number of Federal and State motor carrier inspectors for the United States-Mexico border; and

(iv) under section 219(d) of that Act (49 U.S.C. 14001 nt.) that prohibit foreign motor carriers operating beyond the United States-Mexico border from operating illegally in the United States; and

(vi) under which a commercial vehicle operated by a Mexican motor carrier may not enter the United States at a border crossing unless an inspector is on duty or transmits to the Congress within 30 days of the date of enactment of this Act, a notice disclosing that the inspector has been fulfilled; and

(b) each inspector conducting on-site safety compliance reviews in Mexico consistent with the safety fitness evaluation procedures set forth in part 385 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, is fully trained as a safety specialist;

(c) the requirement of subparagraph (B) has not been met by transferring experienced inspectors from other parts of the United States to the United States-Mexico border, undermining the level of inspection coverage and safety elsewhere in the United States;

(D) the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has implemented a policy to ensure compliance with hours-of-service rules under part 395 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, by Mexican motor carriers seeking authority to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border;

(E) there is adequate capacity at each United States-Mexico border crossing used by Mexican motor carrier vehicles to conduct a sufficient number of meaningful vehicle safety inspections and to accommodate vehicles placed out-of-service as a result of said inspections.

For purposes of this section, the term “Mexican motor carrier” shall be defined as a Mexican-owned motor carrier operating beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border.

SA 1188. Mr. ALLARD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1246, to respond to the continuing economic crisis adversely affecting American agricultural producers; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

SEC. 7. INTERSTATE MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS FOR ANIMAL FIGHTING.

(a) REMOVAL OF LIMITATION.—Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

“(d) ACTIVITIES NOT SUBJECT TO PROHIBITION.—This section does not apply to the selling, buying, transporting, or delivery of animals involved in or foreign commerce for any purpose or purposes, so long as those purposes do not include that of an animal fighting venture.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) takes effect on the date that is 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUYE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on July 31, 2001, at 10 a.m. in room 485, Russell Senate Building, to conduct a business meeting on pending committee business, to be followed immediately by a hearing on Indian Health Care Improvement Act focusing on urban Indian Health Care Programs.

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2001, at 9:45 a.m. to conduct a hearing. The committee will receive testimony on legislative proposals relating to comprehensive electricity restructuring legislation, including electricity provisions of S. 388 and S. 597, and electricity provisions contained in S. 1273 and S. 2098 of the 106th Congress.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet in Open Executive Session during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 26, 2001.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DASCHLE. 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 26, 2001, at 10 a.m., to hold a business meeting.

The Committee will consider and vote on the following agenda items:

Legislation: S. 367, A bill to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Nominations:
Mr. Stuart A. Bernstein, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Jamaica.
Mr. Russell F. Freeman, of North Dakota, to be Ambassador to Belize.
Mr. Michael E. Guest, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to Romania.
Mr. Charles A. Helmold, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Sweden.
Mr. Thomas J. Miller, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Greece.
Mr. Charles A. Hollingworth, of the Principality of Liechtenstein.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I, as Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, to be Ambassador to Mexico.
Mr. Jim Nicholson, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Holy See.
Mr. Mercer Reynolds, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to Switzerland, and to concurrently serve as Special Representative for Peace Corps Volunteers in 2001.
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