NOTICES OF HEARINGS
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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks.

The hearing will be held on May 15, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; S. 800, to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York; S. 916, to modify the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument, to establish the Minidoka National Historic Site, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land and improvements of the Gooding Division of the Minidoka National Forest in the State of Idaho; S. 1067, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the New River in the States of North Carolina and Virginia as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; S. 1219, to provide for the continued administration of Santa Rosa Island, Channel Islands National Park, in accordance with the laws (including regulations and policies of the National Park Service) enacted before December 28, 1990, and to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain rivers and streams of the headwaters of the Snake River System as additions to the National Wild and Scenic River System; H.R. 361, to adjourn the meeting of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington; H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest of the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives; and H.R. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System.

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 it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510–6190, or by e-mail to rachel_pasternack@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact David Brooks at (202) 224–9863 or Rachel Pasternack at (202) 224–0883.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS
Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 455 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 310, the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224–2531.

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 Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open, and possibly closed, session to receive testimony on “Offshore Tax Evasion: Stashing Cash Overseas.” 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 hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 3 p.m., in room 233 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on “Navy Force Structure Reorganization: A Portal to Violent Islamist Extremism.” The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to receive testimony on “Other Tax Evasion: Stashing Cash Overseas.” The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 10 a.m. for a hearing titled “The Internet: A Portal to Violent Islamist Extremism.” 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 markup on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

Agenda
III. Nominations: Debra Ann Livingston to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit; Roslynn Renee Mauskopf to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York; Richard Joseph Sullivan to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York; Joseph S. Van Bokkelen to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

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

SEAPOWER SUBCOMMITTEE
Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Seapower Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in closed and open sessions to receive testimony on Navy Force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE
Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 3, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a business meeting.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS
Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 205 and H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska; S. 390, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah; S. 617, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness; S. 1159, to establish the Escalante-Grand Staircase Conservation System; H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as
Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 1495, Water Resources Development Act.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to Calendar No. 128, H.R. 1495, notwithstanding rule XXII.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to Calendar No. 128, H.R. 1495, and send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I now withdraw that motion.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is withdrawn.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call required under rule XXII be waived with respect to the three cloture motions filed today.

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

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 4, AND MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Friday morning, May 4; that on Friday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each; further, that when the Senate completes its business it stand adjourned until 2:15 p.m., Monday, May 7; that on Monday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business until 4 p.m., with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therefor up to 10 minutes each; that at 4 p.m., the Senate resume consideration of S. 1082 and there be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote in relation to the Cochran amendment No. 1018; that upon disposition of the Cochran amendment, there be 2 minutes of debate, then the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment, with all debate time equally divided and controlled in the usual form and with no intervening amendments or action in order prior to the votes covered in this agreement; that Members have until 3 p.m., Monday, to file any first-degree amendments.

I also ask unanimous consent that the vote after the first vote be a 10-minute vote rather than a 15-minute vote.

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

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 110-2

Mr. REID. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on May 3, 2007, by the President of the United States:


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

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

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith for the Senate's advice and consent to ratification the Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks (the "Treaty" or "Singapore Treaty") adopted and signed by the United States at Singapore on March 28, 2006. I also transmit for the information of the Senate a report of the Department of State with respect to the Treaty.

If ratified by the United States, the Treaty would offer significant benefits to U.S. trademark owners and national trademark offices, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The beneficial features of the Treaty include the Trademark Law Treaty of 1994 (the "1994 TLT"), to which the United States is a party, are included in the Singapore Treaty, as well as the improvements to the 1994 TLT that the United States Government sought to achieve through the revision effort. Key improvements allow for national trademark offices to take advantage of electronic communication systems as an efficient and cost-saving alternative to paper communications, at such time as the office is ready to embrace the technology. The Treaty also includes trademark license recordation provisions that reduce the formalities that trademark owners face when doing business in a country that is a Contracting Party that requires trademark license recordation. The goal of these provisions is to reduce the damaging effects that can result from failure to record a license in those jurisdictions that require recordation. These and other improvements create a more attractive treaty for World Intellectual Property Organization Member States. Consequently, once the Treaty is in force, it is expected to increase the efficiency of national trademark offices, which in turn is expected to create efficiencies and cost savings for U.S. trademark owners registering and maintaining trademarks abroad.

Ratification of the Treaty is in the best interests of the United States. I recommend, therefore, that the Senate give early and favorable consideration to the Treaty and give its advice and consent to ratification.

GEORGE W. BUSH

The resolution (S. Res. 188) expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the accession of Israel to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

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

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be