

The Subcommittee will invite witnesses representing a cross-section of views and organizations to testify at the hearing. Others who wish to testify may, as time permits, make a brief statement of not more than 2 minutes. Those wishing to testify please contact Tony Benavidez of Senator DOMENICI's office at (505) 988-6511 or Joe Ruiz of Senator BINGAMAN's office at (505) 988-6647. The deadline for signing up to testify is Thursday, September 24, 1998. Every attempt will be made to accommodate as many witnesses as possible, while ensuring that all views are represented.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mike Menge at (202) 224-6170.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

• Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise to remind everyone that today is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. On this day, we should remember, give tribute to, and stand in solidarity with the loved ones and families of the thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen who were or are Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. I am humbled by and grateful for their love of country and their sense of duty and honor.

Amidst the somber thoughts, the feelings of gratitude and pride that this day brings, as a Nation we must be uneasy. Uneasy because while we are a nation at peace and the wars in which these men fought are long over, they have not all returned home and we should not rest until their families have their loved ones back.

These Americans swore an oath to support and defend the constitution and carried that promise through to the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. While thousands died, many others endured years in starved, tortured, isolated misery before regaining the freedoms we enjoy. Their persistence, integrity and heroism are shining examples of the core values on which this nation was founded and became great.

Mr. President, we need to produce results. Headway is being made, but there is still a long way to go before we have the fullest possible accounting of all POW/MIA personnel.

Over the past six years, 136 Americans have been accounted for from Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia thanks to extensive field work. Earlier this month, thanks to the US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs established in 1991, seventeen airmen were at long last identified, returned to their native soil laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. These brave airmen were shot down over Soviet Armenia in 1958, during the height of the Cold War. For

their loved ones and family members, the long wait is over, but by no means will their loss or sacrifices be forgotten. For many, however, the anguish continues.

While much of the focus on POW/MIAs has rightly been on Southeast Asia where 2081 personnel remain unaccounted for, we must also honor those who were held prisoner and who are missing in action in other remote parts of the globe. More than 80,000 Americans remain missing and unaccounted for from World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict, and countless others from the Cold War.

These great Americans and their families have the gratitude of a great and free nation, but we in the Senate shall not rest until all are returned or accounted for. I urge you, Mr. President, the Administration, the Departments of Defense and State, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the National Security Agency to redouble their efforts to bring our boys home as quickly as possible. Let us all take to heart the motto from the POW/MIA flag, which flies over the Capitol today, and which is displayed every day in the Capitol rotunda: "YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN."•

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

• Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, Friday, September, 18, 1998 has been designated this year by our Federal and State Governments as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. As we have done for nearly 20 years, we reaffirm today our national commitment to obtaining the fullest possible accounting for America's POWs and MIAs. This is also a day to remember and pay tribute to the ultimate sacrifices that have been made by America's finest and bravest service personnel—our unaccounted for prisoners of war and missing in action personnel who never returned from wartime enemy territory.

It has been an honor and privilege for me, since my election to the Congress in 1984, to assist the POW/MIA families, our veterans, and their friends and supporters, with the many efforts that have been undertaken to try to achieve a proper accounting for so many of our nation's heroes whose fate remains unknown. It has been a difficult and emotional task, complicated by on and off-again cooperation by foreign governments.

As many of my colleagues know, I served as Vice-Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs in 1992, and I currently serve as the U.S. Chairman of the Vietnam War Working Group of the Joint U.S./Russian Commission on POWs and MIAs. I have traveled to North Korea, Vietnam, Russia, Laos, Cambodia, Poland, and the Czech Republic trying to assist our Government's efforts to open archives and interview people knowledgeable about the fate of our unaccounted

for captured and missing personnel. I have also made efforts over the last year to prod our own U.S. Intelligence Community to provide the analysis and support necessary to help shape our policy toward nations that hold the answers we seek. Finally, I continue to work to ensure that U.S. Government records on this issue are declassified and made available to the public.

Mr. President, today, as I have every year in this Chamber, I urge the Administration to take the opportunity National POW/MIA Recognition Day provides to rededicate itself to the fullest possible accounting mission. I also urge all Americans to continue expressing their concerns on this national issue because public awareness is critical to the accounting effort.

In closing, I again want to assure my constituents in New Hampshire, my fellow veterans, the POW/MIA families, and the countless Americans who have contacted me through the years, that I remain absolutely committed to doing everything I can to learn the truth about our POWs and MIAs to whom we pay tribute on this special day. •

THE CHILD NUTRITION REAUTHORIZATION ACT AND THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST RESEARCH PROPOSAL

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to give my full support for the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act. This important legislation funds important child nutrition programs for the next five years until the year 2003.

I want to commend Agriculture Committee Chairman LUGAR and Ranking Member HARKIN and my colleagues on the Agriculture Committee for working cooperatively, in a bipartisan spirit, to unanimously pass this bill out of Committee. Also, I want to thank my Senate colleagues for passing this vital legislation unanimously last evening. Clearly, this demonstrates our commitment to feeding our nation's children.

The Child Nutrition Reauthorization bill provides funding for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Summer Food Service Program, the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program along with many other nutritious food programs to feed our nation's youth.

One of the provisions in this legislation that I worked closely on during the creation of this legislation was a \$20 million provision that provides for detailed research on how school breakfast impacts a child's academic success.

This research provision is a modified version of S. 1396, the Meals for Achievement Act that I introduced last November. The research provision provides for the mandatory funding for a \$20 million school breakfast research project to further test the impacts of school breakfast on children's academic and behavioral skills.

This provision will require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a five