

percent of such average per-pupil expenditure.

“(d) FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Secretary shall—

“(1) be responsible for ensuring that funds provided under this section are properly distributed;

“(2) ensure that funds provided under this section are used only to pay for—

“(A) the interest on qualified school construction bonds; or

“(B) a cost described in subsection (b)(1)(A)(ii); and

“(3) not have authority to approve or disapprove school construction plans assisted pursuant to this section, except to ensure that funds made available under this section are used only to supplement, and not supplant, the amount of school construction, rehabilitation, and repair, and acquisition of land for school facilities, in the State that would have occurred in the absence of such funds.

“(e) FUNDING.—

“(1) SET-ASIDE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (including section 9201(a) and the provisions of this Act) there shall be made available to carry out this section for each fiscal year, an amount equal to 20 percent of the total amount of Federal funds appropriated for such fiscal year for Federal programs to provide assistance for school construction, renovation, or repair.

“(B) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Not later than 60 days after the beginning of each fiscal year, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer to the Secretary of Education the amounts described in subparagraph with respect to the fiscal year involved and the Secretary shall utilize such amounts to carry out this section.

“(2) ALLOCATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), of the amount available under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall make available to each State submitting a request under this section a loan amount that bears the same relation to such available amount as the amount the State received under part A of title I for fiscal year 2001 bears to the loan amount received by all States under such part for such year.

“(B) DISBURSAL.—The Secretary shall disburse the amount made available to a State under subparagraph (A) or (C), on an annual basis, during the period beginning on October 1, 2001, and ending September 30, 2018.

“(C) SMALL STATE MINIMUM.—

“(i) MINIMUM.—No State shall receive a loan amount under subparagraph (A) for a fiscal year that is less than an amount equal to .5 percent of the total amount made available for such fiscal year under paragraph (1).

“(ii) STATES.—In this subparagraph, the term ‘State’ means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.”

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a legislative hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, May 22, 2001, at 2:30 p.m., in room

SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the Administration’s energy plan and the following bills: S. 388, the National Energy Security Act of 2001; and S. 597, the Comprehensive and Balanced Energy Policy Act of 2001.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please call Trici Heninger, Staff Assistant, or Bryan Hannegan, Staff Scientist, at (202) 224-4971.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 23, 2001, at 2 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the Lower Klamath River Basin.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, SH-212 Senate Hart Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please call Trici Heninger, Staff Assistant, or Colleen Deegan, Counsel, at (202) 224-8115.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. JEFFORDS. 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 Wednesday, May 16, 2001. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the credit title of the upcoming farm bill.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 10 a.m., in executive session to consider certain pending nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on the nominations of Maria Cine to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service; Kathleen Cooper to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs; Bruce Melman to be Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy of the Department of Commerce; Sean O’Hollaren to be Assistant Secretary of Governmental Affairs; Donna McLean to be Assistant Secretary for Budget Programs and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Transportation; and Tim Muris to be a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday, May 16, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 16, for purposes of conducting a full committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business, as follows:

Agenda Item No. 1, S. 230.—To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center.

Agenda Item No. 2, S. 254.—To provide further protections for the watershed of the Little Sandy river as part of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit, Oregon, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item No. 3, S. 329.—To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a theme study on the peopling of America, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item No. 4, S. 498.—Entitled the “National Discovery Trails Act of 2001”.

Agenda Item No. 5, S. 506.—To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item No. 6, S. 507.—To implement further the Act (Public Law 94-241) approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item No. 7, S. 509.—To establish the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes.

Agenda Item No. 10.—Nomination of Francis S. Blake to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Agenda Item No. 11.—Nomination of Robert Gordon Card to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Agenda Item No. 12.—Nomination of Bruce Marshall Carnes to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy.