

Health Service at the Department of Health and Human Services; to be followed immediately by another hearing on S. 1146, to implement the recommendations of the Garrison Unit Joint Tribal Advisory Committee by providing authorization for the construction of a rural health care facility on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, North Dakota.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FOREST

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.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, June 19 at 2:30 p.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to gain an understanding of the grazing programs of the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. The Subcommittee will receive testimony on grazing permit renewal, BLM's potential changes to grazing regulations, range monitoring, drought and other grazing issues. This hearing will also provide the basis for other grazing hearings that we may want to undertake at the subcommittee level as the year goes on.

Because of the limited time available for the hearings, 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 Meghan Beal at 202-224-7556 or Meghan_Beal@energy.senate.gov.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Bodar Tareen and Joe Krueger from my staff be allowed floor privileges during the consideration of S. 14.

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

Mr. ALEXANDER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Tim Valentine, a fellow in my office, enjoy floor privileges during the Senate's consideration of the Energy bill.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, on behalf of Senator FEINSTEIN, I ask unanimous consent two fellows in her office, Craig Harper and Tom Schneider, be given floor privileges during the pendency of the Energy Bill.

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

MEASURE READ THE FIRST
TIME—S. 1215

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I understand that S. 1215 is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by the title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1215) to sanction the ruling of the Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people, and for other purposes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I now ask for its second reading and object to further proceedings on the matter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, let me just say that I have been working to get the so-called "Burma bill" cleared. I am still optimistic that may happen and plan to ask unanimous consent in the morning that we go to that bill.

For the information of our colleagues, if they have had a chance to see the front page of the Washington Post this morning, the problems in Burma should be at the top of the Nation's international agenda. Aung San Suu Kyi, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991, was attacked 9 days ago. We hope and believe that she is alive. But she has been injured, according to all reports.

It is time for the United States to take a leadership position, and it is time for the Senate to pass this bill, which I will ask consent to bring up and pass tomorrow. I might say that it is cosponsored by both the Democratic and Republican leaders and by both the chairman and ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee. It remains my hope that we will be able to get that cleared and vote on it tomorrow.

NATIONAL OCEANS WEEK

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further action on S. Con. Res. 49, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

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

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 49) designating the week of June 9, 2003, as "National Oceans Week" and urging the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate recognition, programs, ceremonies, and activities to further ocean literacy, education, and exploration.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the con-

current resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to; further, that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements regarding this matter be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Con. Res. 49) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 49

Whereas 95 percent of the deep ocean is unexplored and unknown, and the ocean is truly the last frontier on Earth for science and civilization;

Whereas the ocean comprises nearly three quarters of the Earth's surface and sustains 80 percent of all life on Earth, including a large part of the Earth's biodiversity;

Whereas the oceans play a critical role in the global water cycle, carbon cycle, carbon cycle and in regulating climate; and over 90 percent of the oxygen in the Earth's atmosphere, essential to life on Earth, comes from the world's oceans and rivers;

Whereas the oceans are an important source of food, provide a wealth of other natural products, and the oceans and sea floor contain vast energy and mineral resources that are critical to the economy of the United States and the world;

Whereas the United States has more than 95,000 miles of coastline and more than 50 percent of the population of the United States lives within 50 miles of the ocean or the Great Lakes.

Whereas coastal areas are regions of remarkably high biological productivity; are of considerable importance for a variety of recreational and commercial activities; and provide a vital means of transportation;

Whereas ocean resources are limited and susceptible to change as a direct and indirect result of human activities, and such damages can impact the ability of the ocean to provide the benefits upon which the Nation depends;

Whereas the rich biodiversity of marine organisms provide society with an essential biomedical resource, a promising source of novel compounds with therapeutic potential, and a potentially important contribution to the national economy;

Whereas there exists significant promise for the development of new ocean technologies for stewardship of ocean resources that will contribute to the economy through business and manufacturing innovations and the creation of new jobs;

Whereas the President's Panel on Ocean Exploration recommended to the White House and to the Congress in its Year 2000 final report, "Discovering Earth's Final Frontier: A U.S. Strategy for Ocean Exploration," a 10-year program to launch the first national plan for ocean exploration;

Whereas the Oceans Act of 2000 passed by the United States Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and directed it to conduct a comprehensive review of present and future ocean programs and activities and provide comprehensive ocean policy recommendations to the Congress and the President by 2003; and

Whereas our oceans are vital to our national security and our national economy, and with America's greatest era of ocean exploration and discovery still ahead: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that—