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AMENDMENT NO. 4283

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NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN, 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 Government Affairs will hold hearings entitled "The Role of the Financial Institutions In Enron's Collapse." These hearings are a continuation of Subcommittee hearings on the collapse of Enron Corp., focusing on the role of major financial institutions and how they contributed to Enron's use of complex transactions to make the company look better financially than it actually was.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 23, and Tuesday, July 30, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. each day, in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise J. Bean of the Subcommittee staff at 224-9505.

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 a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, July 23, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 2494, to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona, and for other purposes; S. 2598, to enhance the criminal penalties for illegal trafficking of archaeological resources, and for other purposes; S. 2727, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3954, to designate certain waterways in the Caribbean National Forest in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, 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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 312 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

For further information, please contact David Brooks of the Committee staff at (202) 224-9863.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Deborah Forbes of the Labor Committee be given access of the floor during deliberation of this legislation.

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

Mr. ENZI, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Joe Laird during the remainder of the debate and the votes on this bill we are considering.

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

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENTS NOS. 107-12 and 107-13

Mr. REID, Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaties transmitted to the Senate today by the President of the United States:

Treaty with Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, Treaty Document No. 107-12;

Treaty with Belize on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, Treaty Document No. 107-13.

I further ask unanimous consent that the treaties be considered as having been read the first time; that they be referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed; and that the President's messages be printed in the RECORD.

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

The messages of the President are as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, signed at Stockholm on December 17, 2001. I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty.

The Treaty is one of a series of modern mutual legal assistance treaties being negotiated by the United States in order to counter criminal activities more effectively. The Treaty should be an effective tool to assist in the prosecution of a wide variety of crimes, including terrorism, drug trafficking, and fraud and other white-collar offenses. The Treaty is self-executing.

The Treaty provides for a broad range of cooperation in criminal matters. Mutual assistance available under the Treaty includes: locating or identifying persons or items; serving documents; taking the testimony or statements of persons; transferring persons in custody for testimony or other purposes; providing documents, records, and items; executing requests for