

prohibit foreign nationals admitted to the United States under a non-immigrant visa from possessing a firearm.

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 380, *supra*.

S. 381

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the names of the Senator from Maine [Ms. COLLINS] and the Senator from Maryland [Mr. SARBANES] were added as cosponsors of S. 381, a bill to establish a demonstration project to study and provide coverage of routine patient care costs for Medicare beneficiaries with cancer who are enrolled in an approved clinical trial program.

SENATE RESOLUTION 60

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN], the Senator from Michigan [Mr. ABRAHAM], and the Senator from Indiana [Mr. LUGAR] were added as cosponsors of Senate Resolution 60, a resolution to commend students who have participated in the William Randolph Hearst Foundation Senate Youth Program between 1962 and 1997.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

## COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that the hearing scheduled before the full Energy and Natural Resources Committee to receive testimony from the Department of Energy and FERC on the President's 1998 budget, has been postponed.

The hearing was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC, and will be rescheduled later.

For further information, please call Karen Hunsicker, counsel (202) 224-3543 or Betty Nevitt, staff assistant at (202) 224-0765.

## COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. in room 485, Russell Senate Building to approve the committee's letter to the Committee on the Budget relating to the budget views and estimates for fiscal year 1998 for Indian programs.

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224-2251.

## COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. in room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Building with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to conduct a joint oversight hearing on Indian housing programs operated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD].

Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 224-2251.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 6, 1997, beginning at 2:15 p.m. to hold a hearing and markup on the Governmental Affairs Committee request for additional funding.

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

## COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 10 a.m. in open session, to consider the nomination of Keith R. Hall to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space.

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

## COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Ms. COLLINS. 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 Thursday, March 6, 1997, to conduct a hearing of the following nominees: Yolanda T. Wheat, of Maryland, to be a member of the National Credit Union Administration Board; Charles A. Gueli, of Maryland, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences; Niranjana S. Shah, of Illinois, to be a member of the National Institute of Building Sciences; and Jeffery A. Frankel, of California, to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

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

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, March 6, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m. in room 213, Dirksen.

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

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, the Finance Committee Subcommittee on Health Care requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Thursday, March 6, 1997, beginning at 2 p.m. in room SD-215.

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

## COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing on Federal tax policy for the District of Columbia.

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

## COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, the Committee on the Judiciary asks unanimous consent to hold an executive business meeting on Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 10 a.m., in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

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

## COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on health care quality and consumer protection during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 10 a.m.

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

## COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs would like to request unanimous consent to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' affairs to receive the legislative presentation of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, the Retired Officers Association, Association of the U.S. Army, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Blinded Veterans Association. The hearing will be held on March 6, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., in room 345 of the Cannon House Office Building.

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

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Operations of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

## SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Consumer Affairs and Foreign Commerce and Tourism Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on March 6, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. on product liability reform: Success of the General Aviation Revitalization Act.

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

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday March 6, 1997, at 2

p.m. to hold a closed business meeting on intelligence matters.

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

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure be granted permission to conduct a hearing Thursday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m., hearing room SD-406, on the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act and innovative transportation financing, technology, construction, and design practices.

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

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON OCEANS AND FISHERIES

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Oceans and Fisheries and Science, Technology and Space Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on March 6, 1997, at 10 a.m. on review of NOAA's fiscal year 1998 budget request.

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

### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### FARMING THE NEW FRONTIER

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate a group of young Indiana students who have shown great educative achievement. I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues the winners of the 1996-97 Eighth Grade Youth Essay Contest which I sponsored in association with the Indiana Farm Bureau and Bank One of Indianapolis. These students have displayed strong writing abilities and have proven themselves to be outstanding young Hoosier scholars. I submit their names for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD because they demonstrate the capabilities of today's students and are fine representatives of our Nation.

This year, Hoosier students wrote on the theme, "Farming the New Frontier." Students were encouraged to consider and creatively express the role of Indiana agriculture in our country and in the world marketplace. I would like to submit for the RECORD the winning essays of Shannon McArtor of Monroe County and Kyle Roth of Pulaski County. As State winners of the Youth Essay Contest, these two outstanding students are being recognized on Friday, March 7, 1997, during a visit to our Nation's Capitol.

The essays are as follows:

#### FARMING THE NEW FRONTIER

(By Shannon McArtor)

Vegetables that grow in water? Seedless watermelon? Miniature cobs of corn? Hearty soybeans? American farmers are boldly going where no one has gone before!

Biotechnology is going through major changes that will affect our lives as we approach the 21st century. Biotechnology will help farmers grow more, and better, crops such as corn, beans, alfalfa, and wheat. The

future is bright for forage producers, due in part to new technology that allows industries to grow bigger, tastier, and better vegetables and grains.

Biotechnology has created a hybrid of soybean that can withstand certain harmful herbicides. The STS gene protects soybeans from sulfonylurea herbicides only. Soybean varieties with resistance to certain herbicides are now available. The farmer has a choice in selecting programs to control weeds.

Because of advances in biotechnology there are corn hybrids that can resist the harsh substance called glufosinate-ammonium which is the active ingredient in New Liberty herbicide. Biotechnology has also helped to find hybrids that can resist the European corn borer. These hybrids produce a gene that contains a protein that protects these plants from damage caused by ECB (European corn borer). This gene originated from a bacterium and originally placed in the corn inbred line using techniques of biotechnology. The addition of B+ gene enhances protection of crops because the plants will achieve levels of insect resistance which are not possible using traditional breeding methods.

These new discoveries in farming will keep our nation healthy in more than one way. It will give us an ample supply of corn and beans on less acres. It will protect the vitamins contained in grains and vegetables thus providing better foods to eat. Biotechnology is going to make life better!

#### FARMING THE NEW FRONTIER

(By Kyle Roth)

Hello! Welcome to Bio Tech Laboratories. My name is Dr. Bio. Tech and I will be your tour guide today as we take a walk through my laboratory. Follow me while I show you just a few of the interesting things we have been working on. You know, biotechnology research wants to make a crop production more efficient and also create new varieties of crops.

Take a look at the tomato and potato. We have genetically transferred a gene from an Arctic fish to the tomato increasing its freeze tolerance. The potato has been crossed with soil bacteria to make it insect resistant.

As we go outside, Keep in mind that the world population is increasing and valuable farm ground is being gobbled up by land developers. We try to help farmers by developing seeds that will be resistant to weeds, insects, and disease. Every number that you see by this corn test plot has a different "specialty". This one is drought resistant. Another one has long full ears. That one prefers a certain soil type. Because farmers feed the world, we want them to have access to global positioning-farming by computer-so that they will produce more food.

Trying not to be scientific, I must say genetic engineering is a very powerful tool in biotechnology. We are developing new traits into crops and livestock. Vegetable crops can be altered to produce vegetables that taste and look better. Don't those green beans look appetizing? They also have improved nutritional quality.

Feast your eyes on that bread! The yeast has been altered to make the bread taste better. With the wide variety of food we have to offer, consumers can have a greater choice; and because we have improved the quality and nutrients, these food products are also healthier. Thanks for stopping by, and try a slice of our great tasting bread on your way out!

#### 1996-97 DISTRICT WINNERS

District 1: Kyle Roth, Melissa Lichtenbarger

District 2: Ryan Johnson, Heather Butts  
District 3: Ryan Frey, Julia Pokorney  
District 4: Shawn Smith, Trisha Penner  
District 5: Timothy Heck, Marni Yeagley  
District 6: Cory Bohlander, Melissa

Winebarger

District 7: Brandon Roe, Shannon McArtor

District 8: Thomas Naylor, Christine Jeffrey

District 9: John Saalweachter, Christa Rentchler

District 10: Allen Haberthier, Katrina Maden

#### 1996-97 COUNTY WINNERS

Bartholomew: Peter Reichenbach, Christine Jeffrey

Boone: Timothy Heck, Charlotte Orr

Cass: Shawn Baker, Julia Pokorney

Carroll: Lance Hofmann

Dearborn: Nathan Lehn, Claire Cradler

Decatur: David Stewart

Delaware: Joel Rossol, Melissa Winebarger

Fayette: Thomas Naylor

Fulton: Johanna Martin

Gibson: Carolyn Moseley

Hamilton: Sam Tischfield, Natalie Templeton

Hancock: Jimmy Asher, Heather Hobbs

Henry: John Sweigart

Huntington: Nathan Scheiber, Jennifer Stetzel

Jackson: Christopher Lambring, Cheyenne Hackman

Jay: Dustin Knipp, Tarra Rothburn

Kosciusko: Isaac Wildman, Heather Butts

Lake: Wesley Gordon, Mary Owen

Madison: Cory Bohlander, Jessica Landess

Marion: Bob Cook, Christy Utnage

Miami: John Einselen

Montgomery: Wes Ambrose, Marni Yeagley

Newton: Ryan Haste

Porter: Bryan Martinez, Allison Payer

Posey: John Saalweachter, Jennifer Symanski

Randolph: Wade Chalfant

St. Joseph: Andrew Callan, Melissa Lichtenbarger

Spencer: Carmen Dominguez

Vanderburgh: Bradley Painter, Leslie Rudolph

Wabash: Shawn Smith, Trisha Penner

Warrick: Benfamin Baker, Christa Rentchler

Wells: Jenni Mason.●

#### NATIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP DAY

• Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise in honor of National Sportsmanship Day, which was observed on March 4, in over 8,000 schools in all 50 States and 75 countries throughout the world.

National Sportsmanship Day was conceived by the Institute for International Sport, located in my home State of Rhode Island. The Institutes slogan, "Dare to Play Fair," challenges athletes, coaches, administrators, and parents to reflect on the true meaning of competition and to discuss the importance of ethics and fair play in sport, the classroom, and everyday life.

The centerpiece of this years National Sportsmanship Day was a seminar and town meeting at the University of Rhode Island discussing the issue of violence in sport. This day long event included panels composed of professional athletes, coaches, and journalists who discussed the many different aspects of this issue.

In addition, the Institute has enlisted the help of several Sports Ethics Fellows, including the winner of baseball's