

alternative forward operating locations (FOLs). A potential location would require the operational capacity to house E-3 AWACS KC-135 tankers, Night Hawk F-16s/F-15s, Navy P-3s, U.S. Customs P-3s and C-130s, Army Airborne Reconnaissance Low, and Senior Scout C-130s. No agreement has been reached regarding the number of FOLs required, cost of relocating these assets, time to build ensuing facilities, or plans for housing these assets for long-term stays.

(B) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the provisions of this resolution assume that—

(1) the United States is obligated to protect its citizens from the threats posed by illegal drugs crossing our borders. Interdiction in the transit and arrival zones disrupt the drug flow, increases risk to traffickers, drives them to less efficient routes and methods, and prevents significant amounts of drugs from reaching the United States.

(2) there has been an inordinate delay in identifying and securing appropriate alternate sites.

(3) the Senate must pursue every effort to explore, urge the President to arrange long-term agreements with countries that support reducing the flow of drugs, and fully fund forward operating locations so that we continue our balanced strategy of attacking drug smugglers before their deadly cargos reach our borders.

**ASHCROFT (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 242**

Mr. DOMENICI (for Mr. ASHCROFT for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. GORTON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BOND, Mr. GREGG, and Mr. HELMS) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 20, supra; as follows:

On page 73, after line 10, insert the following:

(c) ADDITIONAL FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Children should be the primary beneficiaries of education spending, not bureaucrats.

(2) Parents have the primary responsibility for their children's education. Parents are the first and best educators of their children. Our Nation trusts parents along with teachers and State and local school officials to make the best decisions about the education of our Nation's children.

(3) Congress supports the goal of ensuring that the maximum amount of Federal education dollars are spent directly in the classrooms.

(4) Education initiatives should boost academic achievement for all students. Excellence in American classrooms means having high expectations for all students, teachers, and administrators, and holding schools accountable to the children and parents served by such schools.

(5) Successful schools and school systems are characterized by parental involvement in the education of their children, local control, emphasis on basic academics, emphasis on fundamental skills, and exceptional teachers in the classroom.

(6) Congress rejects a one-size-fits-all approach to education which often creates barriers to innovation and reform initiatives at the local level. America's rural schools face challenges quite different from their urban counterparts. Parents, teachers, and State and local school officials should have the freedom to tailor their education plans and reforms according to the unique educational needs of their children.

(7) The funding levels in this resolution assume that Congress will provide an additional \$2,800,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 and an

additional \$33,000,000,000 for the period beginning with fiscal year 2000 and ending with fiscal year 2005 for elementary and secondary education.

(d) ADDITIONAL SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the levels in this resolution assume that—

(1) increased Federal funding for elementary and secondary education should be directed to States and local school districts; and

(2) decisionmaking authority should be placed in the hands of States, localities, and families to implement innovative solutions to local educational challenges and to increase the performance of all students, unencumbered by unnecessary Federal rules and regulations.

HUTCHISON AMENDMENT NO. 243

Mr. DOMENICI (for Mrs. HUTCHISON) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 20, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert:

It is the sense of the Senate that a task force be created for the purpose creating a reserve fund for natural disasters. The Task Force should be composed of three Senators appointed by the majority leader, and two Senators appointed by the minority leader. The task force should also be composed of three members appointed by the Speaker of the House, and two members appointed by minority leader in the House.

It is the sense of the Senate that the task force make a report to the appropriate committees in Congress within 90 days of being convened. The report should be available for the purposes of consideration during comprehensive overhaul of budget procedures

MOYNIHAN AMENDMENT NO. 244

Mr. DOMENICI (for Mr. MOYNIHAN) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 20, supra; as follows:

On page 71, strike lines 3 through 7.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "Buried Alive: Small Business Consumed by Tax Filing Burdens." The hearing will be held on Monday, April 12, 1999, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will be broadcast live on the Internet from our homepage address <http://www.senate.gov/sbc>

For further information, please contact Mark Warren at 224-5175.

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 Full Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S.

501, a bill to address resource management issues in Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska; S. 698, a bill to review the suitability and feasibility of recovering costs of high altitude rescues at

Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska, and for other purposes; S. 711, to allow for the investment of joint Federal and State funds from the civil settlement of damages from the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill, and for other purposes; and two bills I will be introducing today, a bill to improve Native hiring and contracting by the Federal Government within the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; and bill to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance of certain lands in the State of Alaska to the University of Alaska, and for other purposes.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 15, 1999 at 9:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole or Shawn Taylor of the committee staff at (202) 224-6969.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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 purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 109, a bill to improve protection and management of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia; S. 340, a bill to amend the Cache La Poudre River Corridor Act to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; S. 582, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an arrangement for the construction and operation of the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park; S. 589, a bill to require the National Park Service to undertake a study of the Loess Hills Area in western Iowa to review options for the protection and interpretation of the area's natural, cultural, and historical resources; S. 591, a bill to authorize a feasibility study for the preservation of the Loess Hills in western Iowa; and H.R. 149, a bill to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 and to other laws related to parks and public lands.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 15, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole or Shawn Taylor of the committee staff at (202) 224-6969.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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 purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 441, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route of the War of 1812 British invasion of Maryland and Washington, District of Columbia, and the route of the American defense, for study for potential addition to the national trails system; S. 548, a bill to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio; S. 581, a bill to protect the Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize a Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park, and for other purposes; and S. 700, a bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 22, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole or Shawn Taylor of the committee staff at (202) 224-6969.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND RECREATION AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a joint oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations of the Appropriations Committee. The purpose of this hearing is to review the report of the Government Accounting Office on the Everglades National Park Restoration Project.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 29, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

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 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, SD-364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole or Shawn Taylor of the committee staff at (202) 224-6969.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. 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 March 25, 1999, to conduct a hearing on "Bankruptcy Reform: Financial Services Issues."

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 25, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this oversight hearing is to receive testimony on the economic impacts of the Kyoto Protocol to the Framework Convention on Climate Change.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DOMENICI. 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 25, 1999 at 10:00 am to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia to meet on Thursday, March 25, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on Multiple Program Coordination in Early Childhood Education.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Public Health, be authorized to meet for a hearing on Bioterrorism during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 25, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, be authorized to hold an Executive business meeting during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 25, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. DOMENICI. 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 25, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on Intelligence matters.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE YEAR 2000 TECHNOLOGY PROBLEM

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem be permitted to meet on March 25, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Aviation Subcommittee on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 25, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. on Air Traffic Control Modernization in Room SR-253 in the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Communications Subcommittee on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 25, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. on Satellite Reform in Room SR-253 in the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 25, 1999, to conduct a hearing on "Challenges Facing the FHA Single Family Insurance Fund."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SURFACE TRANSPORTATION/ MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Surface Transportation/Merchant Marine Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 25, 1999, at 10:00 A.M. on grade crossing safety in room SD-106.