

SA 1781. Mr. BURNS (for himself and Mr. DORGAN) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 95, at the end of line 17, insert the following paragraph:

None of the funds made available to the Indian Health Service in this Act shall be used for any Department of Health and Human Services-wide consolidation, restructuring, or realignment of functions or for any assessments or charges associated with any such consolidation, restructuring or realignment, except for purposes for which funds are specifically provided in this Act.

SA 1782. Mr. BURNS proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; as follows:

"SEC. . Section 104 (16 U.S.C. 1374) is amended—(1) in subsection (c)(5)(D) by striking "the date of the enactment of the Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 1994" and inserting "February 18, 1997"."

NOTICE OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information on the Senate and the public that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Indian Affairs will hold a joint-hearing on September 30, 2003 at 10 a.m. in SD-366.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine of S. 437, the Arizona Water Settlements Acts, which is a bill to provide for adjustments to the Central Arizona Project in Arizona, to authorize the Gila River Indian Community water rights settlement, to reauthorize and amend the Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act of 1982, 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, SD-364, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150 prior to the hearing date.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at 11 a.m., in open session to consider the nomination of the Honorable Gordon R. England to be Secretary of the Navy.

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BURNS. 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 September 23, 2003, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on "The Implementation of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Restoring Investor Confidence."

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. BURNS. 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 September 23, 2003, at 2 p.m., to conduct a markup of the following original legislation: the "National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act of 2003"; the "Defense Production Reauthorization Act of 2003"; and the "Federal Transit Extension Act of 2003."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 23 at 9 a.m. to conduct a business meeting to consider the TEA-21 extension and to conduct a hearing immediately following the markup to consider the nomination of Michael O. Leavitt, to be Administrator of the Environment Protection Agency.

The business meeting and the hearing will take place in SD-406 (Hearing Room).

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on "Unfulfilled Promises: Mexican Barrier to U.S. Agricultural Exports."

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq: Next Steps

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. for a classified hearing titled "Combating Ter-

rorist Financing: Are We on the Right Track?"

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Health Technology during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, for a hearing on proposals to limit eligibility for veterans' compensation benefits to disabilities directly related to "performance of duty" injuries only.

The hearing will take place in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 2:30 p.m.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 23, 2003 from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in Dirksen 628 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND BORDER SECURITY

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Information Sharing and Coordination for Visa Issuance: Our first line of defense for homeland security" on Tuesday, September 23, 2003, at 2:30 p.m., in SD226.

WITNESS LIST

Panel I: Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C.; C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security, Arlington, Virginia.

Panel II: John O. Brennan, Director, Terrorist Threat Integration Center (TTIC), Office of the Director of Central Intelligence, McLean, Virginia; Larry A. Mefford, Executive Assistant Director, Counter-terrorism and Counter-intelligence, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 23, at 2:30 p.m.