

paragraph (1) shall not be limited to final work products of the Secretary, but shall include drafts of such products and documentation of work in progress.

"SEC. 605. COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Each member of the Board shall be paid at the rate of pay payable for level III of the Executive Schedule for each day (including travel time) such member is engaged in the work of the Board.

"(b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the Board may receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as is permitted under sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

"SEC. 606. STAFF.

"(a) CLERICAL STAFF.—

"(1) AUTHORITY OF CHAIRMAN.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Chairman may appoint and fix the compensation of such clerical staff as may be necessary to discharge the responsibilities of the Board.

"(2) PROVISIONS OF TITLE 5.—Clerical staff shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 3 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

"(b) PROFESSIONAL STAFF.—

"(1) AUTHORITY OF CHAIRMAN.—Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the Chairman may appoint and fix the compensation of such professional staff as may be necessary to discharge the responsibilities of the Board.

"(2) NUMBER.—Not more than 10 professional staff members may be appointed under this subsection.

"(3) TITLE 5.—Professional staff members may be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and may be paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates, except that no individual so appointed may receive pay in excess of the annual rate of basic pay payable for GS-18 of the General Schedule.

"SEC. 607. SUPPORT SERVICES.

"(a) GENERAL SERVICES.—To the extent permitted by law requested by the Chairman, the Administrator of General Services shall provide the Board with necessary administrative services, facilities, and support on a reimbursable basis.

"(b) ACCOUNTING, RESEARCH, AND TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT SERVICES.—The Comptroller General and the Librarian of Congress shall, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the availability of funds, provide the Board with such facilities, support, funds and services, including staff, as may be necessary for the effective performance of the functions of the Board.

"(c) ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.—Upon the request of the Chairman, the Board may secure directly from the head of any department or agency of the United States information necessary to enable it to carry out this title.

"(d) MAILS.—The Board may use the United States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions as other departments and agencies of the United States.

"(e) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—Subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the Board, the Chairman may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5 of the United States Code, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the maximum annual rate of basic pay payable for GS-18 of the General Schedule.

"SEC. 608. REPORT.

"The Board shall report not less than 2 times per year to Congress and the Secretary

its findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

"SEC. 609. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"Notwithstanding section 401(d), and subject to section 401(e), there are authorized to be appropriated for expenditures from amounts in the Nuclear Waste Fund under section 401(c) such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

"SEC. 610. TERMINATION OF THE BOARD.

"The Board shall cease to exist not later than one year after the date on which the Secretary begins disposal of spent nuclear fuel or high-level radioactive waste in the repository.

"TITLE VII—MANAGEMENT REFORM

"SEC. 701. MANAGEMENT REFORM INITIATIVES.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is directed to take actions as necessary to improve the management of the civilian radioactive waste management program to ensure that the program is operated, to the maximum extent practicable, in like manner as a private business.

"(b) AUDITS.—

"(1) STANDARD.—The Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, its contractors, and subcontractors at all tiers, shall conduct, or have conducted, audits and examinations of their operations in accordance with the usual and customary practices of private corporations engaged in large nuclear construction projects consistent with its role in the program.

"(2) TIME.—The management practices and performances of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management shall be audited every 5 years by an independent management consulting firm with significant experience in similar audits of private corporations engaged in large nuclear construction projects. The first such audit shall be conducted 5 years after the enactment of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997.

"(3) TIME.—No audit contemplated by this subsection shall take longer than 30 days to conduct. An audit report shall be issued in final form no longer than 60 days after the audit is commenced.

"(4) PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.—All audit reports shall be public documents and available to any individual upon request.

"(d) VALUE ENGINEERING.—The Secretary shall create a value engineering function within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management that reports directly to the Director, which shall carry out value engineering functions in accordance with the usual and customary practices of private corporations engaged in large nuclear construction projects.

"(e) SITE CHARACTERIZATION.—The Secretary shall employ, on an on-going basis, integrated performance modeling to identify appropriate parameters for the remaining site characterization effort and to eliminate studies of parameters that are shown not to affect long-term repository performance.

"SEC. 702. REPORTING.

"(a) INITIAL REPORT.—Within 180 days of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall report to Congress on its planned actions for implementing the provisions of this Act, including the development of the Integrated Waste Management System. Such report shall include—

"(1) an analysis of the Secretary's progress in meeting its statutory and contractual obligation to accept title to, possession of, and delivery of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste in accordance with the emplacement schedule under section 507;

"(2) a detailed schedule and timeline showing each action that the Secretary intends to take to meet the Secretary's obligations under this Act and the contracts;

"(3) a detailed description of the Secretary's contingency plans in the event that the Secretary is unable to meet the planned schedule and timeline; and

"(4) an analysis by the Secretary of its funding needs for the five fiscal years beginning after the fiscal year in which the date of enactment of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997 occurs.

"(b) ANNUAL REPORTS.—On each anniversary of the submittal of the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary shall make annual reports to the Congress for the purpose of updating the information contained in such report. The annual reports shall be brief and shall notify the Congress of:

"(1) any modifications to the Secretary's schedule and timeline for meeting its obligations under this Act;

"(2) the reasons for such modifications, and the status of the implementation of any of the Secretary's contingency plans; and

"(3) the Secretary's analysis of its funding needs for the ensuing 5 fiscal years.

"TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS

"SEC. 801. SENSE OF THE SENATE.

It is the sense of the Senate that the Secretary and the petitioners in *Northern States Power (Minnesota)*, v. *Department of Energy*, pending before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (No. 97-1064), should enter into a settlement agreement to resolve the issues pending before the court in that case prior to the date of enactment of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1997.

"SEC. 802. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act shall become effective one day after enactment."

**THURMOND (AND HOLLINGS)
AMENDMENT NO. 27**

Mr. THURMOND (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) proposed an amendment to amendment No. 26 proposed by Mr. MURKOWSKI to the bill, S. 104, *supra*; as follows:

On page 28, line 16, after "Washington" insert the following: "and the Savannah River Site and Barnwell County in the State of South Carolina,".

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for information of the Senate and the public that a hearing of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources will be held on Friday, April 11, 1997, 10 a.m., in SD-430 of the Senate Dirksen Building. The subject of the hearing is Food and Drug Administration [FDA] reform. For further information, please call the committee, 202/224-5375.

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES**

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place Tuesday, April 29, 1997, 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 from the General Accounting Office on their evaluation of

the development of the draft Tongass land management plan.

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on April 9, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. on the nomination of Kenneth Mead to be inspector general of Department of Transportation.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on April 9, 1997, at 10 a.m. on aviation accidents: investigations and responses.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent for the full committee to hold a hearing on Medicare payment policies for post-acute care on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, beginning at 10 a.m. in room SD-215.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at 2 p.m. to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee to meet on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at 1:30 p.m. for a hearing on the role of the Department of Commerce in the Federal statistical system, and opportunities for reform and consolidation.

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, April 9, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND FORCES

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Airland Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at 10 a.m. in open session, to receive testimony on unmanned aerial vehicle programs, operations and modernization effort in review of S. 450, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal years 1998 and 1999.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING OPPORTUNITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development, of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, to conduct a hearing on S. 462, the Public Housing Reform and Responsibility Act of 1997.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, EXPORT AND TRADE PROMOTION

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion of the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 9, 1997, to hold a hearing.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGREGATION KOL HAVERIM

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Congregation Kol Haverim of Glastonbury, CT, in recognition of the groundbreaking for its new synagogue building held on April 13, 1997. Through sheer determination, a singleness of purpose and spirit, as well as the considerable generosity of its members and the community at large, this congregation of 200 families is now realizing a dream that no one would have thought possible only a few short years ago.

Congregation Kol Haverim was formed only 13 years ago by a handful of Jewish families in the Glastonbury area, worshipping initially in the backroom of a local grocery store, and later purchasing a former Knights of Columbus hall that serves as its present one room home. Over the past 2 years, the congregation has raised over \$1.3 million and its architects have designed a new building, to be added as an addition to the existing facility, that has been praised by local town planning and zoning officials as a model of design for new construction in the area.

In addition to attending to the spiritual needs of its members through worship services and its ever-growing religious school, Congregation Kol

Haverim has always tried to attend to the needs of the local community and Greater Hartford, as well, through its various adult education, community outreach, and other programs. Whether through sponsoring a lecture or the volunteers it regularly provides to local soup kitchens or its participation in area-wide food or clothing drives, Congregation Kol Haverim, like other houses of worship in the area, has always strived to give of itself to the surrounding communities from which it draws its strength. The new building will provide a pleasant and welcoming new home for sacred study, communal worship, and social action.

I congratulate Congregation Kol Haverim, as it begins this new chapter in its existence. I thank its members for their initiative and all the good work they have done over the past 13 years, and I encourage them to continue to address all the good work that remains to be done.●

IN HONOR OF THE FALLEN AIRMEN OF THE 440TH AIRLIFT WING

• Mr. KOHL. Today, Mr. President, I would like to take a moment to remember the men and women of the 440th Airlift Wing, based at Mitchell Field in Milwaukee, who died and were injured in the course of their duty on April 1, 1997. At a treacherous airport in Honduras, far from home, three airmen made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. On a routine resupply mission, their C-130 skidded off the end of the runway while attempting to land at Tocontin International Airport in Tegucigalpa. The plane burst into flames killing Senior M. Sgt. Leland Rassmussen, S. Sgt. Vicki Clifton, and Senior Airman Samuel Keene. Also injured in the crash were T. Sgt. Joseph Martynski, Capt. Ian Kincaid, M. Sgt. Steven Hilger, T. Sgt. Danny Formanski, Capt. Michael Butler, S. Sgt. Dean Ackmann, and Capt. Robert Woodard.

The 440th flies out of my hometown, Milwaukee, WI and I am proud of their commitment to excellence. Over the years they have been called on many times to serve their country in foreign lands and dangerous circumstances. They are an example of the best the Reserve system has to offer, and I was deeply saddened to hear of their loss.

Too often we take for granted the risks members of the military run on a day-to-day basis. We assume that because the United States is at peace soldiers do not face danger. While in fact, everyday men and women in our armed services put their lives on the line. They do it quietly and without fanfare. It seems that only when tragedy strikes do we take a moment to appreciate their courage and sacrifice.

I would also like to take a moment to thank those brave Honduran citizens who risked their lives to help victims