(b) established regulations that prohibit the feeding of BSE-related proteins to grazing animals.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide the U.S. with the capacity to prevent and control foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases in the United States.

(1) actions by Federal agencies to prevent foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases; (2) the sufficiency of legislative authority to prevent or control foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases in the United States; (3) threats associated with the potential introduction of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases into the United States; and (4) the risks to public health from possible links between bovine spongiform encephalopathy and other spongiform encephalopathies to human illnesses.

SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.
(a) PRELIMINARY REPORT.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committees and Subcommittees described in paragraph (2) a preliminary report concerning—
(A) coordinated interagency activities to assess, prevent, and control the spread of foot and mouth disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy in the United States; (B) sources of information from the Federal Government available to the public on foot and mouth disease and bovine spongiform encephalopathy; and (C) any immediate needs for additional legislative authority, appropriations, or product bans to prevent the introduction of foot and mouth disease or bovine spongiform encephalopathy into the United States.

(b) SUBMISSION OF REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall submit the preliminary report to—
(A) the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives; (B) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; (C) the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and (D) the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(b) FINAL REPORT.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committees and Subcommittees described in subsection (a) (2) a final report that—
(A) discusses the economic impacts associated with the potential introduction of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases into the United States; (B) discusses the potential risks to public and animal health from foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases; and (C) provides recommendations to protect the health of animal herds and citizens of the United States from those risks including, if necessary, recommendations for additional legislation, appropriations, or product bans.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report shall contain—
(A) an assessment of the risks to public health presented by the potential presence of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases in domestic and imported livestock, livestock and livestock products, wildlife, and blood products; (B) recommendations to reduce and manage the risks of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases; (C) any plans of the Secretary to identify, prevent, and control foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases in the United States; (D) a description of the mechanism of transmission of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, and related diseases into the United States; and (E) an analysis of the effectiveness of the measures taken to prevent and control the spread of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, and related diseases in other countries.

(3) SOURCES OF INFORMATION.—The report shall contain—
(A) an assessment of the risks to the public health presented by the potential presence of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases in domestic and imported livestock, livestock and livestock products, wildlife, and blood products; (B) recommendations to reduce and manage the risks of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases; (C) any plans of the Secretary to identify, prevent, and control foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and related diseases in the United States; (D) a description of the mechanism of transmission of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, and related diseases into the United States; and (E) an analysis of the effectiveness of the measures taken to prevent and control the spread of foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, variant Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease, and related diseases in other countries.

Notice of Hearing

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS, AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 26, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the energy implications of the Forest Service’s Roadless Area Rulemaking.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mark Rey (202) 224-2878.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 5, 2001 to hear testimony on Taxpayer Beware, Schemes, Scams and Cons.

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