

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the provisions of 20 U.S.C., sections 42 and 43, reappoints the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. FRIST) as a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2001**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30. I further ask consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin consideration of Governor Christine Todd Whitman to be administrator of the EPA as under the previous order.

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I ask further consent that on Tuesday the allotted time for Senator MURKOWSKI on the Whitman nomination be increased by 10 minutes and the time between 2:15 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. be equally divided between Senator GRAHAM of Florida and the majority leader or his designee.

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I also ask that the Senate recess from 12:30 until 2:15 p.m. to accommodate the weekly party conferences.

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

**PROGRAM**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Madam President, tomorrow at 10 a.m., the Senate will immediately begin consideration of the Whitman nomination for Administrator of the EPA. Under the previous order, there will be up to 30 minutes for debate on the nomination. Following that debate, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Gale Norton to be Secretary of the Interior. There will be approximately 2 hours for closing debate on the Norton nomination, with votes scheduled to occur at 2:45 p.m.

As a reminder, the Secretary of Labor, Elaine Chao, was confirmed today by the Senate by unanimous consent. Therefore, there will be two consecutive votes beginning at 2:45 p.m. on