

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 purpose of this hearing is to review the Youth Conservation Corps and other job programs conducted by the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, May 19, 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.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be allowed to meet on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. on TV violence.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. GRAMM. 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 Tuesday, May 4, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purposes of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 25, the Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1000; S. 446, the Resources 2000 Act; S. 532, the Public Land and Recreation Investment Act of 1999; S. 819, the National Park Preservation Act; and the Administration's Lands Legacy proposal.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, the Finance Committee requests unanimous consent to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 215 Dirksen.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the

Senate on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an Oversight Hearing on Census 2000, Implementation in Indian Country. The Hearing will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. to hold a hearing in room 226, Senate Dirksen Building, on "S. 353, the Class Action Fairness Act of 1999."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, BUSINESS RIGHTS, AND COMPETITION

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, May 4, 1999 at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building, on: "S. 467, the Antitrust Merger Review Act: Accelerating FCC Review of Mergers."

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session on the Senate on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, to conduct a hearing on "Effects of International Institutions on U.S. Agricultural Exports."

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ELWAY

• Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, on Sunday, May 2nd, John Elway, who for 16 seasons has been the uncontested leader of the Denver Broncos and a valuable civic leader and mentor for young Americans, officially announced his retirement from the NFL. He will be sorely missed. From extraordinary moments like "The Drive" in the 1986 AFC Championship Game to countless other picturesque instances, all we have are the many memories now. How do you replace a legend? You can't.

Exactly 16 years from the date of his announcement—May 2, 1983—the Den-

ver Broncos acquired John Elway from, the then Baltimore Colts in return for offensive lineman Chris Hinton, quarterback Mark Herrman, and the Broncos' first round draft pick in the 1984 draft. That day will go down as arguably the best day in Broncos' history, and one of the best in football history.

I had the pleasure on January 27, 1998 of addressing my colleagues on the Senate floor regarding the accomplishments of one of the best quarterbacks in the history of the NFL, John Elway, with Senate Resolution 167. On February 3, 1999, I again had the honor of calling to my colleagues' attention the outstanding accomplishments of the Denver Broncos and John Elway for capturing another Super Bowl victory. Today I have the distinct honor of congratulating John Elway for a remarkable career and would like to thank him for all he contributed to Colorado and to our nation.

Mr. President, John Elway's career has been packed with astonishing statistics; 148 victories, the NFL record for a quarterback; nine Pro Bowl selections; 5 Super Bowl starts, another NFL record; two Super bowl Championships; 300 career touchdown passes; over 50,000 passing yards; Super Bowl XXXIII's Most Valuable Player; the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1987; the American Football Conference's Most Valuable Player in 1993; and 47 fourth-quarter comebacks, to name just a few of the many highlights of a stellar career.

John Elway's leadership and dedication to excellence have benefitted the Broncos, the city of Denver, the state of Colorado, and America. John Elway, your place in Canton, Ohio in the Pro Football Hall of Fame awaits.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor. •

TRIBUTE TO JOHN ELWAY

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, on May 2, 1999, John Elway retired concluding one of the most remarkable sports careers ever. After sixteen National Football League seasons, exactly sixteen years to the day after he was traded to the Denver Broncos by the Baltimore Colts, the Magnificent Number 7 bid farewell to the team he has led to five Super Bowls and two consecutive world championships.

John Elway has been among the most prolific quarterbacks ever. He is the all-time winningest quarterback with 148 wins as a starter. In 46 of those wins Elway engineered game winning fourth quarter drives. He stands second in all-time passing yards and third all-time in touchdown passes. He has been elected to nine Pro Bowls, starting in eight of them. He is the only quarterback to ever throw for 3,000 yards and rush for 200 in 7 consecutive seasons. Elway started in a record 5 Super Bowls, and last year was elected MVP of the game. In addition to his peerless offensive

production John Elway has been the model of leadership and consistency both on and off the field.

On the field Elway missed only 15 games in 16 years due to illness or injury. This toughness is amazing considering that in 256 career games he was sacked an NFL record 559 times. Former Broncos coach Dan Reeves says that it is Elway's mental toughness that has allowed this consistency. Current coach Mike Shanahan cites Elway's competitive hunger and his confidence. What is clear at the end of sixteen years is that Elway's combined physical gifts and the mettle of his character have made him an American icon.

Off the field Elway has worked tirelessly for numerous Colorado charities, and his John Elway Foundation has generated more than a million dollars in contributions since its inception. The stability and commitment of the Elway Foundation insures that it will continue to make Colorado a better place for years to come.

In an age when so many celebrities shrink under the intensity of the spotlight John Elway has carried himself with class and dignity. It is hard to define what John Elway means to Colorado, but it is clear to me that he is more than just a football player. He is more than just a superstar. He is a figure that stands for something good, something strong and dedicated. John Elway is the athlete you don't mind being a role model. It makes you feel good to see his jersey on a kid playing in the park. I believe that says far more than any statistic.

I know that the people of Colorado join me in wishing John Elway and his family the very best.●

SALUTE TO THE NATIONWIDE COMPANIES

• Mr. CLELAND. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an exceptional company based in Atlanta, GA. The Nationwide Companies proudly established its national headquarters in Atlanta just 7 years ago, and through the progressive, dynamic leadership of its founder and president, Bill Case, it has succeeded in the marketplace from coast to coast.

Success earns recognition, and Money Maker's Monthly, the prestigious business journal, recently awarded this ever-growing company the distinction as "The Company of the Month" in the United States. The front-page feature, appropriately titled, "The Nationwide Miracle," meticulously describes the amazing progress of Nationwide, and applauds the company's founder and president Bill Case for his leadership and unquestioned integrity. Perhaps the best description of Nationwide as a uniquely American business is the conclusion in the feature that Bill Case and his company are "revolutionizing the way the American public earns and saves money."

The Money Maker's Monthly feature is a tribute to a man's vision and the

ability to transfer dreams into reality. In order that others may celebrate this wonderful and well-deserved award and perhaps be inspired each day to realize the American dream, Mr. President, I ask you to join me and our colleagues in saluting the many successes of Bill Case and the Nationwide Companies. I ask that the Money Maker's monthly article be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows:

THE NATIONWIDE MIRACLE—ONE MAN'S VISION PRODUCES UNIQUE NETWORK MARKETING BIZ

Bill Case dreamed for many years of a business where people could enjoy financial freedom. He already knew that network marketing was the wave of the future, but concluded that the industry had complications that disillusioned many able and talented people. He wanted to find the simplest way that a home-based entrepreneur could earn impressively through network marketing without spending hard-earned money on things like inventory and also avoid obstacles like unproductive downlines. In other words, could you build a business where financial freedom was obtainable through good, honest work?

After carefully researching other network marketing companies and interviewing a cross-section of successful networking entrepreneurs throughout the country, Case found the answer. The result became The Nationwide Companies, his seven-year-old business that is viewed by many observers as a miracle in the network marketplace.

"Instead of selling marked-up merchandise, we sell a benefits package which gives the owner the right to purchase popular items like cars, boats, furniture and health insurance with the same group buying power and low prices enjoyed by Fortune 500 Companies." Case emphasizes that the Nationwide Benefits Package is "a hot item because of value in savings." Case says his network marketing business, which is headquartered in Atlanta, is revolutionizing the way the American public earns and saves money. Skeptics are few and far between as Case and his company gladly showcase a growing number of success stories from California to Florida who are earning six-figure incomes. Nationwide networkers called Independent Marketing Directors (IMDs), publicly and rather proudly state that they are enjoying genuine financial freedom as associates of Case's "Team Nationwide."

With evangelical drive, Case welcomes everyone to visit under the umbrella of The Nationwide Companies. "We are truly one of a kind among network marketing companies," observes Case. "We have a quality product that stands on its own in the marketplace because it allows purchasers to obtain items of genuine value." He emphasizes that the Nationwide Benefits Package can be purchased by anyone. It is a retail item in the truest sense of the word. The Benefits Package allows the owner, according to Case, to buy or lease cars, trucks, RVs, boats, along with furniture, eye care, health insurance, and even exotic vacations. "Our Benefits Package saves consumers substantial amounts of good, hard dollars. The benefits are from recognizable Fortune 500 companies like "the big three" automakers, General Electric, United Parcel Service, Hertz and LensCrafters, just to name a few," says Case, adding that the Package is "one of the best bargains in the country!"

WITHOUT BURDENS

Like other network marketing businesses, Nationwide operates through its IMDs from Hawaii to New York. From the company's Atlanta headquarters, Case's fast-growing

enterprise provides marketing and sales information, computer support and state-of-the-art, easily accessible training for its IMDs. When asked what makes Nationwide different from other network marketers, Case, breaking into a wide grin, responds, "Our IMDs don't have to buy or keep any inventory. There's no quota of any kind, no penalties, no competition and no levels of unpaid production." Case adds that Nationwide's system "pays to infinity." "You get paid what you are worth with Nationwide, and you only have to make two sales each year. We believe that our IMDs should earn good money without unnecessary difficulty," he says.

Case describes Nationwide's management as "hands-on." "We have a National Sales Training Coordinator for Nationwide who has created the lion's share of the effective marketing tools used in the company's training program. Lynda is a crown jewel," says Hendryx. "Her training expertise gives our IMDs the head start they need in earning good, solid money as quickly as possible."

One of the key players on Nationwide's team is Dick Loehr, president of Loehr's Auto Consultants in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who operates the benefits company for Nationwide. Loehr, who once owned nine automobile franchises, ranging from Porsche to Chrysler, has vast experience in the national automobile marketplace. A protégé of Lee Iococca (Loehr was an advisor to Iococca at Chrysler and still wears the lapel pin award given for his service to Iococca and Chrysler), Loehr is a virtual encyclopedia of knowledge of the automobile industry, including the complicated areas of financing and leasing. Nationwide recently produced a video interview with Loehr, which is a reservoir of vital information that any consumer would need to know before buying or leasing an automobile.

Loehr's joining Nationwide meant coming out of retirement. "When I heard about Nationwide, I did my own investigation and knew this company was a winner," says Loehr. With Loehr's auto industry skills, Nationwide continues to be able to make popular items like automobiles available to its associates through the same group buying power enjoyed by Fortune 500 companies. Also, Loehr's heralded experience in the car market is invaluable to Nationwide. "I understand pricing of automobiles and trucks, and financing and leasing is almost second-hand to me," says Loehr, who is not bragging, but stating fact.

One of the most recent benefits available to Nationwide associates is the availability of Program cars, which became possible through Loehr's esoteric knowledge of the automobile industry. Loehr says this makes the Benefits Package even more valuable. "A Program car is a recent model, low mileage auto in top shape from a fleet program which we obtain for sale or lease. These are incredible bargains available to anyone owning the Nationwide Benefits Package."

TRIBUTES FROM THE TRENCHES

Case describes his national network of IMDs as "my field generals." "I'm proud of the quality and high character of every one," he says. Robert and Donna Fason of Mount Vernon, Ark., are Nationwide's National Sales Directors who earned their lofty title through impressive success. "Every day is a vacation to us," says Robert, adding, "We are making more money than ever and our IMDs are truly excited about even greater earnings as we work together for financial freedom."

Two key Team Nationwide Associates, says Case are Ruby and Ray Riedel of Yakima, Wash. Both are successful veteran network marketers who left one of the big