

for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain, or to make, import, export, obtain control of, or possess, with intent to so transport, transfer, or otherwise dispose of;";

(2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

"(3) the term 'financial gain' includes the receipt, or expected receipt, of anything of value; and".

(C) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SOUND RECORDINGS AND MUSIC VIDEOS OF LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES.—Section 2319A(e) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(2) the term 'traffic' has the same meaning as in section 2320(e) of this title."

(2) COUNTERFEIT LABELS FOR PHONORECORDS, COMPUTER PROGRAMS, ETC.—Section 2318(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

"(2) the term 'traffic' has the same meaning as in section 2320(e) of this title;"

(3) ANTI-BOOTLEGGING.—Section 1101 of title 17, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

"(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'traffic' has the same meaning as in section 2320(e) of title 18."

**SA 2890.** Mr. FRIST (for Ms. COLLINS) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1777, to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "Katrina Emergency Assistance Act of 2005".

**SEC. 2. UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 410 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5177), in providing assistance under that section to individuals unemployed as a result of Hurricane Katrina—

(1) the President shall accept applications for assistance during—

(A) the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the applicable major disaster was declared; or

(B) such longer period as may be established by the President; and

(2) subject to subsection (b), the President shall provide assistance to any unemployed individual, to the extent the individual is not entitled to unemployment compensation under any Federal or State law, until that individual is reemployed in a suitable position.

(b) LIMITATION FOR PERIOD OF ASSISTANCE.—The total amount of assistance payable to an individual under subsection (a) may not exceed payments based on a 39-week period of unemployment.

**SEC. 3. REIMBURSEMENT FOR PURCHASES.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) DISASTER PERIOD.—The term "disaster period" means, with respect to any State that includes an area for which a major disaster has been declared in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, the period beginning on the earliest date on which any area of the State was so declared and ending on the latest date for which any such declaration of an area of the State terminates.

(2) KATRINA OR RITA SURVIVOR.—The term "Katrina or Rita Survivor" means an individual who—

(A) resides in an area for which a major disaster has been declared in accordance with 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita; or

(B) resided in an area described in subparagraph (A) during the 7 days immediately preceding the date of declaration of a major disaster described in subparagraph (A).

(3) MAJOR DISASTER.—The term "major disaster" has the meaning given the term in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

(b) REIMBURSEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may reimburse a community for each purchase of supplies (such as food, personal hygiene products, linens, and clothing) distributed to Katrina or Rita Survivors.

(2) ELIGIBLE PURCHASES.—Reimbursement under paragraph (1) shall be available only with respect to supplies that—

(A) are purchased with taxpayer dollars; and

(B) would otherwise be eligible for reimbursement if purchased by a Katrina or Rita Survivor.

(c) PERIOD OF APPLICABILITY.—This section and the authority provided by this section apply only to a community assisting Katrina or Rita Survivors from a State during the disaster period of the State.

**SEC. 4. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DISPLACED BY KATRINA.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement within the Department of Homeland Security should suspend or refrain from initiating removal proceedings for international students and scholars who are deportable solely due to their inability to fulfill the terms of their visas as a result of a national disaster, such as Hurricane Katrina.

**SEC. 5. CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, acting through the Under Secretary for Emergency Preparedness, shall propose new inspection guidelines that prohibit an inspector from entering into a contract with any individual or entity for whom the inspector performs an inspection for purposes of determining eligibility for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2006, at 10 a.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review the proposed fiscal year 2007 Forest Service budget.

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, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics (202-224-2878), Elizabeth Abrams (202-224-0537) or Sara Zecher (202-224-8276) of the Committee staff.

**AUTHORITIES FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES**

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 15, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to consider the following nominations: Honorable Preston M. Geren to be Under Secretary of the Army; Honorable Michael L. Dominguez to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Mr. James I. Finley to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; and Mr. Thomas P. D'Agostino to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration.

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

**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. SUNUNU. 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 February 15, 2006, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on "Rebuilding Needs in Katrina-Impacted Areas."

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

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 10 a.m., on Video Franchising.

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

**COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 2:30 p.m., on Nanotechnology.

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

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15 at 10:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony regarding S. 2197 to improve the global competitiveness of the United States in science and energy technology, to strengthen basic research programs at the Department of Energy, and to provide support for mathematics and science education at all levels through the resources available

through the Department of Energy, including at the national laboratories.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a business meeting on February 15, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. to consider the following agenda:

Agenda

Nominations: Terrence L. Bracy—Nominee to a position on the Board of Trustees at the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Foundation and the following 6 to Members of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority: Dennis C. Bortorff, Robert M. Duncan, Susan Richardson Williams, William B. Sansom, Howard A. Thrailkill, and Donald R. DePriest.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to hold a hearing on February 15, 2006 at 9:35 a.m. to receive testimony on EPA's proposed Budget for FY 2007.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 9:45 a.m. to hold a hearing on the President's Budget for Foreign Affairs and a business meeting.

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at 11:15 a.m. for a hearing titled, "Hurricane Katrina: The Homeland Security Department's Preparation and Response."

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 10 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

Witness

Panel I: Members of Congress, TBA.

Panel II: Stephen G. Larson to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California; Jack Zouhary to be United States District

Judge for the Northern District of Ohio; and John F. Clark to be Director of the United States Marshals Service.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed briefing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE SAFETY

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety, be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. SUNUNU. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, February 15 at 2:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to review the progress made on the development of interim and long-term plans for use of fire retardant aircraft in Federal wildfire suppression operations.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be granted, during the consideration of S. 2271, H.R. 3199, to Bob Schiff, Lara Flynt, Paul Weinberger, Mary Irvine, and Summer Slichter.

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

STOP COUNTERFEITING IN MANUFACTURED GOODS ACT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 32 and that 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 bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 32) to amend title 18 United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for trafficking in counterfeit marks.

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

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I want to take a moment to speak about H.R. 32, the Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act of 2005, sponsored by Representative KNOLLENBERG and 59 House cosponsors. The counterfeiting of goods bearing American held trademarks is an important problem that I

am committed to fighting, as reflected by my sponsoring S. 1699, the Senate companion bill to H.R. 32, earlier this year with Senator LEAHY and Senators ALEXANDER, BAYH, BROWNBACK, COBURN, CORNYN, DEWINE, DURBIN, FEINGOLD, FEINSTEIN, HATCH, KYL, LEVIN, REED, STABENOW, and VOINOVICH.

H.R. 32, the Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act of 2005 addresses a problem that has reached epidemic proportions as a result of a loophole in our criminal code: the trafficking in counterfeit labels. Criminal law currently prohibits the trafficking in counterfeit trademarks "on or in connection with goods or services." However, it does not prohibit the trafficking in the counterfeit marks themselves. As such, there is nothing in current law to prohibit an individual from selling counterfeit labels bearing otherwise protected trademarks within the United States.

This loophole was exposed by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in *United States v. Giles*, 213 F.3d 1247 (10th Cir. 2000). In this case, the United States prosecuted the defendant for manufacturing and selling counterfeit Dooney & Bourke labels that third parties could later affix to generic purses. Examining title 18, section 2320, of the United States Code, the Tenth Circuit held that persons who sell counterfeit trademarks that are not actually attached to any "goods or services" do not violate the Federal criminal trademark infringement statute. Since the defendant did not attach counterfeit marks to "goods or services," the court found that the defendant did not run afoul of the criminal statute as a matter of law. Thus, someone caught red-handed with counterfeit trademarks walked free.

H.R. 32 closes this loophole by amending title 18, section 2320 of the United States Code to criminally prohibit the trafficking, or attempt to traffic, in "labels, patches, stickers" and generally any item to which a counterfeit mark has been applied. In so doing, H.R. 32 provides U.S. Department of Justice prosecutors with the means not only to prosecute individuals trafficking in counterfeit goods or services, but also individuals trafficking in labels, patches, and the like that are later applied to goods.

Congress must act expeditiously to protect U.S. held trademarks to the fullest extent of the law. The recent 10-count indictment of four Massachusetts residents of conspiracy to traffic in approximately \$1.4 million of counterfeit luxury goods in the case of *U.S. v. Luong et al.*, 2005 D. Mass. underscores the need for this legislation. According to the indictment, law enforcement officers raided self-storage units earlier this year and found the units to hold approximately 12,231 counterfeit handbags; 7,651 counterfeit wallets; more than 17,000 generic handbags and wallets; and enough counterfeit labels and medallions to turn more than