

S. 1460

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. TORRICELLI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1460, A bill for the relief of Alexandre Malofienko, Olga Matsko, and their son Vladimir Malofienko.

S. 1575

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS), the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON), the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1575, a bill to rename the Washington National Airport located in the District of Columbia and Virginia as the "Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport".

SENATE RESOLUTION 155

At the request of Mr. LOTT, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ROBB) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 155, A resolution designating April 6 of each year as "National Tartan Day" to recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made by Scottish Americans to the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 168

At the request of Mr. HUTCHINSON, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Resolution 168, A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Department of Education, States, and local educational agencies should spend a greater percentage of Federal education tax dollars in our children's classrooms.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 71—CONDEMNING IRAQ'S THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY

Mr. LOTT (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. DODD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. MACK, Mr. KERRY, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. BYRD, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. HAGEL) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was read twice and ordered placed on the calendar:

S. CON. RES. 71

Whereas hostilities in Operation Desert Storm ended on February 28, 1991, and the cease-fire was codified in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 686 (March 2, 1991) and 687 (April 3, 1991);

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolutions 687 requires that international economic sanctions remain in place until Iraq discloses and destroys its weapons of mass destruction programs and capabilities and undertakes unconditionally never to resume such activities;

Whereas Resolution 687 further established the United Nations Special Commission

(UNSCOM) on Iraq to uncover all aspects of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 715, adopted on October 11, 1991, further empowers UNSCOM to maintain a long-term monitoring program to ensure Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs are dismantled and not restarted;

Whereas in violation of the 1991 cease-fire agreements and subsequent United Nations Security Council Resolutions, the Iraqi government has repeatedly and deliberately impeded UNSCOM from conducting its mission through concealment, harassment, deception and intimidation;

Whereas despite the sustained opposition of the government of Iraq, UNSCOM has discovered many instances of inaccurate and duplicitous actions by Iraq concerning Iraqi ballistic missile capabilities and chemical and biological weapons programs;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council has repeatedly demanded that Iraq end its obstruction of UNSCOM, including in Resolutions 1060 (June 12, 1996), 1115 (June 21, 1996), 1134 (October 23, 1997) and 1137 (November 12, 1997);

Whereas the work by the leadership and personnel of UNSCOM under difficult and dangerous conditions has been commendable;

Whereas Iraq continues to obstruct the work of UNSCOM by limiting access to sites in Iraq, by restricting the movement of UNSCOM personnel, and by threatening to end all cooperation with UNSCOM;

Whereas Iraq's continuing weapons of mass destruction programs threaten vital United States interests and international peace and security; and

Whereas the United States has existing authority to defend United States interests in the Persian Gulf region:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring—

(1) Condemns in the strongest possible terms the continued threat to international peace and security posed by Iraq's refusal to meet its international obligations and end its weapons of mass destruction programs;

(2) Urges the President to take all necessary and appropriate actions to respond to the threat posed by Iraq's refusal to end its weapons of mass destruction programs; and

(3) Urges the President to work with Congress in furthering a long-term policy aimed at definitively ending the threat to international peace and security posed by the government of Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction programs.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. 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 take place on Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 1069, a bill to designate the American Discovery Trail as a national discovery trail, a newly established national trail category, and S. 1403, a bill to establish a historic lighthouse preservation program, within the National Park Service.

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 2 copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161 or Kelly Johnson at (202) 224-3329.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, February 12, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to review S. 62, a bill to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full public participation and an express Act of Congress, and for other purposes. S. 477, a bill to amend the Antiquities act to require an Act of Congress and the consultation with the Governor and State legislature prior to the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres. S. 691, a bill to ensure that the public and the Congress have both the right and a reasonable opportunity to participate in decisions that affect the use and management of all public lands owned or controlled by the Government of the United States. H.R. 901, an act to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property right in non-Federal lands surrounding those public and acquire lands. H.R. 1127, and act to amend the Antiquities Act regarding the establishment by the President of certain national monuments.

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 Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a

field hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held in Twin Falls, Idaho at the College of Southern Idaho in the Fine Arts Auditorium on Monday, February 16, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. The College of Southern Idaho is located at 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the management of the Sawtooth National Forest Recreation Area.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Bill Lange or Mark Rey at (202) 224-6170.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. KYL. Mr. President: I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to receive testimony on the implementation by the Northwest Power Planning Council of the 1996 amendment to the Northwest Power Planning Act requiring accountability in and scientific peer review of projects to be funded through the Bonneville Power Administration's annual fish and wildlife budget.

The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 1998 in the Lecture Hall of Washington State University, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Avenue, Vancouver, Washington.

Persons interested in testifying or submitting material for the record should contact Betty Nevitt of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-0765 or write to the Subcommittee on Water and Power, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND RECREATION

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 24, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the visitor center and museum facilities project at Gettysburg National Military Park.

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 of the Sub-

committee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-5161.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, January 28, 1998 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

Also hearing on confirmation on pending nominations.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 1998, in open session, to receive testimony on the report and recommendations of the National Defense.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 28, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. to hold an open hearing and at 2:30 to hold a closed hearing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

NOMINATION OF JUDGE ANN AIKEN FOR THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

• Mr. FAIRCLOTH. Mr. President, President Clinton's nomination for the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, Judge Ann Aiken, came before this body this afternoon. Mr. President, I was unavoidably absent for the vote, but I would like the record to reflect that I would have voted "no."

I commend my colleague from Wyoming, Senator MIKE ENZI, for closely scrutinizing this nomination and reporting to us some alarming rulings on the part of Judge Aiken which illustrate flaws in her judicial philosophy. For example, as Senator ENZI has noted, Judge Aiken, while a Oregon state court judge, sentenced a 26-year-old man convicted of the first degree rape of a 5-year-old girl to a mere ninety days in jail. Ninety days? A petty thief gets more than ninety days. This man raped a little girl. According to local papers, Judge Aiken justified her minimal sentence by citing a lack of treatment programs for sex offenders in Oregon's state prisons.

Mr. President, this case, along with a history of similar rulings, reveals a grave misunderstanding in Judge Aiken's judicial outlook and a proclivity to side with criminals. Once again, the President has offered this body a judicial nominee more interested in defending the rights of criminals than protecting those of victims. How much longer will he continue to nominate Federal judges who ignore the safety and well-being of our communities?•

IN RECOGNITION OF ART VANELSLANDER

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise today to commend one of Michigan's foremost business leaders, Mr. Art VanElslander, for his service as chairman of the successful Society of St. Vincent DePaul Capital Campaign.

Mr. VanElslander is well-known throughout Michigan as the Chairman and CEO of Art Van Furniture, Michigan's largest furniture retailer and the sixth largest furniture retailer in the United States. Business success has enabled Mr. VanElslander to pursue his commitment to community service and philanthropy and benefit thousands of people. His involvement with the St. Vincent DePaul Capital Campaign is a prime example of his dedication and commitment.

In 1995, just before Christmas, a fire destroyed the St. Vincent DePaul warehouse which served needy residents of the metropolitan Detroit area. The fire led to an outpouring of donations of clothing, bedding and toys from thousands of people in Metro Detroit. With those immediate needs met, thanks to the generosity of the community, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul began a fundraising campaign to meet their long-term needs—replacing the warehouse and building the St. Vincent DePaul Service Center, which would provide job training and employment placement, transitional child care for those enrolled in programs at the Center, a non-acute health care clinic, a resale thrift shop and an emergency food depot. To raise the \$3.75 million needed to fund these projects, the Society of St. Vincent DePaul asked Mr. VanElslander to chair the campaign.

Mr. VanElslander not only provided the leadership and spirit needed to successfully raise the money, but he pledged to match up to \$500,000 in donations. His commitment to this campaign is a natural expression of his desire to help the less fortunate members of his community.

Mr. President, we all benefit from the attention and energy of leaders like Mr. VanElslander. By helping those in need, they improve the strengthen the entire community. I hope my colleagues will join me in commending Mr. Art VanElslander for his generosity and for his leadership of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Capital Campaign.•