NOTICE OF HEARING
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. President. I would now announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Committee has scheduled a hearing to consider the nomination of Dan R. Brouillette to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs).

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, July 18, at 9 a.m. in room 306 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Those wishing to submit written statements on the nominations should address them to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at 202/224-7571.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SPACE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on “Holes in the Net: Security Risks and the Consumer,” on Monday, July 16, 2001, at 1 p.m.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Roger Cockrell and James Crum, Appropriations Committee detaillees from the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Camille Anderson of the committee staff, and Dr. Pete Lyons of Senator Jon Corzine’s staff be granted privileges of the floor for the duration of the consideration of the bill now before the Senate.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2002

On July 12, 2001, the Senate amended and passed H.R. 2217, as follows:

Resolved, that the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2217) entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes”, do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes, namely:

For necessary expenses for protection, improvement, development, disposal, cadastral surveying, classification, acquisition of easements and rights-of-way, and for the maintenance and improvement of navigable waters, including maintenance of facilities as authorized by law, $95,622,000: Provided, That the sum herein appropriated shall be reduced by amounts collected by the Bureau of Reclamation, including the general administration of the Bureau, and assessment of mineral potential of public lands pursuant to Public Law 96–476 (16 U.S.C. 3150(a)); $775,962,000, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed $1,000,000 shall be for riparian management projects in the Rio Puerco watershed, New Mexico, and of which not to exceed $1,000,000 is for high priority projects which shall be carried out by the Youth Conservation Corps, defined in section 250(c)(4)(E)(ii) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, for the purposes of such Act; of which not to exceed $1,000,000 shall be available for assessment of the mineral potential of public lands in Alaska pursuant to section 1010 of Public Law 96–476 (16 U.S.C. 3150); and of which not to exceed $1,000,000 shall be available in fiscal year 2002 subject to a match by at least an equal amount by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, such fund for cost-shared projects supporting conservation of Bureau lands and such funds shall be advanced to the Foundation as a lump sum grant without regard to when expenses are incurred; in addition, $32,298,000 for Mining Law Administration program operations, including the cost of administering the mining claim program; to remain available, to be reduced by amounts collected by the Bureau and credited to this appropriation from annual mining claim fees so as to result in a final appropriation estimated at not more than $775,962,000, and $2,000,000, to remain available until expended, from communication site rental fees established by the Bureau for the cost of administering communication facilities: Provided, That appropriations hereinafter made shall not be available for the destruction of healthy, unadopted, wild horses and burros in the custody and control of the Bureau: Provided further, That of the amount provided, $28,000,000 is for the conservation activities defined in section 250(c)(4)(E) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, for the purposes of such Act: Provided further, That balances in the Federal Infrastructure Improvement account shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation, and shall remain available until expended.

WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

For necessary expenses for fire preparedness, suppression operations, fire science and research, emergency rehabilitation, hazardous fuels reduction, and rural fire assistance by the Department of the Interior, $389,421,000, to re- main available until expended, of which not to exceed $19,774,000 shall be for the renovation or construction of fire facilities: Provided, That not less than $811,255,000 of the funds available for hazardous fuels reduction shall be for alleviating immediate emergency threats to urban wildland interface areas as defined by the Secretary of the Interior: Provided further, That such funds shall be available for repayment of advances to other appropriation accounts from which funds were previously transferred for such purposes: Provided further, That such funding shall be transferred to the “Fire Protection” and “Emergency Management of the Interior...