

On page 349, line 21, strike “(28)” and insert “(27)”.

On page 361, line 23, strike “(28)” and insert “(27)”.

On page 362, lines 4 and 8, strike “(28)” each place it appears and insert “(27)”.

On page 385, line 10, strike “, including” and insert “. If the health care business is a long-term care facility, the trustee may appoint”.

On page 385, line 13, add at the end the following: “In the event that the trustee does not appoint the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman to monitor the quality of patient care in a long-term care facility, the court shall notify the individual who serves as the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman of the name and address of the individual who is appointed.”.

On page 386, line 12, insert after the first period the following: “If the individual appointed as ombudsman is a person who is also serving as a State Long-Term Care Ombudsman appointed under title III or title VII of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3021 et seq., 3058 et seq.), that person shall have access to patient records, consistent with authority spelled out in the Older Americans Act and State laws governing the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman program.”.

On page 388, line 4, strike “(28)” and insert “(27)”.

On page 388, line 6, strike “(29)” and insert “(28)”.

On page 394, strike lines 9 through 13.

Redesignate sections 1220 through 1223 as sections 1219 through 1222, respectively.

On page 397, strike line 16 and all that follows through page 398, line 12.

On page 405, line 13, strike “after” and insert “prior to”.

On page 406, line 5, strike “after” and insert “prior to”.

Redesignate sections 1225 through 1236 as sections 1223 through 1234, respectively.

Amend the table of contents accordingly.

SA 107. Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 420, to amend title II, United States Code, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 400, insert between lines 10 and 11 the following:

(T) One additional bankruptcy judgeship for the district of Nevada, and one for the district of Delaware.

SA 108. Mrs. BOXER proposed an amendment to the bill S. 420, to amend title II, United States Code, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 10, line 14, after “right” insert “or public” and

On page 10, line 17, after “necessary” insert “, and that such expenses are not already accounted for in the Internal Revenue Service Standards referred in section 707(b)(2) of this title.”

SA 109. Mr. GRASSLEY proposed an amendment to the bill S. 420, to amend title II, United States Code, and for other purposes; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE XV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
SEC. 1501. REIMBURSEMENT OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND MAINTENANCE COSTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later August 1, 2001, the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation shall promulgate final regulations to carry out section 522(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act (7 U.S.C. 522(b)), without regard to—

(1) the notice and comment provisions of section 553 of title 5, United States Code;

(2) the Statement of Policy of the Secretary of Agriculture effective July 24, 1971 (36 Fed. Reg. 13804), relating to notices of proposed rulemaking and public participation in rulemaking; and

(3) chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code (commonly known as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”).

(b) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF AGENCY RULEMAKING.—In carrying out this section, the Corporation shall use the authority provided under section 808 of title 5, United States Code.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The final regulations promulgated under subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of publication of the final regulations.

Amend the table of contents accordingly.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, March 22, 2001, at 2 p.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the Member Tribes of the National Congress of the American Indians for the 107th Congress.

Those wishing additional information may contact Committee staff at 202/224-2251.

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 oversight hearing is to review the National Park Service’s implementation of management policies and procedures to comply with the provisions of Titles I, II, III, V, VI, VII, and VIII of the National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, March 29, 2001, at 10 a.m., in room SD-628 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, SRC-2, Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O’Toole or Shane Perkins of the Committee staff at (202) 224-1219.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. 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 Thursday, March 15, 2001, to conduct a markup of S. 149, the Export Administration Act of 2001.

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., pending committee business.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, at 9 a.m., to conduct a hearing. The committee will receive testimony on S. 26, a bill to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market, S. 80, California Electricity Consumers Relief Act of 2001, and S. 287, a bill to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market, and amendment No. 12 to S. 287.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2001, to hear testimony on Preserving and Protecting Family Business Legacies.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 15, 2001, to hear testimony on Living Without Health Insurance: Solution to the Problem.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. HATCH. 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 15, 2001, at 10:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., to hold two hearings.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Committee be permitted to meet on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing regarding High Performance Computer Export Controls.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 15, 2001, after the first roll-call vote in the President's Room.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., on Army Corps of Engineers management reforms.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Colleen Hermann of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for today's debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING THE 48TH INFANTRY BRIGADE OF THE GEORGIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 25, submitted earlier today by Senators MILLER and CLELAND.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25) honoring the service of the 1,200 soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Georgia National Guard as they deploy to Bosnia for 9 months, recognizing their sacrifice while away from their jobs and families during that deployment, and recognizing the important role of all National Guard and Reserve personnel at home and abroad to the national security of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and that any statements relating thereto be placed in the RECORD at the appropriate place as if read, with no intervening action or debate.

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

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the concurrent resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

DESIGNATING MARCH 25, 2001, AS "GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY: A NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION OF GREEK AND AMERICAN DEMOCRACY"

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 20, which was reported by the Judiciary Committee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 20) designating March 25, 2001, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and, finally, that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 20) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in the RECORD of February 14, 2001, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. On behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, March 19.

I further ask consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators speaking therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN, or his designee, 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.; Senator MURKOWSKI, 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.; Senator THOMAS, or his designee, 12:50 to 1 p.m.

I further ask that following morning business, the Senate begin consideration of S. 27, the campaign finance reform bill, as under the previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 12 noon on Monday and be in a period of morning business until 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the campaign finance reform bill. Under the previous order, there will be up to 3 hours of debate on all first-degree amendments, with a vote on or in rela-

tion to the amendments to occur following the use or yielding back of time. Amendments are possible on Monday, and therefore votes are expected. However, any votes ordered on Monday will be postponed to occur at 5 p.m.

All Members should be aware that the next 2 weeks will be extremely busy, and everyone should expect votes throughout the day and evening.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the remarks of Senator BIDEN and Senator REID of Nevada.

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

The Senator from Delaware is recognized.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL WILL NOT DISADVANTAGE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I know my colleagues are accustomed to seeing me leave the Chamber 5 minutes after the last vote to catch a train to go home. As a colleague said today when I indicated I was going to speak this evening, they are sorry to see I am not on the train today. They are very happy that I commute every day.

The reason I am speaking at this time is that I did not want to postpone the vote on the bankruptcy bill which, I might add, to state the obvious, passed overwhelmingly, with overwhelming bipartisan support. Only 14 Democrats voted against it and 1 Republican, as I best counted. So this was an overwhelming vindication of the point that this bill is at least thought by the vast majority of the Senate in both parties to be a fair and equitable bill.

But I want to go into some detail on this point, and it will take me somewhere in the range of 10 to 15 minutes to do it. This is the one portion of the bill that particularly Democratic colleagues most asked me about: Are women and children disadvantaged by the new bankruptcy law we passed today, assuming it becomes law after conference and is signed by the President? The resounding answer is: No.

When some in the credit industry came to me and asked for my support for this legislation early on, I indicated I would be unable to support the legislation as initially proposed several years ago. I thought it required some significant changes. And not to my surprise, but to my satisfaction, there was little or no opposition to the proposed changes with which I was most concerned. I want to thank Christian Cabral, who is with me this evening on the floor, for putting together the material I asked for, which I am about to speak to, which will demonstrate just