September 20, 2001

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, October 2, at 9:30 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the status of proposals for the transportation of natural gas from Alaska to markets in the lower 48 States, and legislation that may be required to expedite the construction of a pipeline from Alaska.

Those wishing to submit written statements on the legislation should address them to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Attn: Deborah Estes, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

For further information, please call Deborah Estes at (202) 224-5360.

SA 1386. Mr. THURMOND (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BOND, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. REID, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. HUTCHINSON, Mr. DEWITT, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DODD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. HELMS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. SPECTOR, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1416, to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such Fiscal Year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 236, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

SEC. 652. COMPUTATION OF SURVIVOR BENEFITS.

(a) INCREASED BASIC ANNUITY.—(1) Subsection (a)(1)(B)(i) of section 1451 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking "35 percent" and inserting "the product of the base amount and the percent applicable for the month. The percent applicable for a month is 35 percent for months beginning after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002, 40 percent for months beginning after such date and before October 2005, and 45 percent for months beginning after September 2005."

(b) Subsection (c) of that section is amended by striking "‘35 percent’ and inserting ‘the percent specified under subsection (a)(1)(B)(i) as being applicable for the month’.

(c) Subsection (2)(C) of that section is amended by striking "35 percent" and inserting "the percent specified under subsection (a)(1)(B)(i) as being applicable for the month’.

(d) Subsection (3) of that section is amended by striking "35 percent" and inserting "the product of the base amount and the percent applicable for the month.

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NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

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JOINT SESSION OF THE TWO HOUSES—ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The House Chamber for the joint session will be in order at 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive testimony on the science and implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan including its effect on species restoration and timber availability.

For further information, please contact Kira Finkler of the committee staff at (202) 224-8164.

Mr. REID. Madam President, the majority leader, Senator DASCHLE, asked me to announce that at 8:40 p.m., of course, this evening we are to proceed to the House Chamber for the joint session.

Following the joint session, the Senate will adjourn until 9 a.m. tomorrow morning, Friday, September 21. On Friday, there will be 20 minutes of current debate on the nomination of Sharon Pratt to be United States Circuit Judge and Reggie B. Walton to be United States District Judge.

Two rollcall votes on these nominations will begin at approximately 9:20 tomorrow morning. Following these votes, the Senate will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Senator DASCHLE has announced that there will be a Democratic caucus at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk procured a quorum.

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.