

(B) in paragraph (2), in the flush matter following subparagraph (B), by striking "\$25,000" and inserting "\$100,000";

(3) in subsection (c), by striking "\$25,000" and inserting "\$100,000";

(4) in subsection (d), in the second flush matter following subparagraph (B), by striking "\$25,000" and inserting "\$100,000"; and

(5) in subsection (e), by striking "\$2,000" and inserting "\$4,000".

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to civil money penalties and fines imposed for actions taken on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. ____ . INCREASED SENTENCES FOR FELONIES INVOLVING MEDICARE FRAUD AND ABUSE.

(a) **FALSE STATEMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS.**—Section 1128B(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b(a)) is amended, in clause (i) of the flush matter following paragraph (6), by striking "not more than 5 years" and inserting "not more than 10 years".

(b) **ANTI-KICKBACK.**—Section 1128B(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), in the flush matter following subparagraph (B), by striking "not more than 5 years" and inserting "not more than 10 years"; and

(2) in paragraph (2), in the flush matter following subparagraph (B), by striking "not more than 5 years" and inserting "not more than 10 years".

(c) **FALSE STATEMENT OR REPRESENTATION WITH RESPECT TO CONDITIONS OR OPERATIONS OF FACILITIES.**—Section 1128B(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b(c)) is amended by striking "not more than 5 years" and inserting "not more than 10 years".

(d) **EXCESS CHARGES.**—Section 1128B(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b(d)) is amended, in the second flush matter following subparagraph (B), by striking "not more than 5 years" and inserting "not more than 10 years".

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to criminal penalties imposed for actions taken on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. ____ . INCREASED SURETY BOND REQUIREMENT FOR SUPPLIERS OF DME.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1834(a)(16)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(16)(B)) is amended by striking "\$50,000" and inserting "\$500,000".

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by this section shall apply to the issuance (or renewal) of a provider number for a supplier of durable medical equipment on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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 Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2008, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the regulatory aspects of carbon capture, transportation, and sequestration and to receive testimony on two related bills: S. 2323, a bill to provide for the conduct of carbon capture and storage technology research, development and demonstra-

tion projects, and for other purposes; and S. 2144, a bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of the feasibility relating to the construction and operation of pipelines and carbon dioxide sequestration facilities, 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 may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to *Rosemarie_Calabro@energy.senate.gov*

For further information, please contact Allyson Anderson at (202) 224-7143 or Rosemarie Calabro at (202) 224-5039.

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.

The hearing will be held on February 13, 2008, at 9:45 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the President's fiscal year 2009 budget request for the Department of the Interior.

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 20510-6150, or by e-mail to *rachei_pastemack@energy.senate.gov*.

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, in order to conduct a hearing entitled "Oversight of the Justice for All Act: Has the Justice Department Effectively Administered the Bloodsworth and Coverdell DNA Grant Programs?" on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, at 10 a.m. in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness list

Panel I: Honorable Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice, Washington, DC and John Morgan, Deputy Director for Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Larry A. Hammond, Partner, Osborn Maledon, Phoenix, AZ; Peter M. Marone, Director, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA; and Peter J. Neufeld, Co-Di-

rector, The Innocence Project, Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Madam President, on behalf of Senator LEAHY, I ask unanimous consent that Matthew Solomon, a detailee on Senator LEAHY's Judiciary Committee staff, be given floor privileges during the debate and the vote of S. 2448, the FISA Amendment Act of 2007.

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

Mr. DORGAN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Lindsey Miller and Katie Suchman of Senator GRASSLEY's staff be granted the privileges of the floor for the duration of debate on Indian health care legislation.

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

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 421, which was submitted earlier today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 421) honoring the 150th anniversary of the American Printing House for the Blind.

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

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid on the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 421) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 421

Whereas the American Printing House for the Blind was chartered in 1858 in Louisville, Kentucky by the General Assembly of Kentucky through An Act to Establish the American Printing House for the Blind, in response to a growing national need for books and educational aids for blind students;

Whereas Louisville, Kentucky was chosen as the best city in which to establish a national publishing house to print books in raised letters due to its central location in the country in 1858 and its efficient distribution system;

Whereas the 45th Congress passed an Act to promote the education of the blind in 1879 designating the American Printing House for the Blind as the official national source of textbooks and educational aids for legally blind students below college level throughout the country, and Congress appropriates