

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 10:00 A.M. in open session, to receive testimony on the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 1999 and the future years defense plan.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 9:30 AM on the nomination of Winter Horton to be a member of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 10:00 AM (or immediately following) the 9:30 AM hearing) on S. 1422—FCC Satellite Carrier Oversight.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 12, 1998 at 2:00 pm to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia, to meet on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. for a hearing on "Adoption and Foster Care Reforms in D.C."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 12, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to conduct a hearing on the Indian provisions contained in the following Tobacco settlement legislation: S. 1414, S. 1415, and S. 1530.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to hold an executive business meeting

during the session on the Senate on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on Education of the Deaf Act during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. ALLARD. 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 entitled "IRS Reform: What Taxpayers Need Now." The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12, 1998, and 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Aviation be authorized to meet on Thursday, February 12, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. on the Airport Improvement Program

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, February 12, for purposes of conducting a subcommittee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 62, a bill to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full public participation and an express Act of Congress, and for other purposes; S. 477, a bill to amend the Antiquities Act to require an Act of Congress and the consultation with the Governor and State legislature prior to the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres; S. 691, a bill to ensure that the public and the Congress have both the right and a reasonable opportunity to participate in decisions that affect the use and management of all public lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States H.R. 901, an act to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands; and H.R. 1127, an act to

amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the President of certain national monuments.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL DONOR DAY: FEBRUARY 14, 1998

● Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, Saturday, February 14, has a special significance: it is the first National Donor Day to promote the Five Points of Life, gifts that we can give others to help save lives. The Five Points of Life are whole blood, platelets, bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, and organ/tissue transplants; gifts of these valuable resources have been responsible for saving numerous lives.

The National Donor Day was developed by a partnership of the Saturn Motor Company, one of the leading corporations in my home state of Tennessee, and the United Auto Workers. The National Donor Day has the strong support of the Department of Health and Human Services and the enthusiastic cooperation of other volunteer associations, such as the American Red Cross, America's Blood Centers, National Marrow Donor Program, National Minority Organ/Tissue Transplant Education Program, the Transplant Recipients International Organization, Coalition on Donation, and Rotary International.

On National Donor Day, February 14, all Saturn automobile dealerships will be participating in a program to promote donation of the Five Points of Life. Blood donor drives will be conducted, and registration forms will be available to sign up as an organ donor or bone marrow donor.

This type of public/private partnership is the key to solving the shortage of donors. The stocks of whole blood and platelets have to be constantly replaced so their life-saving components will be available to the millions who use them. There are over 56,000 people on the waiting list for organ transplants, and ten die each day because organs are not available to save their lives. The National Marrow Donor Program has over 2.6 million people registered, but still there are many people who need bone marrow donation who are unable to find a suitable match among these individuals. Medical science has developed ways to save people's lives by using these resources, but unless everyone helps by offering the gift of Five Points of Life, all the skills of our doctors and physicians are for naught.

In response to this need for the Five Points of Life, people from all over the country are stepping up to meet the call. Tom Meredith from Nashville is a donor dad whose tragedy at the loss of two children was somewhat alleviated by the thought that their donated organs benefitted 97 people. Dr. Kenneth