

an amendment to the bill (S. 2237) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike line 19 on page 55 through line 6 on page 58.

ENZI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT  
NO. 3592

Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. REID) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2237, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. . PROHIBITION.**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, prior to October 1, 1999, the Secretary of the Interior shall not—

(1) promulgate as final regulations, or in any way implement, the proposed regulations published on January 22, 1998, at 63 Fed. Reg. 3289; or

(2) issue a notice of proposed rulemaking for, or promulgate, or in any way implement, any similar regulations to provide for procedures for gaming activities under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.), in any case in which a State asserts a defense of sovereign immunity to a lawsuit brought by an Indian tribe in a Federal court under section 11(d)(7) of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(7)) to compel the State to participate in compact negotiations for class III gaming (as that term is defined in section 4(8) of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703(8))).

(b) CLASS III GAMING COMPACTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) PROHIBITION ON APPROVING COMPACTS.—Prior to October 1, 1999, the Secretary may not expend any funds made available under this Act, or any other Act hereinafter enacted, to prescribe procedures for class III gaming, or approve class III gaming on Indian lands by any means other than a Tribal-State compact entered into between a state and a tribe, on or after the enactment of this Act.

(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this paragraph may be construed to prohibit the review or approval by the Secretary of a renewal or revision of, or amendment to a Tribal-State compact that is not covered under subparagraph (A).

(2) NO AUTOMATIC APPROVAL.—Prior to October 1, 1999, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Tribal-State compact for class III gaming, other than one entered into between a state and a tribe, shall be considered to have been approved by the Secretary by reason of the failure of the Secretary to approve or disapprove that compact.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—The terms “class III gaming”, “Secretary”, “Indian lands”, and “Tribal-State compact” shall have the same meaning for the purposes of this section as those terms have under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).

ASHCROFT AMENDMENT NO. 3593

Mr. ASHCROFT proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 2237, supra; as follows:

Beginning on page 109, strike line 21 and all that follows through line 18 on page 110 and insert the following:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the amount available under the heading ‘National Park Service, Operation of

the National Park Service’ under title I shall be \$1,325,903,000.”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 16, 1998, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting, to mark up the following bills: S. 1771, to amend the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act; and S. 1899, Chippewa Cree of the Rocky Boy’s Reservation Indian Reserved Water Rights Settlement Act of 1998; to be followed immediately by a confirmation hearing on the nomination of Montie Deer, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission. The hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, will hold two days of hearings entitled “Improving The Safety of Food Imports.” The hearings will focus on legislative, administrative and regulatory remedies for the weaknesses previously identified in the subcommittee’s safety of food imports investigation. The subcommittee will hear from various Members of Congress, Government agencies, as well as industry and interest groups.

These hearings will take place on Thursday, September 24 and Friday, September 25, 1998, at 9:30 a.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Timothy J. Shea of the subcommittee staff at 224-3721.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, at 10 a.m., in open session, to consider the nominations of Bernard D. Rostker, to be Under Secretary of the Army; James M. Bodner, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; and Vice Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, for appointment to the grade of admiral, and to be Commander in Chief of U.S. Pacific Command.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, at 9:30 a.m., on the nominations of Robert Brown, John Paul Hammer-

schmidt, and Norman Mineta to be members of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, at 2:30 p.m., on S. 2390—Freedom to Transport Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. 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 15, 1998, at 10 a.m., and 2:15 p.m. to hold two hearings.

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

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce be authorized to meet in conference on H.R. 6, the Higher Education Act amendments of 1998 during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, at 2 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Small Business be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate for a markup of bills pending before the committee. The markup will begin at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, in room 428A, Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, BUSINESS RIGHTS, AND COMPETITION

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 15, 1998, at 10 a.m., to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Office Building, on “Consolidation in the Telecommunications Industry: Has it Gone Too Far?”

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FLORIDA-ISRAEL INSTITUTE

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, as we approach a new century, we find ourselves in a year of multiple milestones.