

wireless, and terrestrial-based communications systems and other alternative transport mechanisms that can be used in tandem with existing technologies.

(2) FACTORS TO BE EVALUATED.—The evaluation under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a survey of all Federal agencies that use terrestrial or satellite technology for communications security and an evaluation of the feasibility of using existing systems for the purpose of creating such an emergency back-up public safety communications system;

(B) the feasibility of using private satellite, wireless, or terrestrial networks for emergency communications;

(C) the technical options, cost, and deployment methods of software, equipment, handsets, or desktop communications devices for public safety entities in major urban areas, and nationwide; and

(D) the feasibility and cost of necessary changes to the network operations center of terrestrial-based or satellite systems to enable the centers to serve as emergency back-up communications systems.

(3) REPORT.—Upon the completion of the evaluation under paragraph (1), the Commission shall submit a report to Congress that details the findings of the evaluation, including a full inventory of existing public and private resources most efficiently capable of providing emergency communications.

(d) INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS AND E-911 SERVICES.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall take into consideration the role of public safety answering points and E-911 systems, and shall reserve a portion of the funds made available to carry out section 3006 of Public Law 109-171 (47 U.S.C. 309 note) to provide interoperable communication system grants for projects to public safety answering points that enable interoperability and that advance E-911 deployment.

SEC. —02. TRANSFER OF PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3006 of Public Law 109-171 (47 U.S.C. 309 note) is amended—

(1) by striking “The Assistant Secretary, in consultation with the” in subsection (a) and inserting “The”; and

(2) by striking “Assistant Secretary” each place it appears in subsection (b) and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—In carrying out section 3006(a) of Public Law 109-171 (47 U.S.C. 309 note), as amended by subsection (a), the Secretary of Homeland Security may not use funds under that section for any purpose other than those provided in section 3006 of that Act.

SEC. —03. PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS GRANTS.

Pursuant to section 3006 of Public Law 109-171 (47 U.S.C. 309 note), the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce, shall award no less than \$1,000,000,000 for public safety interoperable communications grants no later than September 30, 2006.

SEC. —04. ELIGIBILITY OF IP-ENABLED SERVICES.

Section 158(a)(1)(A) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act (47 U.S.C. 942(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “services;” and inserting “services and services related to the migration to an IP-enabled emergency network that provides E-911 services.”

SA 4964. Mr. BURNS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

him to the bill H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. — EXTENSION OF REQUIREMENT FOR AIR CARRIERS TO HONOR TICKETS FOR SUSPENDED AIR PASSENGER SERVICE.

Section 145(c) of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act (49 U.S.C. 40101 note) is amended by striking “November 19, 2005.” and inserting “November 30, 2007.”

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. McCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the nomination of Carl J. Artman to be Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC. to be followed immediately by a business meeting to approve the nomination of Carl J. Artman.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. CRAIG. 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 Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 27th, at 10 a.m. in room SD-628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 3599, to establish the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the State of New Mexico; S. 3794, to provide for the implementation of the Owyhee Initiative Agreement, and for other purposes; S. 3854, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, and for other purposes; H.R. 3603, to promote the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System lands and other public lands in central Idaho, to designate the Boulder-White Cloud Management Area to ensure the continued management of certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands for recreational and grazing use and conservation and resource protection, to add certain National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands in central Idaho to the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5025, to protect for future generations the recreational opportunities, forests, timber, clean water, wilderness and scenic values, and diverse habitat of Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon, and for other purposes.

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, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics at 202-224-2878, Dick Bouts at 202-224-7545, or Sara Zecher 202-224-8276.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2006, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on “Examining Treasury’s Role in Combating Terrorist Financing Five Years After 9/11.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, to discuss pending nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CHAMBLISS. 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 Tuesday, September, 12 at 10 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony relating to the effects of the BP pipeline failure in the Prudhoe Bay oil field on U.S. oil supply and to examine what steps may be taken to prevent a recurrence of such an event.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “Breaking the Methamphetamine Supply Chain: Law Enforcement Challenges”.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 12, 2006,