

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony and conduct oversight on the Administration's FY2000 budget request for climate change programs and compliance with various statutory provisions in FY1999 appropriations acts requiring detailed accounting of climate change spending and performance measures for each requested increase in funding.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please call Colleen Deegan, Counsel, or Julia McCaul, Staff Assistant at (202) 224-8115 in the Senate. In the House, please contact Marlo Lewis, Staff Director, or Barbara Kahlow, Professional Staff Member at (202) 225-4407.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND REGULATION

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, May 20, 1999 at 2 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 348, to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in open session, to consider the nominations of Mr. Brian E. Sheridan, to be Assistant Secretary of De-

fense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; and Dr. Lawrence J. Delaney, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet on Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. on OMC/Truck Safety.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 25, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999; S. 446, the Resources 2000 Act; S. 532, the Public Land and Recreation Investment Act of 1999; S. 819, the National Park Preservation Act; and the Administration's Lands Legacy proposal.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 beginning at 10 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on "Medical Records Privacy" during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to hold an executive business meeting during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 1999, at 10 a.m., in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sub-

committee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 1999, in open session, to receive testimony on the threat of international narcotics-trafficking and the role of the Department of Defense in the Nation's war on drugs.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Immigration, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 at 2:15 p.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Office Building, on: "The Need for Additional Border Patrol at the Northern and Southern Borders."

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

THE BUILDING OF SISSETON FIRE HALL

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I want to take this opportunity to recognize an extraordinary group of citizens who came together to address their community needs in building a new fire hall. The old facility, which has served so faithfully for so many decades, had reached the limits of its productivity in February 1997, when the record snowfall created great stress on the roof. The need for action was immediate, and the Sisseton Community responded quickly. Members of the Sisseton Fire Department and Roberts County Rescue mounted a financial campaign to raise the additional money needed above what national, state, tribal, and local governments were able to provide. Fire fighters and rescue volunteers donated extra time by holding fundraising activities in addition to their fire and rescue responsibilities. Local businesses and individuals responded generously. The new fire hall is now a reality. It has become a true emergency operating center that the entire Sisseton community can look toward with pride.

I commend the entire community for this exemplary effort, and hold it up as a shining example of the sense of community which still exists in places like Sisseton, SD.●

MAESTRO COLMAN PEARCE

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, when the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra concludes its 54th season with its traditional "Pops Concert" in Jackson on May 7, Maestro Colman Pearce will retire after twelve years as music director and principal conductor. During his tenure, Pearce has brought life and vigor to the mission of the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. He has projected