

Thursday, April 18, 1996, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the Tongass land management plan.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 18, at 2 p.m. to hold a business meeting to vote on pending items.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to conduct three consecutive hearings during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 17, Thursday, April 18, and Friday, April 19, 1996, on the President's budget request for fiscal year 1997 for Indian programs and related budgetary issues from fiscal year 1996. The hearings will be held at 1:30 p.m. each day in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 10 a.m. to hold an executive business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a hearing on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing focusing on "Small Business and Employee Involvement: The TEAM Act Proposal."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, EXPORT AND TRADE PROMOTION

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, April 18, 1996, at 10 a.m.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL RECORDS AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT DAY

• Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I rise today to note the observance of Na-

tional Records and Information Management Day which occurred on April 2, 1996 while the Senate was in recess. The management and control of information are increasingly critical to every industry, business and government agency, and the systematic creation, distribution, storage and retrieval of records are of critical importance to the continued and efficient operation of any good organization.

The organizations that excel today and tomorrow will be those recognizing information as a major resource and structuring it as efficiently as they do their assets. An effective records management program assures the availability of information as a basis for sound decisionmaking by providing security and control against loss by mismanagement, natural disaster, theft or inadvertent destruction. All Americans should recognize the significant and important role that records management professionals render in maintaining appropriate business, civic, and government records. I commend businesses such as ARMA International who have brought National Records and Information Management Day to my attention and wish them every success as they educate the business community regarding the importance of records management. •

EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF DETROIT

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the city of Detroit for its efforts to beautify its neighborhoods and improve its natural environment. The city of Detroit on Earth Day/Arbor Day, Monday, April 22, 1996, is holding a ceremony kicking off a week long program to plant trees in parks around the city.

For its tree planting efforts, Detroit, for the ninth time, has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Detroit recognizes the importance that trees play in not only making our communities more attractive, but by providing tremendous environmental benefits as well. Trees produce oxygen, help clean the air, provide a habitat for wildlife and provide humankind with great visual beauty.

The city of Detroit recognizes the importance of tree planting and is committed to the continuation of its exemplary reforestation programs. I am proud of the efforts of my home city and I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the city of Detroit. •

THE ANTITERRORISM BILL

• Mr. MACK. Mr. President, I wish to apologize for my absence during consideration of the conference report to S. 735 due to the passing of my father. I believe that this is an essential piece of legislation to address the current deficiencies in our judicial system which made it that much easier for the tragedy in Oklahoma City to take place. In addition, this bill makes much-needed revisions to the current habeas corpus system in our country. •

STEVE JESSMORE

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to honor Steve Jessmore of Saginaw, MI, who has been awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for outstanding coverage of the problems of the disadvantaged. Mr. Jessmore won the award in the photojournalism category for his photo essay, "Blind Faith."

"Blind Faith" follows the life of Carl, a yellow labrador retriever puppy raised by a Carrollton Township elementary school class. Carl was trained as a leader dog for the blind and eventually placed with a visually impaired man in Kansas City, MO.

Judges for the Kennedy award included journalists from the Washington Post, Knight Ridder, CNN, the Wall Street Journal, and NBC. "Blind Faith" has also won the national Lincoln University of Missouri 43d Annual Unity Awards in Media, as well as several other awards in State, regional, and national contests.

"Blind Faith" marks the first time that someone has followed the story of a leader dog since 1939, when the Rochester-based nonprofit organization that trained Carl was founded. The photos from "Blind Faith" will now be permanently on display in the Robert F. Kennedy collection of the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.

On hearing that he had won the award, Jessmore said, "I'm real happy that so many other people get to see it now, because it's such a tremendous, positive story—kids learning early how to help other people."

I know my Senate colleagues join me in honoring Steve Jessmore for his outstanding work in the field of photojournalism. •

WHITEWATER INVESTIGATION

• Mr. GLENN. The Whitewater investigation is the longest running congressional inquiry in the recent past. At 20 months, it exceeds Abscam—9 months—the POW/MIA hearings 17—months and Watergate 16—months. It has cost the American taxpayers over \$30 million which could have vaccinated 107,000 children, paid the Medicare costs of 9,200 seniors, and provided health care for nearly 7,000 families.

Mr. President, I was disappointed to learn that an agreement had been reached to continue the Whitewater investigation. Because I thought it was a poor use of the taxpayer's money, I voted against the original resolution and had the current resolution been brought to a rollcall vote, I would have voted to discontinue proceedings dealing with Whitewater.

The Whitewater investigation duplicates the ongoing independent counsel's investigation and wastes the limited time we have left in this session to pass important legislation. The independent counsel has full authority and budget to continue the investigation as long as he thinks is practicable. Calling an end to the Senate Whitewater