

the Federal Trade Commission, effective March 31, 2003.

SA 1785. Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. HOLLINGS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1584, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title I, add the following:

SEC. 116. Notwithstanding paragraph (2) of section 8163(c) of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may enter into an enhanced-use lease with the Medical University Hospital Authority, a public authority of the State of South Carolina, for approximately 0.48 acres of underutilized property at the Charleston Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Charleston, South Carolina, at any time after 30 days after the date of the submittal of the notice required by paragraph (1) of that section with respect to such property. The Secretary is not required to submit a report on the lease as otherwise required by paragraph (4) of that section.

SA 1786. Mr. PRYOR (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1783 proposed by Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) to the bill H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . NATIONAL DO-NOT-CALL REGISTRY.

(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that the Federal Trade Commission was authorized under section 3(a)(3)(A) of the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act (15 U.S.C. 6102(a)(3)(A)) to compile and implement a national do-not-call registry.

(b) RATIFICATION.—Congress hereby ratifies the do-not-call registry provision of the Telemarketing Sales Rule (16 CFR 310.4(b)(1)(iii)(B)), which was promulgated by the Federal Trade Commission, effective March 31, 2003.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, September 25, 2003, at 10 a.m. in room 562 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on the reauthorization of the Head Start Program.

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

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public

that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing entitled "Privacy & Piracy: The Paradox of Illegal File Sharing on Peer-to-Peer Networks and the Impact of Technology on the Entertainment Industry." At the September 30 hearing, the Subcommittee intends to take testimony regarding the music industry's initial salvo of copyright infringement lawsuits and its amnesty program; what steps the music industry is taking besides litigation to preserve its intellectual property in this digital age; whether those steps unduly infringe upon consumer's privacy rights; how peer-to-peer networks plan to move from a business model predicated upon stealing copyrighted works to a business model based upon trading licensed music, movies and software; how the illegal trading of copyrighted works has hurt the music industry; and how to inform and educate a whole generation of children and young adults that trading copyrighted music on peer-to-peer networks is illegal.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 10 a.m. in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Raymond V. Shepherd III, Staff Director of the Subcommittee, at 224-3721.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. COLEMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Governmental Affairs will hold a field hearing in Minnesota entitled "SARS: Is Minnesota Prepared?" This hearing will be the third hearing the Subcommittee has conducted on the issue of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). At this field hearing, the Subcommittee will focus on what Minnesota has done to prepare for a possible outbreak of SARS this year and what still needs to be done; how the Federal Government can help; and how schools, businesses and communities should respond when someone they know develops a possible case of SARS.

The hearing will take place on Wednesday, October 8, 2003, at 10 a.m. at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, MN. For further information, please contact Joseph V. Kennedy of the Subcommittee staff at 224-4198.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Ms. 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 Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 30 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to examine S. 1097, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to implement the Calfed Bay-Delta Program.

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, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Kellie Donnelly or Meghan Beal at 202-224-7556.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at 9:45 a.m., in open session, to receive testimony on the report of the panel to review sexual misconduct allegations at the United States Air Force Academy.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq: Next Steps.

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

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing titled "Penalty for Public Service: Do the Social Security Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision Unfairly Discriminate Against Employees and Retirees?"

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

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on Intellectual Diversity during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, September 24, 2003 at 10 a.m. in SD-430.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized

to meet on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at 10 a.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 1601, the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act of 2003.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet on Wednesday, September 24, at 9 a.m. to examine the findings of the General Accounting Office concerning the Federal Emergency Management Agency's financial allocations and activities after the terrorist attacks on September 11, and to conduct oversight on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's effectiveness since becoming part of the Department of Homeland Security.

The hearing will take place in SD 406, hearing room.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME, CORRECTIONS AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Mr. DEWINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Corrections and Victims' Rights be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation: Are we doing enough?", on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. in SD226.

Panel 1: Daniel L. Mihalko, Inspector In Charge, Congressional and Public Affairs, United States Postal Service, Washington, D.C.; Honorable James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General Social Security Administration, Washington, D.C.

Panel 2: Honorable Christopher Chiles, Prosecutor, Cabell County, WV, Vice President, National District Attorney's Association; James Wright, Director of TRIAD, National Sheriff's Association, Alexandria, VA; Lori A. Stiegel, J.D., Associate Staff Director,

Commission on Law and Aging, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C., AARP, Washington D.C.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, September 25, at 9:30 a.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, September 25, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate September 24, 2003:

THE JUDICIARY

LARRY ALAN BURNS, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA.