

Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. on Do-Not-Call.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GREGG. 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 30, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 9 a.m. for a hearing to consider the nominations of Dale Cabaniss to be Chairman, Federal Labor Relations Authority; Craig S. Iscoe to be Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; and Brian F. Holeman to be Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 10 a.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a joint hearing with the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Water and Power, on S. 437, the Arizona Water Settlement Act.

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. 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 30, 2003, at 4 p.m., for a markup on pending legislation. The meeting will be held in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

Agenda

1. S. 1131, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2003, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

2. Committee Print of S. 1132, a bill to improve and enhance certain benefits for survivors of veterans, and for other purposes, as amended, to incorporate, in addition, original provisions and provisions derived from S. 257, S. 517, S. 1133, S. 1156, S. 1188, S. 1213, S. 1239, S. 1281, and S. 1360.

3. Committee Print of S. 1156, a bill to improve and enhance the provision of long-term health care for veterans, to enhance and improve authorities relating to the administration of per-

sonnel of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, as amended, to incorporate, in addition, original provisions and provisions derived from S. 548, S. 615, S. 1144, S. 1213, S. 1283, S. 1289, S. 1341, and S. 1572.

4. Committee Print of S. 1136, a bill to restate, clarify and revise. The Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended.

5. H.R. 1516, a bill to provide for the establishment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of five additional cemeteries of the National Cemetery System, as amended.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 10 a.m., for a hearing entitled "Privacy & Piracy: The Paradox of Illegal File Sharing on Peer-to-Peer Networks and the Impact of Technology on the Entertainment Industry."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PRODUCT LIABILITY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs and Product Liability be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 2:30 p.m., on the Obesity War: Are our Dietary Guidelines Losing?

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND BORDER SECURITY

Mr. GREGG. 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 "Visa Issuance: Our First Line of Defense for Homeland Security" on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 2 p.m. in SD226.

WITNESS LIST:

The Honorable Asa Hutchinson, Undersecretary for Border and Transportation Security Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC.

The Honorable Marua Harty, Assistant Secretary for Consular Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services be authorized to meet for a hearing on Underage Drinking: Research and Recommendations during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 10 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet jointly during the session of the Senate on September 30, 2003, at 10 a.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to examine 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.

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

COMMENDING JOHN E. DOLIBOIS FOR DEDICATION TO HIS COUNTRY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 199 and the Senate then proceed to its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 199) commending John E. Dolibois for dedication to his country, contributions to global education, and more than a half century of service to humanity.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to, en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without further intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 199) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 199

Whereas John Dolibois was born in Luxembourg and when he arrived in the United States of America at 12 years of age, he was not able to speak English, but learned it quickly and added it to his fluency in German and French;

Whereas John Dolibois became a naturalized citizen in 1941;

Whereas John Dolibois' service as a captain in United States Army intelligence called on his highly developed personal skills to make him a prime interrogator of 86 top Nazi prisoners, in preparation for and during the International War Crimes Trial in Nuremberg after World War II;

Whereas John Dolibois contributed to spreading the understanding of World War II atrocities by speaking publicly for decades about his experiences following the War Crimes Trial, including speaking engagements this year;

Whereas John Dolibois served Miami University in Oxford, Ohio for 34 years, including service as vice president for university

relations from 1967 to 1981, and while in that role he was instrumental in the University establishing an overseas campus in Luxembourg, named the John E. Dolibois European Center;

Whereas John Dolibois was responsible for funds raised in the late 1940s through early 1980s that helped build Miami University's art museum, conference center, chapel, and alumni center, and helped provide numerous scholarships;

Whereas John Dolibois authored major sections on alumni programming and college public relations in the International Encyclopedia of Higher Education and contributed articles to the State Department's "Exchange Magazine" on international education;

Whereas John Dolibois received the Miami University's highest honor, the Benjamin Harrison Medal, and the "Citizen of the Year" award from an Oxford, Ohio, committee of residents in 1963, in part for his service as a trustee to the Lane Public Library and as a director of the Community Chest;

Whereas John Dolibois was 1 of 12 United States citizens named by President Richard Nixon to the Board of Foreign Scholarships, which he served on for 3 terms, supervising the Fulbright Program and playing a major role in the development of the Fulbright Alumni Program;

Whereas John Dolibois' personal and diplomatic skills further distinguished his ability to communicate effectively, allowing him to serve as the United States Ambassador to Luxembourg from 1981 to 1985, upon the request of President Ronald Reagan;

Whereas John Dolibois, as a member of Luxembourg's Board of Economic Development, encouraged United States business in Luxembourg and stimulated trade between Luxembourg and Ohio;

Whereas John Dolibois has been decorated twice by the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for his wartime service and his contributions to international education and tourism;

Whereas John Dolibois has stayed connected to youth via 50 years of activity with the Boy Scouts, including becoming an Eagle Scout, serving as a vice president for the Dan Beard Scout Council in Cincinnati, and receiving scouting's highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award;

Whereas John Dolibois earned critical acclaim for his memoir, "Pattern of Circles", in which he professed his gratitude for the United States of America, his adopted country; and

Whereas John Dolibois was inducted into Ohio's Veterans Hall of Fame in 1998 and has been noted in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends John E. Dolibois for superior lifetime achievements, an indisputable resolve to contribute, and an inspirational legacy of service to this country and to the global community; and

(2) expresses its appreciation for his lifelong service.

RUNAWAY, HOMELESS, AND MISSING CHILDREN PROTECTION ACT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1925 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1925) to reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. LEAHY. I urge the Senate to take up and pass H.R. 1925, the Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act. The Senate version of this bill—which was identical—passed unanimously in the Judiciary Committee last Thursday, and this bill deserves the support of every Senator. I joined with Senator HATCH in introducing the Senate legislation to reauthorize and improve the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and to extend the authorization of the Missing Children's Assistance Act. This bill follows in the footsteps of the recently enacted PROTECT Act legislation and presents another milestone in our efforts to safeguard all of our children.

In the 29 years since it became law, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act has helped some of the most vulnerable children in our country. I have worked in the past to extend the program, most recently in the 106th Congress, when I cosponsored S. 249, the Missing, Exploited, and Runaway Children Protection Act, which extended the Act through this year. I am pleased to help extend it once again.

A Justice Department report released last year estimated that 1.7 million young people either ran away from or were thrown out of their homes in 1999 alone. Other studies have suggested an even higher number. This law and the programs it funds provide a safety net that helps give these young people a chance to build lives for themselves. It is slated to expire at the end of this fiscal year, and we should not allow that to happen.

In my State, both the Vermont Coalition for Runaway and Homeless Youth and Spectrum Youth and Family Services in Burlington receive grants under this law, and they have provided excellent services both to young people trying to build lives on their own and to those who are struggling on the streets. Reauthorizing this law will allow them to continue their enormously important work.

This bill would improve the law by extending the period during which older homeless youth can receive services under the Transitional Living Program, to ensure that all homeless youth can take advantage of services at least until they turn 18. The bill would also make permanent the Secretary of Health and Human Services' authority to make grants explicitly to help rural areas meet the unique stresses of providing services to runaway and homeless youth. Programs serving runaway and homeless youth have found that those in rural areas are particularly difficult to reach and serve effectively, and this bill recognizes that fact.

The improvements proposed in this bill to the Missing Children's Assistance Act build on provisions included in the PROTECT Act legislation that we enacted earlier this year. In that bill, we authorized National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, NCMEC, activities through 2005 and authorized the center to strengthen its CyberTipline to provide online users an effective means of reporting Internet-related child sexual exploitation in distribution of child pornography, online enticement of children for sexual acts, and child prostitution. This bill would extend NCMEC through 2008. Now more than ever, it is critical for Congress to give the Center the resources it needs in order to pursue its important work. A missing or abducted child is the worst nightmare of any parent or grandparent, and NCMEC has proved to be an invaluable resource in Federal, state, and local efforts to recover children who have disappeared.

Although this is a good bill on the whole, I am disappointed that it includes a provision that prohibits grantees from using any funds provided under this program for needle distribution programs. This is a superfluous provision that simply repeats what is already law. In addition, it is unnecessary because no grantee under this program operates needle exchange programs or has expressed interest in doing so. I ask Senator HATCH to leave it out of the Senate version of this bill, and was disappointed when he refused. The inclusion of this needless provision, however, does not change the fact that this is still a very good bill.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act programs have received tremendous bipartisan support over the years. The House passed this bill by a vote of 404-14, and the Senate bill passed by unanimous consent last Friday. I urge the Senate to pass H.R. 1925 and send it to the President today.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 1925) was read the third time and passed.

DEFENSE PRODUCTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2003

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1680, an original bill reported by the Banking Committee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1680) to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.