

meet on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in closed session, to receive testimony on North Korea's Ballistic Missile and Weapons of Mass Destruction programs.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. 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 Wednesday, September 23, 1998, to conduct a hearing of the following nominees: John D. Hawke, Jr., of Washington, DC, to be the Comptroller of the Currency; William C. Apgar, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be the Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Housing, and Federal Housing Administrator; Saul N. Ramirez, Jr., of Texas, to be the Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Cardell Cooper, of New Jersey, to be the Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning & Development; and Harold Lucas, of New Jersey, to be the Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public & Indian Housing.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 23, for purposes of conducting a Full Committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Environment and Public Works be granted permission to meet to consider pending business Wednesday, September 23, 1998, 9:30 a.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 23, 1998 at 1:30 am to hold a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Government Affairs Committee to meet on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on computer security studies performed at the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Wednesday, September 23, 1998 at 9:00 am to conduct a hearing on Title V and Title VI of H.R. 1833, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide for further Self-Governance by Indian tribes. The hearing will be held in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 23, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Communications Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. on internet privacy.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, FEDERALISM, AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 23, 1998 to hold a hearing, at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-222 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building on: "Whose Right to Keep and Bear Arms? The Second Amendment as a Source of Individual Rights."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Science, subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 23, 1998, at 2:00 p.m. on us Commercial Space Launch Industry.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be granted permission to conduct a hearing on the Patent and Trademark Office consolidation, Wednesday, September 23, 4:00 p.m., Hearing Room (SD-406).

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH FUNDING

● Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a subject that many of us, especially men, do not like to discuss publicly—prostate cancer. However, as one of the most frequently diagnosed cancers in the country, prostate cancer is a subject that we cannot afford to ignore.

In my home state of Nevada, it is estimated that 1,100 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year alone. Nationwide, 200,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1998. This deadly disease will take the lives of 40,000 American men this year alone. Prostate cancer kills as many Americans yearly as AIDS or breast cancer.

The increase in regular screenings for prostate cancer over the past few years is encouraging. Last year, I had the opportunity to participate in the Senate Special Committee on Aging's hearing on prostate cancer. Nevada's Governor Bob Miller, along with former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, NFL Hall of Famer Len Dawson and General Manager of the New York Yankees, Bob Watson all testified about their personal experiences with prostate cancer. These men shared a common message that was clear and urgent: get tested for prostate cancer as early as possible, because early detection increases survival rates tremendously.

While the importance of early detection through regular screenings cannot be overstated, we can and we must do more. In each of the last two fiscal years, Congress has appropriated \$40 million for new, cutting-edge peer-reviewed research at the Department of Defense. In instituting the program, the DOD found it necessary to combine the funds from both years to meet the needs of the grant proposals received in the first cycle. Consequently, the President announced the first cycle of prostate cancer research grants—releasing \$60 million in June and July for peer-reviewed research.

In this year's Defense Appropriations Bill, we have provided \$40 million for prostate cancer research. The House bill has only allocated \$10 million for this purpose. These numbers fall short of what is needed to fund crucial research initiatives. I hope that when the Defense Appropriations Bill is in Conference this week, funding levels for prostate cancer research will be increased. Without adequate resources, promising research into causes and treatments for prostate cancer will go unfunded. For lack of research, millions of men and their families will face critical unanswered questions about screening, diagnosis, treatment, prevention and cures for prostate cancer.

Yesterday, 110 American men died of prostate cancer. That same number will die today, tomorrow, and every

day until research identifies a cure. I hope that my colleagues will make more funds available for the prostate cancer research program at the Department of Defense so that we may offer hope to the millions affected by this deadly disease.●

**JIM SOLOMON AND HIS RETIREMENT AS THE ALABAMA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINIONS DIVISION CHIEF**

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I would like to take a few moments to speak to you about Jim Solomon, who is retiring from his position as head of the Alabama Attorney General's Opinions Division after 35 years of service to the state of Alabama.

This division fields legal advice requests from all over the state of Alabama, with the majority of the requests coming from local government officials having various questions concerning ambiguities in state laws. While opinions are not legally binding, they are used as guidelines by the various entities in developing public policy. Therefore, correct interpretation of Alabama laws are essential to the smaller communities and agencies that do not have a legal staff. Mr. Solomon's contributions to this effort have been extraordinary and should be noted.

I had the honor of working with Mr. Solomon during my term as the Attorney General of Alabama. He was an outstanding employee who believed in service above self. He never strayed from this work ethic during his 19 years in that office. He served as a role model to others and was someone who could always be counted on regardless of the job or the circumstances. His administrative and supervisory abilities were superior and he was greatly loved by those with whom he worked. One of his most impressive achievements was the indexing of all Opinions from 1979 forward, making it possible for the public to have access to them on the Internet.

During Mr. Solomon's employment in the Opinions Division, he was responsible for writing approximately 8,000 Opinions for state and local officials. One of the most memorable opinions caused the previously closed state legislative committee meetings to open to the public.

Jim Solomon is more than a great public servant. He possesses in rich measure the qualities that made for a great citizen, a strong churchman, a faithful family man and a good friend to many. He sets high standards and a good example for all of us.

Mr. President, I appreciate being able to make these brief comments to my fellow colleagues because it is important that Jim Solomon be recognized for his years of outstanding service to Alabama.●

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ON MENTAL RETARDATION ILLINOIS CHAPTER'S 1998 DIRECT SERVICE PROFESSIONAL AWARD WINNERS**

● Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN. Mr. President, it is my distinct pleasure to join the Illinois chapter of the American Association on Mental Retardation in honoring the recipients of the 1998 Direct Service Professional Award. These honorees are being recognized for their outstanding commitment and contributions to the lives of people in Illinois with developmental disabilities.

These award winners have distinguished themselves through their compassion, dedication, patience and professionalism. Their work not only enriches the lives of those who they care for, but also enriches all of our lives and sets an example of service for all Americans to follow.

It is important to note that the individuals being honored are professionals who spend at least 50 percent of their time directly working with and assisting their clients in the clients' life-space. These people are not supervisors or managers. Instead, they are direct service providers on the front-lines of our nation's mental health care system, delivering much needed and much appreciated care and assistance.

It is indeed my privilege to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the following Illinois direct service professionals: Henry Barrington, Raymond Betke, Shelly Cross, Caroline Frost, Patty Hart, Zarina Hasham, Debbie Huff, Carolyn Johnson, Molly Kuster, Preston McBride, Pearlene McDougal, Patricia Mercer, Lisa Pyle, Della Reese, Michael Smith, Marie Thompson, Marcia Weidman, Jodie White, Katie Whiteford and Sabrina Willis. It is my honor to serve these dedicated professionals in the United States Senate.

I am confident that my colleagues here in the Senate will take this opportunity to join me in saluting the winners of the 1998 Direct Service Professional Award. These awardees represent the best spirit of community service.●

**TRIBUTE TO CONNIE DRAKELEY**

● Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I come to the floor today with the sad task of informing the Senate of the passing of one of my staff, Connie Drakeley. Connie died in her sleep last week and coming to terms with her sudden passing has been difficult.

Connie was a very important member of my staff and will be greatly missed. She will be missed not only for the large contributions she made to the office, but also because she was our friend.

Connie joined my staff in March, 1995 in the position of Editor. She came aboard during a time when the mail was building up and a significant backlog was forming—in short order, Connie alleviated the problem.

The mail we receive from our constituents and, in return, answer is the lifeblood of our representative government. It was in this context and with this attitude that Connie worked as Editor on my staff. She, in many ways, had the hardest job in the office—with red pen, she pointed out everyone's mistakes! But she always worked very diligently, professionally and responsibly. She worked long hours and often took work home with her; she made us all better writers. She labored in this manner to make sure that my mail was without fault.

Connie was always ready with advice and assistance when someone on staff needed help right away with a letter, speech or a press release. Though the work load sometimes could have overwhelmed her, she always rose to the challenge and kept her promises to get her editing done on time.

She was very knowledgeable and up-to-date on legislation—she watched the floor, read Congress Daily—she didn't just correct grammar, but content as well. She knew the issues and could spot a mistake a mile away. We realized how much the entire process depended on her whenever she took vacation. Mail came first to Connie! I will always be thankful for her remarkable commitment to a demanding and stressful job and her respect for the English language.

Connie dedicated her life to being the best editor one can be. Before she came to my office, she worked as an editor for Senator HARRY REID, for the National Archives, for Bechtel, and as a picture researcher for LIFE magazine.

I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Connie's daughter, brother and other family members. On behalf of my entire office, I wish to let them know that our prayers and thoughts are with them.

Connie was an indispensable member of our team; her energy, vitality, and dedication will be missed for a long time. We simply couldn't have accomplished what we did on a weekly basis for the past few years without her. Personally and professionally, we have lost a good friend and coworker.●

**NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE**

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, in light of the recent vote on national missile defense, I feel compelled to explain my position on this important issue. In short, I agree with this Nation's senior military officers, the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Each of them opposes the National Missile Defense bill, and they provided a detailed explanation of their position in a letter they sent to Capitol Hill prior to the vote.

The National Missile Defense bill would require that a national missile defense system be deployed as soon as it is "technologically feasible." Conversely, the current plan calls for the Defense Department, by the year 2000, to research and develop such a system and then be able to deploy it within