

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources will hold a hearing to receive testimony concerning several pending measures. The measures are:

S. 439, the Federal Power Act Amendment Act of 1997,

H.R. 651 and H.R. 652, bills to extend the deadlines for hydroelectric projects in the State of Washington,

S. 725, the Collbran Project Unit Conveyance Act,

S. 736, the Carlsbad Irrigation Project Acquired Land Transfer Act,

S. 744, to authorize the construction of the Fall River Water Users District Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Fall River Water Users District, a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes, and

S. 538, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities of the Minidoka project to the Burley Irrigation District, and for other purposes.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 10 in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building starting at 9:30 a.m. Persons interested in testifying or submitting material for the hearing record should contact the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510, attn: Shawn Taylor (S. 439, H.R. 651 and 652) at 202-224-7875 or Betty Nevitt (S. 725, S. 736, S. 744, and S. 538) at 202-224-0765.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SANTORUM. 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 Thursday, May 15, 1997, to conduct a hearing to examine the report dealing with U.S. and allied efforts to recover and restore gold and other assets stolen or hidden by Germany during World War II.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 15, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. on spectrum.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Energy and Natural Resources Committee

be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, for purposes of conducting a joint hearing of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management and the House Resources Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. The purpose of this Hearing is to receive testimony on the release of the Columbia River Basin Environmental Impact Statement.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a full committee hearing on "Student Aid Delivery Systems: \$320 million Too Much Money for Too Little Accountability?" during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, 1997, at 10 a.m.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for an oversight hearing on "SBA's Finance Programs—Part II" on Thursday, May 15, 1997, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a hearing on sexual harassment in the Department of Veterans Affairs. The hearing will be held on May 15, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

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

##### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the African Affairs Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 15, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, the Finance Committee Subcommittee on International Trade requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, May 15, 1997, beginning at 2 p.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

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

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 15, 1997, at 2 p.m. on the National Weather Service.

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

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### NOBEL PEACE PRIZE RECIPIENT JOSE RAMOS-HORTA

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome Jose Ramos-Horta to California. In recognition of his indefatigable efforts on behalf of the people of his native East Timor, Mr. Ramos-Horta was coawarded the 1996 Nobel Prize for Peace. He will be in San Francisco in June to participate in a 3-day conference on peacemaking. There he will be joined by numerous national and world leaders including fellow Nobel laureates, the Dalai Lama of Tibet and Rigoberta Menchu of Guatemala.

The issue of East Timor has a special relevance in California, which is home to the largest concentration of Portuguese-Americans in the United States. Shortly after Portugal took steps in 1974 to end political oppression at home, it withdrew from most of its foreign territories, including East Timor. Although Portugal ceased to exercise colonial influence over East Timor in the midseventies, it has remained an important voice of conscience regarding East Timor ever since.

As may be expected at the conclusion of 500 years of foreign rule, a brief period of struggle ensued between rival factions in East Timor. For many, the pain of this civil strife was tempered with optimism over the prospect of imminent, peaceful self-rule. Exiled by colonialist authorities for his early proindependence stance, Mr. Horta was particularly encouraged by events.

This hope of a budding nation was crushed when troops from neighboring Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975. Annexation followed the next year and so began a period of often brutal occupation. Regrettably, over 20 years later, for many East Timorese the dream of political independence has been replaced, at least in the short term, by the struggle for the most basic of human rights.

In self-imposed exile since the invasion, Jose Ramos-Horta has never forgotten his homeland and its desire for peace and freedom. He travels, writes, and speaks continually about what has occurred and what is occurring in East Timor. It is testament to his passion and the resilience of his countrymen