

(1) by striking "include an obligation" and inserting "include—

"(A) an obligation",

(2) by striking the period at the end and inserting " , or", and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) indebtedness incurred by a small business investment company licensed under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 which is evidenced by a debenture—

"(i) issued by such company under section 303(a) of such Act, or

"(ii) held or guaranteed by the Small Business Administration.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to acquisitions made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will conduct a Nomination hearing on February 13, 2002, in SH-216 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider the following nominations: Thomas Dorr the nominee for Under Secretary of Rural Development; Nancy Bryson, the administrations nominee to serve as general counsel for USDA; and Grace Daniel and Fred Dailey who are nominated to serve on the board of Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an additional bill has been added to the hearing agenda for the hearing that was previously scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Thursday, February 14, 2002, beginning at 2:30 p.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The additional measure to be considered is S. 1894, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the sustainability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of Biscayne National Park.

For further information, please contact Shelley Brown of the committee staff at (202-224-5915).

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2003 and the future years Defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 4:30 p.m. in executive session to meet with members of the Canadian Senate Committee on National Security and Defense.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. 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 Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., to conduct the first in a series of hearings on "The State of Financial Literacy and Education in America."

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., on pending committee business

Executive Session Agenda

1. To authorize the issuance of a subpoena to compel testimony from Mr. Kenneth L. Lay, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and current board member of the Enron Corporation (Kevin Kayes, Jeanne Bumpus).

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., on implementation of the Aviation and Transportation Security Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 2:30 p.m., to hear testimony on the President's fiscal year 2003 budget and tax proposals.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 10:15 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Foreign Policy Overview and the President's Fiscal Year 2003 Foreign Affairs Budget Request."

Witness: The Honorable Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State, Washington, DC.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a hearing entitled, "Retirement Insecurity: 401(k) Crisis at Enron."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Human Cloning: Must We Sacrifice Medical Research in the Name of a Total Ban?" on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 2 p.m., in Dirksen room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: The Honorable Dave Weldon and the Honorable James C. Greenwood

Panel II: Dr. Irving L. Weissman, Chair, Panel on Scientific and Medical Aspects of Human Cloning, the National Academy of Sciences and Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA; Professor Henry T. Greely, Stanford University Law School, Stanford, CA; Professor R. Alta Charo, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI; Kris Gulden, Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research, Washington, DC; Andrew Kimbrell, Executive Director, International Center for Technology Assessment, Washington, DC; and Father Kevin T. FitzGerald, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington, DC.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SPACE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., on Fighting Bioterrorism: Using America's Scientists and Entrepreneurs to find Solutions.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. 180

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House on S. 180; that the Senate disagree to the House amendment, agree to the request for conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, I object.