

Department, the American Humanics Foundation, and the Boy Scouts of America.

The Southtown Council was created by businesses, organizations, neighborhood associations to address the community concerns of Southtown Kansas City specifically from 47th to 75th Street and Prospect to Main Street. The Southtown Council has a 17 year record of philanthropy and is committed to the public development of South Kansas City. Mr. Cohen's involvement as a civic and business leader supports the Council's remarkable success and mission to preserve the priceless legacy not just of Southtown Kansas City but of the Greater Kansas City area as well.

I take great pride in knowing Jerry Cohen as a friend and mentor. Mr. Speaker, please join me today in congratulating Jerry Cohen as a model American Citizen.

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THE DAKOTA WATER RESOURCES  
ACT OF 1999

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 22, 1999*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a revised version of the Dakota

Water Resources Act of 1999. The bill I introduced today makes important changes to legislation I introduced earlier this year, H.R. 1137. In addition to technical clarifications, the vast majority of these changes represent the culmination of an agreement reached between the state of North Dakota and the Administration which lead to the Administration's support of the bill. I want to highlight the key items of agreement incorporated into the bill that I am introducing today.

First, this improved Dakota Water Resources Act provides \$200 million in funding for statewide municipal, rural and industrial (MR&I) program, a \$100 million reduction from H.R. 1137. Further, the bill clarifies that if a MR&I revolving loan fund is established, the funds will be treated as federal funds, therefore requiring compliance with federal laws such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Additionally, the bill today removes the \$40 million in authorized funding for the replacement of the Four Bears Bridge across an arm of Lake Sakakawea on the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation contained in H.R. 1137.

The bill also includes a provision to ensure the interests of Canada are met. Prior to the construction of any water delivery system to deliver Missouri River water into the Hudson

Bay Basin, the Secretary of Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, must determine that adequate treatment can be provided.

Further, the State of North Dakota would be required to pay a pro-rata share of the operation, maintenance and replacement (OM&R) costs on existing principal supply works, including associated mitigation, based on a percentage of capacity use. Secondly, the state would pay 100 percent of OM&R on all new facilities with the exception of facilities required to meet treaty obligations or those for compliance with Reclamation law. Further, the state would be required to pay for all energy costs to authorized facilities.

Finally, the bill eliminates the provision in H.R. 1137 which linked the full funding of the Natural Resources Trust to the completion of the Red River Valley project.

Mr. Speaker, the Dakota Water Resources Act today represents a broad consensus among various interests across the state of North Dakota and the Administration. I believe that the changes made today further improve the bill and will ensure that we are able to meet North Dakota's future water needs.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:30 a.m.  
Veterans Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of the American Legion.  
345 Cannon Building
- Appropriations  
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on Parkinson's disease research and treatment. SH-216
- 10 a.m.  
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine public ownership of the United States stock market issues. SD-538
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings on the nomination of Michael J. Frazier, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation; the nomination of Stephen D. Van Beek, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Deputy Secretary of Transportation; and the nomination of Linda Joan Morgan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board. SR-253

- Environment and Public Works  
Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the proposed fiscal year 2000 budget request for the General Services Administration and the Courthouse construction program. SD-406

- 10:30 a.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the disarray in the international community, focusing on facing Saddam's Iraq. SD-419
- 2 p.m.  
Judiciary  
Youth Violence Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine effective juvenile intervention programs. SD-226

SEPTEMBER 29

- 9 a.m.  
Small Business  
Business meeting to consider proposed legislation regarding women owned businesses. SR-428A
- 9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
To hold hearings on S. 1508, to provide technical and legal assistance for tribal justice systems and members of Indian tribes. SR-485

- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-430

- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 1501, to improve motor carrier safety. SR-253

- Environment and Public Works  
To hold hearings on pending calendar business. SD-406

- 10 a.m.  
Joint Economic Committee  
To hold hearings on biotechnology issues. SH-216

- 2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Water and Power Subcommittee  
To hold oversight hearings on the practices of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding operations and maintenance costs and contract renewals. SD-366

- Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Science, Technology, and Space Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine national technical information services issues. SR-253

SEPTEMBER 30

- 9 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings to review the Administration's agriculture agenda for the upcoming World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle. SR-328A

- 9:30 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 1130, to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to liability of motor vehicle rental or leasing companies for the negligent operation of rented or leased motor vehicles. SR-253

- 2:30 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 1457, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to assess opportunities to increase carbon storage on national forests derived from the public domain and to facilitate voluntary and accurate reporting of forest projects that reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations. SD-366

OCTOBER 6

- 9 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings to review public policy related to biotechnology, focusing on domestic approval process, benefits of biotechnology and an emphasis on challenges facing farmers to segregation of product. SR-328A

- 9:30 a.m.  
Indian Affairs  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SR-485

OCTOBER 7

- 9 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings to review public policy related to biotechnology, focusing on domestic approval process, benefits of biotechnology and an emphasis on challenges facing farmers to segregation of product. SR-328A