Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on July 9, 2001, at 8:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider nominations for permanent subcommittees on investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs.
hearing will examine past and current U.S. efforts to convince offshore tax havens to cooperate with U.S. efforts to stop tax evasion, the role of the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, (OECD), tax haven projects in light of U.S. objectives, and the current status of U.S. support for the project, in particular for the core elements requiring information exchange.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, July 18, 2001, at 2 p.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Linda J. Gustitus of the subcommittee staff at (202) 224-3721.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

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

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 17, 2001, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 281, to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; S. 386 and H.R. 146, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Great Falls Historic District in the city of Paterson, New Jersey, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; S. 513 and H.R. 182, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; S. 212 and H.R. 1000, to adjust the boundary of the William Howard Taft National Historic Site in the State of Ohio, to authorize an exchange of land in connection with the historic site, and for other purposes; and S. 1097, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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 National Parks, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, 312 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

For further information, please contact David Brooks of the committee staff at (202) 224-9863.

BIPARTISAN PATIENT PROTECTION ACT

On June 29, 2001, the Senate passed S. 1052, as follows:

S. 1052
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
(a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the “Bipartisan Patient Protection Act”.
(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

TITLE I—IMPROVING MANAGED CARE
Subtitle A—Utilization Review; Claims; and Internal and External Appeals
Sec. 101. Utilization review activities.
Sec. 102. Procedures for initial claims for benefits and prior authorization determinations.
Sec. 103. Internal appeals of claims denials.
Sec. 104. Independent external appeals procedures.
Sec. 105. Health care consumer assistance fund.

Subtitle B—Access to Care
Sec. 111. Consumer choice option.
Sec. 112. Choice of health care professional.
Sec. 113. Access to emergency care.
Sec. 114. Timely access to specialists.
Sec. 115. Patient access to obstetrical and gynecological care.
Sec. 116. Access to pediatric care.
Sec. 117. Continuity of care.
Sec. 118. Access to needed prescription drugs.
Sec. 119. Coverage for individuals participating in approved clinical trials.

Subtitle C—Access to Information
Sec. 121. Patient access to information.
Sec. 122. Genetic information.

Subtitle D—Protecting the Doctor-Patient Relationship
Sec. 131. Prohibition of interference with certain medical communications.
Sec. 132. Prohibition of discrimination against providers based on licensure.
Sec. 133. Prohibition against improper incentive arrangements.
Sec. 134. Payment of claims.
Sec. 135. Protection for patient advocacy.

Subtitle E—Definitions
Sec. 151. Definitions.
Sec. 152. Preemption; State flexibility; construction.
Sec. 153. Exclusions.
Sec. 154. Coverage of limited scope plans.
Sec. 155. Regulations.
Sec. 156. Incorporation into plan or coverage documents.

TITLE II—APPLICATION OF QUALITY CARE STANDARDS TO GROUP HEALTH PLANS AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT
Sec. 201. Application to group health plans and group health insurance coverage.
Sec. 202. Application to individual health insurance coverage.
Sec. 203. Cooperation between Federal and State authorities.
Sec. 204. Elimination of option of non-Federal governmental plans to be excepted from requirements concerning genetic information.

TITLE III—APPLICATION OF PATIENT PROTECTION STANDARDS TO FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS
Sec. 301. Application of patient protection standards to Federal health care programs.

TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974