

from drought to receive financial assistance through Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

(c) EXPANSION OF DISASTER DEFINITION.—Section 3(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(k)) is amended by inserting “drought,” after “windstorms,”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, July 17, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct an OVERSIGHT HEARING on the Protection of Native American Sacred Places.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a HEARING on a bill to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

The Committee will meet again on Thursday, July 18, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a HEARING on S. 2065, a bill to Ratify an Agreement to Regulate Air Quality on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 16, 2002. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss the proposed ban on packer ownership and also the enforcement of the Packers and Stockyards Act. At 10:00 a.m. in SD-562

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

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. 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 Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. to conduct an oversight hearing on “The Semi-annual Report on Monetary Policy of the Federal Reserve.”

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

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on

Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 2:30 pm on the nomination of Jonathan Adelstein to be a member of the FCC.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 16th, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in SD-366.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the Administration's plans to request additional funds for wildland firefighting and forest restoration as well as ongoing implementation of the National Fire Plan.

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

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet jointly with the Committee on the Judiciary on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. to conduct a hearing to receive testimony on New Source Review policy, regulations and enforcement activities.

The hearing will be held in SD-106.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 10 a.m., to hear testimony on Homeland Security and International Trade.

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on The Proposed Department of Homeland Security: Issues before the Help Committee during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY/COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet to conduct a joint hearing on “Clearing the Air: New Source Review Policy, Regulations and Enforcement Activities” on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 in Dirksen Room 106 at 10 a.m.

TENTATIVE WITNESS LIST

PANEL I

The Honorable Thomas L. Sansonetti, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Jeffrey Holmstead, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

PANEL II

The Honorable William H. Sorrell, Attorney General, State of Vermont, Montpelier, VT.

The Honorable Eliot Spitzer, Attorney General, State of New York, New York, NY.

The Honorable Bill Pryor, Attorney General, State of Alabama, Montgomery, AL.

PANEL III

Mr. Eric Schaeffer, Director, Environmental Integrity Project, Rockefeller Family Fund, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Bob Slaughter, President National Petrochemical & Refiners Association, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Hilton Kelley, Port Arthur, TX.

Mr. Steve Harper, Director, Environment, Health, Safety, and Energy Policy, Intel, Corp., Washington, D.C.

Mr. John Walke, Clean Air Director, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.

Mr. E. Donald Elliott, Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, Washington, D.C.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 16, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on the Joint Inquiry into the events of September 11, 2001.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “FBI Computers: 1992 Hardware—2002 Problems” on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

WITNESS

Ms. Sherry Higgins, Project Management Executive, Office of the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, DC.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Britt Gordon McKein, who is an intern, be granted the privilege of the floor during debate today.

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to grant floor privileges to my fellows, Stacy Sacks, David Dorsey, and Brian Hickey, for the duration of the floor debate on the bill.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator BAUCUS, I ask unanimous consent Alaine Perry, a detailee in his Finance Committee office, and Brian

Elbel and Jeri Weaver, interns in his Finance Committee office, be allowed floor privileges for the duration of the debate on S. 812, and all motions related to it.

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

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Richard McKeon, a fellow in my office, be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on prescription drugs.

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

NOTICE—REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

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MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding that S. 2 is at the desk and is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. I ask that S. 2 be read a second time, and then I object to any further proceedings at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a medicare voluntary prescription drug delivery program under the medicare program, to modernize the medicare program, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection to further proceedings having been heard, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 17; that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 812 regarding affordable pharmaceuticals, under the previous order.

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

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. REID. 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 the senior Senator from Utah.

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

The Senator from Utah.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG LEGISLATION

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I have heard my name being used a lot in this Chamber this afternoon, and I plan to make a comprehensive statement tomorrow that outlines my views on the Hatch-Waxman amendments contained in S. 812.

I might mention, I am very concerned about those amendments. I believe that the original Schumer-McCain bill was a bill that did not improve the Hatch-Waxman Act which was enacted in 1984. Of course, over the course of the last 18 years, it has been recognized as a very highly respected consumer protection law.

The reason is because that law has saved consumers between \$8 billion and \$10 billion every year since 1984—over the last 18 years. The reason it has saved them so much money is that it is a delicately balanced bill between the pioneer companies, that is, the large pharmaceutical companies, and the generic drug industry.

When we passed Hatch-Waxman, the generic industry had about 15 percent of the total drug business in this country. Today it has close to 50 percent. That is because of that delicate balance achieved through the Hatch-Waxman law. And I see that this underlying bill may very well disturb that delicate balance and disrupt a law that has worked well for consumers for many years.

I want to make sure that the bill approved by the Senate is a good bill, if, in the end if we are going to be amending the Hatch-Waxman Act. I put a lot of effort into that bill before it was passed in 1984.

It is an important law. It is a law that has really helped America. I have to say, if we disrupt that balance and we all of the sudden take away the incentives to put that \$30 billion a year into research and development costs to develop these lifesaving drugs, we will not have the drugs to put into generic form later. And, we could lose these businesses—they could all go offshore if we do not handle this exactly right.

So what has been in some measure demagogued today on the floor—if we do not watch that, we will wind up making questionable changes to a law that now saves the lives of millions of Americans and does so at affordable costs.

I will spend some time on that tomorrow because I think it needs a comprehensive discussion. I will say this: The underlying bill, what used to be Schumer-McCain to Kennedy-Edwards, has moved to a degree in the right direction but certainly not nearly enough. Frankly, I would like to make sure that the law bill that I put so much blood, sweat, and tears into over the years leading up to 1984 when it was passed, will not be disrupted because of politics on this floor, especially since that bill has worked so well for the American people.

My purpose this afternoon, however, is to discuss the Medicare prescription drug issue which we will be debating in the very near future. I have been working with four of my Senate colleagues—Senators GRASSLEY, JEFFORDS, BREAUX, and SNOWE—for the last year on a Medicare reform and prescription drug bill. It is called the Tripartisan bill because it has Republicans, Democrats, and the sole Independent in the Senate.

This legislation, the 21st Century Medicare Act, better known as the Senate Tripartisan Medicare prescription drug proposal, was introduced yesterday after months and months of hard work. This bill was introduced because the five of us crossed party lines and worked together. It was introduced because all five of us want a Medicare prescription drug benefit to be signed into law this year. We are tired of waiting for legislation that we could have passed 2½, 3 years ago, but every time it is brought up, politics is played with this legislation rather than doing what is right for our senior citizens and others in dire need of this legislation.

Medicare beneficiaries deserve nothing less than to get it done this year, but others in this body, in my opinion, feel differently.

Here we are on the verge of considering Medicare prescription drug legislation on the Senate floor without the Finance Committee ever being even a small part of it. Now I heard comments made that the Finance Committee has gone back and forth with this for years. That is not true. This is the first time we have really had a chance of passing a bill through the Senate that I think could very easily be accepted by the House, or in a conference certainly basically accepted by the House and the Senate.

The Finance Committee members, under the leadership of Chairman MAX BAUCUS, have been meeting for weeks to try and draft a consensus Medicare prescription drug bill. But due to artificial deadlines imposed upon us by the powers that be, we are not going to be given an opportunity to even consider a Medicare prescription drug bill in the Finance Committee itself before the full Senate considers the Medicare drug legislation.

Why even have a Finance Committee—which everybody would acknowledge is one of the great committees in the United States Congress—