

2058(g)(1)), the final rule promulgated under this paragraph shall take effect 1 year after the date on which it is promulgated.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

### COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, March 6, at 10 a.m. in room 628 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct an oversight hearing on the state of facilities in Indian Country—jails, schools, and health facilities.

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

### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 10 a.m. to hear testimony on "Is the Myth of In-Person Voter Fraud Leading to Voter Disenfranchisement?"

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee, 224-6352.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed session in order to receive testimony on the United States Central Command and Special Operations Command in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the Future Years Defense Program.

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

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. PRYOR. 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 March 4, 2008, at 10 a.m., in order to conduct a hearing entitled "The State of the Banking Industry."

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

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, in order to conduct a hearing.

The purpose of this hearing is to evaluate operational incidents associated with oil spills. The Subcommittee will examine non-tank vessel fuel tank design, the Coast Guard's Vessel Traf-

fic System, and the U.S. vessel pilot system.

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

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in room SD 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. At this hearing, the Committee will hear testimony regarding Energy Information Administration's revised Annual Energy Outlook.

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

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. in SD-410, in order to conduct a hearing on Kosovo.

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

### COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in order to conduct a closed hearing entitled "NSPD-54/HSPD-23 and the Comprehensive National Cyber Security Initiative."

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

### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 4, in order to conduct a joint hearing with the House Veterans' Affairs Committee to hear the legislative presentation from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. The Committee will meet in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, at 9:30 a.m.

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

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 4, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. in order to hold a closed hearing.

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

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in open and closed session in order to receive testimony on mili-

tary space programs in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program.

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

### AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY AND THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STATE, LOCAL, AND PRIVATE SECTOR PREPAREDNESS AND INTEGRATION

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, March 4, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a joint hearing entitled, "Is Housing Too Much To Hope For?: FEMA's Disaster Housing Strategy."

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

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Christopher Day and Bill Couch, members of my staff, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of S. 2663, the CPSC Reform Act.

## PERMISSION TO VOTE BY PROXY

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, notwithstanding rule XXVI, paragraph 7, of the Standing Rules of the Senate and rule III of the Senate Budget Committee rules, that any member of the committee be permitted to vote by proxy, with the concurrence of the chair and ranking member of the committee, at the meeting of the Senate Budget Committee on March 6, 2008, and that any vote cast on behalf of that member by proxy in the Budget Committee on that date be treated by the committee as if that member were physically present but the proxy not count for the purposes of establishing a quorum present; and that if the Budget Committee orders reported a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2009 on that date, such measure be deemed to have been ordered reported in compliance with rule XXVI, paragraph 7, of the Standing Rules of the Senate and the rules of the Senate Budget Committee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF MYRON COPE

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 467 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 467) honoring the life of Myron Cope.

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

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and 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. 467) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 467

Whereas Myron Cope was a legendary Pittsburgher and voice of the Pittsburgh Steelers for an unprecedented 35 seasons from 1970 to 2005;

Whereas Myron Cope died the morning of February 27th, 2008, at the age of 79;

Whereas it is the intent of the Senate to recognize and pay tribute to the life of Myron Cope, his service to his community, and his legacy with the Pittsburgh Steelers, the game of football, and the city of Pittsburgh;

Whereas Myron Cope is best known for his quirky catch phrases and for creating the "terrible towel", which is twirled at Steelers games as a good luck charm and has since developed into an international symbol of Pittsburgh Steelers pride;

Whereas Myron Cope coined the phrase "Immaculate Reception", which became a household term to describe the game-winning play in the Steelers' 1972 American Football Conference Divisional playoff victory against the Oakland Raiders, one of the most notable plays in all of National Football League and sports history;

Whereas Myron Cope spent the first half of his professional career as one of the Nation's most widely read freelance sports writers, writing for Sports Illustrated and the Saturday Evening Post;

Whereas Myron Cope became the first professional football broadcaster to be elected to the National Radio Hall of Fame in 2005;

Whereas Myron Cope became so popular that the Steelers did not try to replace him when he retired in 2005, instead downsizing from a 3-man announcing team to 2;

Whereas Myron Cope served his community on the board of directors of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Autism Society of America and the highly successful Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix charity auto races, of which he was a co-founder;

Whereas Myron Cope also served on the Tournament Committee of the Myron Cope/Foge Fazio Golf Tournament for Autistic Children;

Whereas, in 1996, Myron Cope contributed his ownership of "The Terrible Towel" trademarks to Allegheny Valley School, an institution for the profoundly mentally and physically disabled;

Whereas Myron Cope was born in Pittsburgh on January 23, 1929, and lived all but a few months of his life in Pittsburgh; and

Whereas the passing of Myron Cope is a great loss to the city of Pittsburgh and the game of football, and his life should be honored with highest praise and respect for his heart of black and gold: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes Myron Cope as a familiar voice to every Pittsburgher and football fan alike, and his beloved persona which will live on in the hearts of Pittsburghers and Steelers fans for generations to come; and

(2) recognizes the outstanding contributions of Myron Cope to the city of Pittsburgh, the game of football, and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

#### NATIONAL GLANZMANN'S THROMBASTHENIA AWARENESS DAY

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 471, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 471) designating March 1, 2008, as "National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day".

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

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 471) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

#### S. RES. 471

Whereas Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia affects men, women, and children of all ages;

Whereas Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia is a very distressing disorder to those who have it, causing great discomfort and severe emotional stress;

Whereas children with Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia are unable to participate in many normal childhood activities including most sports and are often subject to social discomfort because of their disorder;

Whereas Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia includes a wide range of symptoms including life-threatening, uncontrollable bleeding and severe bruising;

Whereas Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia is frequently misdiagnosed or undiagnosed by medical professionals;

Whereas currently there is no cure for Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia;

Whereas it is essential to educate the public on the symptoms, treatments, and constant efforts to cure Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia to ensure early diagnosis and treatment of the condition;

Whereas Helen P. Smith established the Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Research Foundation in Augusta, Georgia, in 2001; and Whereas Helen P. Smith and the Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Research Foundation have worked tirelessly to promote awareness of Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia and help fund research on the disorder: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 1, 2008, as "National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day";

(2) urges all people of the United States to become more informed and aware of Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia; and

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Research Foundation.

#### COMMENDING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME- LAND SECURITY

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 472 submitted earlier today by Senator LIEBERMAN.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 472) commending the employees of the Department of Homeland Security, their partners at all levels of government, and the millions of law enforcement, fire service, and emergency medical services personnel, emergency managers, and other emergency response providers nationwide for their dedicated service in protecting the people of the United States and the Nation from acts of terrorism, natural disasters, and other large-scale emergencies.

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

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I am pleased to join Senator LIEBERMAN in support of S. Res. 472, commending the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on the Department's fifth anniversary, and honoring their partners at all levels of Government, the private sector, and the millions of men and women in law enforcement, the fire service, emergency-medical services, and other emergency-response professions who risk their lives to protect us.

Five years ago, on March 1, 2003, the Department of Homeland Security commenced operations as a new organizational umbrella over 22 federal agencies and with new responsibilities for developing and coordinating an integrated, all-hazards approach to planning for, mitigating against, responding to, and recovering from major disasters.

Creating DHS was a critical part of our national response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. We are safer today because of the work of the Department's dedicated employees and because of their support and coordination with State, local, tribal, and non-profit agencies with emergency-management, prevention, and response responsibilities.

The Department was severely tested in the Hurricane Katrina catastrophe of 2005, and extensive investigation by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs identified serious flaws in the Department's response. But, spurred by legislation that Senator LIEBERMAN and I authored in 2006, the Department has taken significant strides in improving its response and recovery capabilities. The Department's responses to recent disasters, such as the wildfires in California, the Patriots' Day storm in Maine, and the