

“(G) ensure that research efforts with this Office are coordinated with research on advanced fuel cycles and reactors conducted within the Office of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology.

“(e) REPORT.—The Associate Director of the Office of Spent Nuclear Fuel Research shall annually prepare and submit a report to the Congress on the activities and expenditures of the Office that discusses progress being made in achieving the objectives of paragraph (b).

“**TITLE IV—GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS**

“SEC. 401. DECOMMISSIONING PILOT PROGRAM.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary is authorized to establish a Decommissioning Pilot Program to decommission and decontaminate the sodium-cooled fast breeder experimental test-site reactor located in northwest Arkansas.

“(b) FUNDING.—No funds from the Nuclear Waste Fund may be used for the Decommissioning Pilot Program.

“SEC. 402. REPORTS.

“(a) The Secretary is directed to report within 90 days from enactment of this Act regarding all alternatives available to Northern States Power Company and the Federal government which would allow Northern States Power Company to operate the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant until the end of the term of its current NRC licenses, assuming existing state and federal laws remain unchanged.

“(b) Within six months of enactment of this Act, the General Accounting Office is directed to report back to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Commerce on the potential economic impacts to Minnesota ratepayers should the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant cease operations once it has met its state imposed storage limitation, including the costs of new generation, decommissioning costs, and the costs of continued operation of on-site storage of spent nuclear fuel storage.”

“SEC. 403. SEPARABILITY.

“If any provision of this Act, or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby.”

“SEC. 404. FAST FLUX TEST FACILITY.

“Any spent nuclear fuel associated with the Fast Flux Test Facility at the Hanford Reservation shall be transported and stored at the repository site as soon as practicable after the Commission has authorized the construction of the repository.”

CONRAD AMENDMENT NO. 2814

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. CONRAD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 2808 proposed by Mr. MURKOWSKI to the bill, S. 1287, supra; as follows:

On page 33, line 20, strike “Minnesota” and insert “Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.”

DEWINE AMENDMENT NO. 2815

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DEWINE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to amendment No. 2808 proposed by Mr. MURKOWSKI to the bill, S. 1287, supra; as follows:

Strike section 302(b) and all that follows through section 402 and insert the following:

(b) ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Associate Director of the Office of Spent Nuclear Fuel Research (referred to in this section as the “Associate Director”) shall be responsible for carrying out an integrated research, development, and demonstration program on technologies for treatment, recycling, and disposal of high level nuclear radioactive waste, spent nuclear fuel, and depleted uranium hexafluoride, subject to the general supervision of the Secretary.

(2) LINE OF AUTHORITY.—The Associate Director shall report to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology.

(3) INITIAL APPOINTMENT.—The first Associate Director shall be appointed not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) GRANT AND CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the responsibilities of the Secretary under this section, the Secretary may make grants, or enter into contracts, for the purposes of the research projects and activities described in subsection (d)(2).

(d) DUTIES.—

(1) INVOLVEMENT OF ENTITIES IN THE INVESTIGATION OF TECHNOLOGIES.—The Associate Director shall involve national laboratories, universities, the commercial nuclear industry, and other organizations to investigate technologies for the treatment, recycling, and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste.

(2) SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.—The Associate Director shall—

(A) develop a research plan to provide recommendations by 2015;

(B) identify promising technologies for the treatment, recycling, and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high level radioactive waste;

(C) conduct research and development activities for promising technologies;

(D) ensure that all activities include as key objectives—

(i) minimization of proliferation concerns and risk to the health of the general public or site workers; and

(ii) development of cost-effective technologies;

(E) require research on reactor-based and accelerator-based transmutation systems;

(F) require research on advanced processing and separations;

(G) encourage that research efforts include participation of international collaborators;

(H) fund international collaborators that bring unique capabilities not available in the United States if the host country is unable to provide support to such a collaborator; and

(I) ensure that research efforts by the Office are coordinated with research on advanced fuel cycles and reactors conducted by the Office of Nuclear Energy Science and Technology.

(e) REPORT.—The Associate Director shall annually submit to Congress a report on the activities and expenditures of the Office that discusses progress being made in achieving the objectives of subsection (b).

TITLE IV—GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. DECOMMISSIONING PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may establish a Decommissioning Pilot Program to decommission and decontaminate the sodium-cooled fast breeder experimental test-site reactor located in northwest Arkansas.

(b) FUNDING.—No funds from the Nuclear Waste Fund may be used for the Decommissioning Pilot Program.

SEC. 402. REPORTS.

(a) BY THE SECRETARY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act,

the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report describing all alternatives available to Northern States Power Company and the Federal Government that would allow Northern States Power Company to operate the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant until the end of the term of its current Nuclear Regulatory Commission licenses, based on the assumption that Federal and State laws in effect on the date of enactment of this Act will remain unchanged.

(b) BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives a report on the potential economic impacts to Minnesota ratepayers should the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant cease operations once the Plant has met its State-imposed storage limitation, including the costs of new generation, decommissioning costs, and the costs of continued operation of onsite storage of spent nuclear fuel storage.

(c) USEC.—The Secretary shall annually submit to Congress a report on the status of the United States Enrichment Corporation Fund established by section 1308 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297b-7) and the Working Capital Account established under section 1316 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297b-15).

**COLLINS (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 2816**

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. GRAMS, and Ms. SNOWE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to amendment No. 2808, proposed by Mr. MURKOWSKI to the bill, S. 1287, supra; as follows:

On page 6, in the new section 105(b) strike “(1) take title to the contract holder’s spent nuclear fuel, notwithstanding section 302(a)(5) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10222(a)(5));” and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on February 9, 2000, in SR-328A at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to review dairy policy.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on February 10, 2000, in SH-216 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to review the findings of the President’s Working Group’s Report on “Over the Counter Derivatives Markets and the Commodity Exchange Act.”

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public a change in the agenda of the hearing previously scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Thursday, February 10 at 10

a.m. Instead of S. 1192 (a bill to designate national forest land managed by the Forest Service in the Lake Tahoe Basin as the "Lake Tahoe National Scenic Forest and Recreation Area," and to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe Basin), the committee will receive testimony on S. 1925 (a bill to promote environmental restoration around the Lake Tahoe basin).

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 field hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Monday, February 14 at 2 p.m. at the Albuquerque Convention Center, West Building, Cochiti/Taos Rooms, 401 Second St., NW, Albuquerque, NM.

The title of this hearing is Industry-Laboratory Partnerships, and the role of S. 1756, a bill to enhance the ability of the National Laboratories to meet Department of Energy missions and for other purposes.

Those wishing to testify or who wish to submit written statements should contact the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please contact Howard Useem, senior professional staff member, at (202) 224-6567.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing previously scheduled before the subcommittee on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 3 p.m. on S. 1722, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State, and for other purposes; and its companion bill, H.R. 3063, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State, and for other purposes; and S. 1950, a bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to ensure the orderly development of coal, coalbed methane, natural gas, and oil in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, and for other purposes, has been moved to Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

In addition, a hearing has been scheduled before the subcommittee on Tuesday, February 22, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC. The purpose of this hearing is to conduct oversight on the Administration's effort to review approximately 40 million acres

of national forest lands for increased protection.

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 Mark Rey (202) 224-2878.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in open session, to receive testimony on the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2001 and the future years defense program.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on February 8, 2000 at 10 a.m. to hear testimony regarding the President's fiscal year 2001 budget and tax proposals.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. to hold a hearing.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 2 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 8, 2000. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss Federal dairy policy.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be permitted to meet on February 8, 2000 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee

on Economic Policy of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, February 8, 2000, to conduct a hearing on "S. 1879, the International Monetary Stability Act."

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent a fellow for Senator DOMENICI, Pete Lyons, be given the privilege of the floor for the duration of the consideration of the nuclear waste bill, S. 1287.

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

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I ask unanimous consent that privileges of the floor be granted to Tina Kreisher, Dave Sundwall, Kristin Phillips, Kjersten Scott, Betty Nevitt, Colleen Deegan, and Mr. Jim Beirne during the pendency of S. 1287.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Sally Phillips of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the statements of Senator SPECTER and myself on the Medical Errors Reduction Act, S. 2038.

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

Mr. BRYAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that members of my staff be extended the privilege of the floor throughout the duration of the debate on this legislation, S. 1287; specifically, Joe Barry, Jean Marie Neal, Brock Richter, and Brent Heberlee.

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

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING HAYS, KANSAS, PRINCIPAL ALAN PARK

● Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I rise to recognize an outstanding elementary school principal from Hays, Kansas. Alan Park, through dedication and hard work, has created an excellent after school program that has profoundly changed the lives of many young children in a positive way. The "Serve Our Children" program at Washington Elementary School has connected economically disadvantaged students with vital community services. The beneficial results are numerous: free child care, extensive leadership development opportunities, and many tutorial programs. Not only has Mr. Park integrated the use of computers within the school, he has helped pass a district bond to create a new addition to the school.

Mr. President, I am proud to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of this elementary school principal.